
PORTAGE BOROUGH VARIANCE PUBLIC HEARING

AMENDED – May 19, 2026

**Portage Borough Council Chambers
721 Main Street, Portage PA
6:00 pm
May 18, 2026
Variance Public Hearing**

**This public hearing will be live streamed through either Facebook live, Microsoft Teams, and/or both.*

** This public hearing will be recorded.*

**Variance Public Hearing
Billings – 904 Gillespie
Avenue**

Pursuant to § 301. FENCE CONSTRUCTION, Ordinance 6-2021, a variance may be granted upon written request to Council. There are no fees for this type of variance request. (Ordinance attached).

Mr. & Mrs. Billings plan to replace their current fence from 1994 (currently 4ft. in height). They are requesting a Fence Variance to allow a 6ft. fence for the safety of their grandchildren and their household from potentially dangerous neighborhood animals (including dogs).

- a. Presentation by the Property Owner
A presentation by the property owner is not necessary as this has been discussed multiple times over several meetings but if the property owner wishes to speak he/she may.
- b. Public Comment
A period of not more than five (5) minutes will be allowed per speaker.
- c. A motion to approve or deny this variance request will occur at the May 18th, 2026 Council meeting.

Seek a Motion to Adjourn the Variance Public Hearing for Mr. & Mrs. Billings for property on 904 Gillespie Avenue.

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Aff ___ Nay ___ Abs: _____

PORTAGE BOROUGH VARIANCE PUBLIC HEARING

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**Portage Borough Council Chambers
721 Main Street, Portage PA
6:15 pm
May 18, 2026
Variance Public Hearing**

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**Variance Public Hearing
Rummel – 622 Orchard
Street**

Pursuant to § 301. FENCE CONSTRUCTION, Ordinance 6-2021, a variance may be granted upon written request to Council. There are no fees for this type of variance request. (Ordinance attached).

1. Mr. Rummel constructed a 6ft fence to protect his household from specific animals in the neighborhood that may cause harm. Mr. Rummel is seeking a variance for the fence he constructed that violates the section that reads “Facing a street, fences are permitted in any yard but shall not exceed a height of four feet when located in the front yard or street yard (side yard abutting a street).”
 - a. Presentation by the Property Owner
A presentation by the property owner is not necessary as this has been discussed multiple times over several meetings but if the property owner wishes to speak he/she may.
 - b. Public Comment
A period of not more than five (5) minutes will be allowed per speaker.
 - c. A motion to approve or deny this variance request will occur at the May 18th, 2026 Council meeting.
2. Adjourn

Seek a Motion to Adjourn the Variance Public Hearing for Mr. Rummel for property on 622 Orchard Street.

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Aff ___ Nay ___ Abs: _____

AMENDED – May 19, 2026
Portage Borough Council Chambers
721 Main Street, Portage PA
6:30 pm
May 18, 2026
Committee Meeting

Please make sure to silence your cell phones during the meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a) Roll call
- b) Pledge of Allegiance
- c) Moment of Silence

2. REPORTS

- a) Borough Manager

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Email: Rebecca Enedy – Road Conditions
- b) Email: To Public Works Director from Resident – Request and question about a Deaf Child Sign.
- c) Email: Jon Lassak – looking for a business location in the Borough to move his woodshop into.
- d) Email: Ruth Olszewski: Question about the work done right outside her property where the repairs left shale and large rocks on the side of her property.
- e) Email: Mr. Gary Vaughn Sr. – Request for gaming/amusement device information.

4. CITIZENS' INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

A period of not more than five (5) minutes will be allowed per visitor.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes from the April 27, 2026 and May 4, 2026 Council meetings were distributed before the meeting.

- a). **MOTION:** To approve the minutes of April 27,2026 and May 4, 2026, meeting as presented.

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Af _____ Nay _____ Abs: _____

6. TREASURER’S REPORT AND BILLS TO BE PAID

Treasurers Report – May 5 – May 18, 2026:

Tax Collector-Real Estate	\$ 75,279.28
Special Tax Collector- EIT/LST	\$
Meter Collection	\$
Permits/Licenses/Cable	\$ 10,344.14
Fines, Forfeitures	\$ 1,615.20
Intergovernmental/Misc.	\$ 2,337.67
Charge for Services	\$
Sanitation	\$
Total Revenue:	\$ 89,576.29

MOTIONS

a) A Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Aff ___ Nay ___ Abs: _____

b) A Motion to approve the list of bills to be paid in the amount of \$18,946.70.

(A list of bills to be paid was presented, which were distributed prior to the meeting.)

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Aff ___ Nay ___ Abs: _____

c) Motion Condemnation of Remaining Easement

A Motion to Advertise for the condemnation of the remaining easement required for Phase 5 of the Pedestrian Corridor Enhancements project, provided that all necessary legal documents are prepared and finalized by the Borough Solicitor, AUTHORIZING THE CONDEMNATION AND TAKING BY EMINENT DOMAIN PORTIONS OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE OWNED BY HARMAN AND PARMEET INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC, FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS AND PERMANENT SIDEWALK EASEMENTS.

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Aff ___ Nay ___ Abs: _____

The Advertisement will be published Wednesday May 20th, 2026 and acted upon on the June 1st meeting.

The Ordinance is attached as well as the notice that will be published.

d) Motion to Advertise a Public Hearing for the Speed Limit Ordinance.

A Motion to Advertise a Public Hearing for June 15th, 2026 at 6:15 pm to act upon the update for the Speed Limit Ordinance considering the change in the speed limit on Terrace Circle from 25 mph to 15 mph.

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Aff _____ Nay _____ Abs: _____

Advertisement shall be posted May 25th and June 1st.

e) A Motion to discuss/approve/deny the fence variance request for Rummel – 622 Orchard Street to allow for a 6ft fence variance that allows the property owner to have a 6ft fence for the full circumference of the property.

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Aff _____ Nay _____ Abs: _____

f) A Motion to discuss/approve/deny the fence variance request for Billings – 904 Gillespie Avenue to allow for a 6ft fence variance that allows the property owner to have a 6ft fence for the full circumference of the property.

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Aff _____ Nay _____ Abs: _____

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) See Borough Manager’s Report

8. BUILDINGS, FACILITIES, AND ROADS

- a) Main Street, Dulancey Dr., and others.
 - i. See Borough Manager’s Report

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) None

10. CITIZENS' INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

A period of not more than five (5) minutes will be allowed per visitor.

11. GOOD OF THE BOROUGH:

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Aff _____ Nay _____ Abs: _____

Adjourned at

M Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Makayla (MK) Zonfrilli-Lang
Borough Manager

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May 18th Council Meeting / Public Hearings

Monday, May 18, 2026

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/247927147721014?p=aufgp9dvxdvaeQhRoo>

Meeting ID: 247 927 147 721 014

Passcode: 9vt3p85q

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