



The Village of

Port Sanilac

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Approved Minutes
Village of Port Sanilac Council Meeting
January 6, 2026

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by D. Falcon

President Falcon calls the Council Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Council Members Absent:

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

Guests: Mary Simon, John Rogers, Bill Sarkella, Sgt. Ron Edington

Agenda/Additions:

Motion by B. Moran, Jr., seconded by B. Simon to approve Agenda and Additions. **Motion Carried.**

Public Comment: William (Bill) Sarkella, County Commissioner - gave county-level report.

Presidential Appointments: None

Presentations:

a. UHY LLP. Audit Presentation July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025 was presented by Karen Shafik, CPA (Documentation will be distributed prior to the Council Meeting).

Petitions and Communications:

a. Event and Facility Use Check List – Port Sanilac Blues Festival – August 7, 2026 & August 8, 2026 (12th Year Annual Event to be held in the Harbor Park – utilizing the Lighthouse Park for visitor's parking).

Motion by B. Moran, Jr., seconded by S. Balysh to approve the Event and Facility Use Check List – Port Sanilac Blues Festival, August 7, 2026 & August 8, 2026. **Motion Carried.**

Village Departments, Committees, and Commissions:

Governance Committee:

a. Governance Committee Meeting Minutes dated December 16, 2025 was presented by Larry O'Keefe

Planning Commission: ROWE Workshop is scheduled for January 13, 2026 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

a. Planning Commission – Approved Special Land Use Hearing Minutes dated December 15, 2025

b. Planning Commission – Approved Planning Commission Meeting Minutes dated November 25, 2025

c. Planning Commission – Un-approved Planning Commission Meeting Minutes dated December 15, 2025

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Zoning Administrator's Report: Larry O'Keefe

a. Zoning Administrator's Reports for December 2025 and January 2026 – Will be summarized in next Council meeting on January 20, 2026.

New Business: None

Unfinished Business:

a. Sanilac East Fire Authority – Monthly Meeting Update, no meeting held until later in January.

Bills:

a. **Motion** by M. Balysh, seconded by B. Moran, Jr. to approve Village bills **PAID** dated December 30, 2025, in the amount of \$6,277.77. **Motion Carried.**

b. **Motion** by S. Balysh, seconded by J. Sroka to approve Harbor bills **PAID** dated December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$341.01. **Motion Carried.**

c. **Motion** by B. Simon, seconded by A. Smiley to approve Village bills **TO BE PAID** dated January 6, 2026, in the amount of \$28,329.43. **Motion Carried.**

Minutes:

Motion by B. Moran, Jr., seconded by S. Balysh to approve the Council Meeting Minutes dated December 16, 2025 as submitted. **Motion Carried.**

Treasurer's Report was presented by Darcy Johnson, Treasurer

a. Financial Statements December 2024 and December 2025.

b. Treasurer's December Report dated January 6, 2025.

c. 1) New Budget concerns: none

2) Budget Adjustments: none

Business Manager report was presented by Larry O'Keefe

Clerk: Barbara Joslin

Public Comment: Mary Simon, Planning Commission, regarding (STR) Short Term Rentals – regarding sending notification letters to: 55 N. Ridger Street, 181 S. Lake Street, and 396 S. Lake Street. (Discussion tabled to next Council Meeting.)

Closed Session: If necessary:


Motion by J. Sroka, seconded by B. Simon to move into closed session at 7:59 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 8:35 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion by S. Balysh, seconded by B. Simon to adjourn the council meeting at 8:36 p.m. **Motion Carried.**



Barbara J. Joslin, Clerk