



The Village of  
**Port Sanilac**

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**Approved Minutes**  
Village of Port Sanilac Council Meeting  
March 3, 2026

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by M. Balysh

President Falcon calls the Council Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Council Members Present:** M. Balysh, S. Balysh, J. Sroka, B. Moran Jr., B. Simon, A. Smiley, D. Falcon

**Council Members Absent:** none

**Staff Present:** Larry O'Keefe, Barbara Joslin, Darcy Johnson, Anne Soule

**Guests:** Kathleen Poirier, Arndt Poirier, County Commissioner Bill Sarkella, Phone conversation with Colin Hassenger - Edgewater Resources, LLC

**Agenda/Additions:**

**Motion** by B. Moran, Jr., seconded by M. Balysh to approve Agenda. **Motion Carried.**

**Public Comment:** Bill Sarkella, Sanilac County Commissioner – gave a county-level report.

**Presidential Appointments:** None

**Presentations:** Edgewater Resources, LLC & Harbormaster Anne Soule (phone)

a. Port Sanilac Harbor – Michigan DNR Waterways Program Grant Application. Grant funding will be requested for the construction of Marina facilities for an estimated cost of \$800,000 - \$1M. (Phase I-5% match)

**Motion** by B. Moran, Jr., seconded by J. Sroka to approve Michigan DNR Waterways Program Grant Application. **Motion Carried.**

**Petitions and Communications:** None

**Village Departments, Committees, and Commissions:**

**Governance Committee:**

a. Governance Committee Meeting Minutes dated February 17, 2026

b. Changes to the following Ordinance – Title XV Land Usage, Chapter 151, Streets, Alleys and Rights-of-Way: Sidewalks, Section 151.40 and 151.41, Snow Removal, recommend from Governance Committee.

**Motion** by B. Moran, Jr., seconded by B. Simon to approve the changes in the Ordinance - Title XV Land Usage, Chapter 151, Streets, Alleys and Rights-of-Way.: Sidewalks, Section 151.40 and 151.41 Snow Removal.

**Motion Carried.**

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c. Changes to the following Ordinance – Title V Department of Public Works, Chapter 52 Sewers, Section 52.23 Rates and Charges, recommend from Governance Committee.

**Motion** by D. Falcon, seconded by A. Smiley to approve the changes in the Ordinance - Title V Department of Public Works, Chapter 52 Sewers, Section 52.23 Rates and Charges. **Motion Carried.**

d. Changes to the following Ordinance – Title V Department of Public Works, Chapter 51 Water Rate sand Charges, recommend from Governance Committee.

**Motion** by B. Moran, Jr., seconded by B. Simon to approve the changes in the Ordinance - Title V Department of Public Works, Chapter 51 Water Rates and Charges. **Motion Carried.**

**Planning Commission:**

- a. Planning Commission - Approved Special Land Use Hearing Minutes dated December 15, 2025
- b. Planning Commission - Approved Planning Commission Minutes dated January 27, 2026
- c. Planning Commission - Approved Rowe Workshop Minutes dated February 19, 2026

**Zoning Administrator's Report:** Larry O'Keefe

- a. Zoning Administrator's Reports for February 2026 was presented by Larry O'Keefe

**New Business:** none

**Sanilac Township Meeting Minutes**

- a. Meeting Minutes January 8, 2026
- b. Meeting Minutes February 10, 2026

**Unfinished Business:**

a. Lexington Village – EGLE Fluoridation – fluoridation to be added to the water. It was voted on February 23, 2026 meeting. Council members who attended this meeting, Mike Balysh, Sue Balysh and Jim Sroka. Mike Balysh gave a great presentation at the Lexington meeting. Council would like to do a survey regarding having fluoride in the water.

**SEFA**

- a. Meeting Minutes January 13, 2026
- b. SEFA board recommends installing a sub-electric meter in the Village Hall.

**Motion** by J. Sroka, seconded by M. Balysh to approve installing a sub-electric meter in the Village Hall. SEFA will need to submit a plan to the Village. Will need to relocate the large generator at some time. **Motion Carried with a 4/3 vote.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

M. Balysh, yes, S. Balysh, no, J. Sroka, no, B. Moran Jr., yes, B. Simon, no, A. Smiley, yes, D. Falcon, yes

c. SEFA recommended by J. Sroka to change SEFA Articles of Corporation to allow SEFA to put forward a milage proposal on Township ballot. (First step- chose Option #2)

**Motion** by M. Balysh, seconded by A. Smiley to approve SEFA Articles of Corporation change to allow a milage proposal on the Township ballot. **Motion Carried.**

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**Bills:**

- a. **Motion** by M. Balysh, seconded by B. Moran, Jr. to approve Village bills **PAID** dated February 23, 2026, in the amount of \$13,600.60. **Motion Carried.**
- b. **Motion** by S. Balysh, seconded by B. Simon to approve Harbor bills **PAID** dated February 25, 2026, in the amount of \$177.00. **Motion Carried.**
- c. **Motion** by S. Balysh, seconded by B. Moran, Jr. to approve Village bills **TO BE PAID** dated March 3, 2026, in the amount of \$17,159.54. **Motion Carried.**
- d. **Motion** by B. Simon, seconded by A. Smiley to approve Harbor bills **TO BE PAID** dated March 4, 2026, in the amount of \$263.39. **Motion Carried.**

**Minutes:**

**Motion** by B. Moran, Jr., seconded by B. Simon to approve the Council Meeting Minutes dated February 17, 2026, as submitted. **Motion Carried.**

**Treasurer's Report:** was presented by Darcy Johnson

- a. Financial Statements February 2025 and February 2026.
- b. Treasurer's January Report dated March 3, 2026.
- c. 1) Budget concerns: Sewer R&M – over budget

2) Budget Adjustments:

- a. Sewer Balance Forward    591-100-390    +\$5,000.  
Sewer R&M                    591-100-930    +\$5,000.

**Motion** by B. Moran, Jr., seconded by A. Smiley to approve Sewer Budget adjustment. **Motion Carried.**

- b. Water Usage                591-100-449    +\$70,000.  
Water Quarterly Fees       591-100-448    - \$70,000.

**Motion** by S. Balysh, seconded by B. Simon to approve Water Usage adjustment. **Motion Carried.**

- c. Water Project Construction Fund Balance Forward    575-100-390    +\$16,140.  
Water Project Construction Capital Outlay                575-100-970    +\$16,140.

**Motion** by M. Balysh, seconded by J. Sroka to approve Water Project Construction adjustment. **Motion Carried.**

- 3) 2026 Proposed Budget: Rough draft given to finance, I will give full Council a copy in May when I get the actual taxable value.

## Council Meeting Minutes, March 3, 2026

**Business Manager:** Larry O'Keefe

a. Parks & Recreation – Michigan DNR Recreation Passport Grant (Handout at meeting)

Resolution #00-01-2026 Michigan DNR Recreation Passport Grant to be voted on at next Council meeting.

Mr. O'Keefe had a Power Point presentation regarding the playground equipment being proposed, three different options were viewed, along with the cost of each.

EMCOG asked if Village of Port Sanilac could host a meeting in late April.

**Motion** by B. Moran, Jr., seconded by A. Smiley to allow Village of Port Sanilac to host the April EMCOG meeting in Port Sanilac at BSCC tentative date of either April 29<sup>th</sup> or April 30<sup>th</sup>. **Motion Carried.**

**Public Comment:** Kathleen Poirier asked about the Michigan DNR Recreation Passport Grant and what the cost would be for the village. Estimate around \$30,000. She volunteered to be on the committee that selects the playground equipment. S. Balysh asked about this year's Fireworks display and if additional monies were budgeted.

**Old Business:** BSCC Lease agreement, scheduling a meeting with Carsonville-Port Sanilac School District Superintendent to discuss options, before the cutoff date of April 1, 2026. Council Committee selected is D. Falcon, B. Moran, Jr. and B. Simon.

**Clerk:** Barbara Joslin – going into closed session to approve minutes from closed meeting.

**Closed Session:**

**Motion** by D. Falcon, seconded by B. Moran, Jr. to move into closed session at 8:11 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote:**

M. Balysh   X  , S. Balysh   X  , J. Sroka   X  , B. Moran Jr.   X  , B. Simon   X  , A. Smiley   X  , D. Falcon   X  

Return to open session at 8:14 p.m.

**Motion** by D. Falcon, seconded by B. Simon to approve closed session minutes. **Motion Carried.**

**Adjournment:**

**Motion** by D. Falcon, seconded by B. Moran, Jr. to adjourn the council meeting at 8:15 p.m.

*Barbara J. Joslin*

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Barbara J. Joslin, Clerk