



The Village of

Port Sanilac

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Approved Minutes

Village of Port Sanilac Council Meeting

July 7, 2026

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by A. Smiley

President Pro Tem M. Balysh called 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

Council Members Absent: D. Falcon

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

Guests: Albert Van Houdt, John Rogers, Donna Jackson, Tom Jackson, Mary Simon, Jeff Smeader, Angie Wagester, Jean Marie Willis, Robet Dear, Arthur Schlichting, Bill Sarkella, Sanilac County Commissioner

Agenda/Additions:

Motion by Brian Moran, Jr., seconded by A. Smiley to approve Agenda and Additions. **Motion Carried.**

Public Comment:

William Sarkella, Sanilac County Commissioner gave a county wide update.

Noise Ordinance and Venue Events

John Rogers – Alli Bar – Noise Ordinance

Donna Jackson – Wedding Venue at STR on 71 S. Lake Street - Noise Ordinance (She called both MiCasa and Scott Bickle and file a formal complaint.) (Ordinance Chapter 92.03, 92.05 & 92.06) Asked that the Ordinances be reviewed.

Tom Jackson – Wedding Venue at STR on 71 S. Lake Street – Noise Ordinance (Took recordings of how loud the wedding venue was at the corner of Cherry and Lake Street.) He called MiCasa several times. Having any conversation was impossible because the noise being so loud, and this event was 4-5 hours long. He has filed a formal complaint and asked that the Noise Ordinance and STR Ordinance holding venues are reviewed and changed.

Mary Simon – Wedding Venue at STR on 71 S. Lake Street – Noise Ordinance, parking (designated agent should be on site 24/7) or less than 30 miles away from venue.) She also called Scott Bickel, Code Enforcement Officer.

Angelia Smiley – Alli Bar (she only schedules four drum band bookings a year, she also walks the perimeter checking sound decimals during each band performance event.)

Jean Marie Willis – Alli Bar – She did buy and install ceiling acoustic insulation, but some had fallen down during the winter months. She tries very, very, very hard to control the sound. A handyman was hired to help with installing sound acoustic materials to the ceilings.

Bob Dear – STR Venue was so loud you could not hear the Music in the Park, band playing.

Lighting at the Library

Albert Van Houdt - every night library electronic sign is shining too bright in their front windows. Should be turned off by 10:00 p.m. but now goes until midnight.

Bob Dear – She has made concession after concession regarding the library electronic light brightness. She has even called the sign company to see what can be done regarding the brightness, and she's trying her very best to accommodate.

Mike Balysh – light is facing directly into Mr. Van Hout's front windows. Need to check the L.E.D. light setting.

Mary Simon – Larry has been talking with the library regarding the signs overpowering brightness.

Jeff Smeader – Village grass cutting, grass not being cut around the BSCC.

Presidential Appointments: none

Presentations: none

Petitions and Communications:

a. Resolution #00-05-2026 – Resolution to Adopt A Surplus Property Disposal Policy

Motion by S. Balysh, seconded by B. Simon to approve Resolution #00-05-2026 to adopt A Surplus Property Disposal Policy.

Roll Call Vote:

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

b. Event and Facility Use Check List – Alli Bar/Ree Markables, Alli-Palooza Live Music 2nd Annual Event, Friday, July 17th & Saturday, July 18, 2026 (Friday's time 4:00 p.m.-midnight) Six artist on Friday night. (Saturday's time 12:00 p.m.-midnight) Twelve artist on Saturday.

Motion by B. Simon, seconded by A. Smiley to approve the Alli Bar/Ree Markables, Alli-Palooza Live Music – 2nd Annual Event, July 17th & 18th, 2026. **Motion Carried.** (Business owner and local neighbors are working together to keep the sound under control.)

Roll Call Vote:

M. Balysh Y, S. Balysh Y, J. Sroka N, B. Moran, Jr. Y, B. Simon Y, A. Smiley Y, D. Falcon A
(J. Sroka, "no" because no sound proofing was installed or it had come down off the ceiling.)

Village Departments, Committees, and Commissions:

Governance Committee:

a. Governance Committee Meeting Minutes dated June 16, 2026

Planning Commission:

a. Planning Commission – Planning Commission Annual Report 2025-2026 – Council members, "thanked" Mary Simon for compiling and putting together the Annual Report.

Mary Simon – responded that it has been a good year, PC held many workshops with Rowe, we're ready to be community certified. Planning Commission is sticking to the Master Plan and doing what the residents had requested (by surveys submitted).

b. EMCOG -Drummond Carpenter (EMCOG Grant – North Park)

Larry sent them an email pertaining to the letter on July 10, 2026.

c. Planning Commission – John Roger's, letter (his term has ended)

Motion by S. Balysh, seconded by B. Simon to accept John Rogers resignation from the Planning Commission.

Motion carried.

d. Planning Commission – Arthur Schlichting's letter, applying for the "Open Seat" on the board

Motion by B. Simon, seconded by S. Balysh to accept Arthur Schlichting to the Planning Commission.

Motion Carried. (Jim Sroka – suggested waiting 30 days before filling the "Open Seat"

nothing is in the Ordinance regarding this, Pro Tem M. Balysh suggests that this be investigated by Governance for future "Open Seats" on any boards. Clerk Barbara Joslin responded that any paperwork that comes to her desk is processed for the next Council agenda.) Mary Simon agreed with Jim Sroka about the 30-day waiting period. B. Moran, Jr., responded with, how long were there two open seats on the Planning Commission board before they were filled? Over two years.

Community Development: Meeting was cancelled for this month.

Zoning Administrator's Report: Larry O'Keefe

- a. Zoning Administrator's Report for June 2026 was presented by Larry O'Keefe.
7126 Ontario Street – Brian Moran, Jr. asked Larry about the shed in the back yard. After further review, it was present on the paperwork submitted for the permit.
7252 Main Street – waiting for owner to make a decision of how they want to proceed.

New Business: none

Unfinished Business: none

SEFA

- a. Sanilac East Fire Authority

Sanilac Township

- a. Sanilac Township regular board meeting minutes, Thursday, June 25, 2026
- b. Sanilac Township special board meeting – 2026-2027 Public Budget Hearing

Port Sanilac Area Business Association

- a. Port Sanilac Area Business Association – Monthly Meeting Minutes, June 10, 2026

Bills:

- a. **Motion** by S. Balysh, seconded by B. Simon to approve Village bills **PAID** dated June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$9,343.46. **Motion Carried.**
- b. **Motion** by M. Balysh, seconded by A. Smiley to approve Harbor bills **PAID** dated July 1, 2026 in the amount of \$3,317.58. **Motion Carried.**
- c. **Motion** by S. Balysh, seconded by B. Simon to approve Village bills **TO BE PAID** dated July 7, 2026 in the amount of \$19,168.53. **Motion Carried.**
- d. **Motion** by B. Simon, seconded by M. Balysh to approve Harbor bills **TO BE PAID** dated July 8, 2026 in the amount of \$33,309.07. **Motion Carried.**
- e. **Motion** by B. Simon, seconded by A. Smiley to approve Village bills -Planning Commission (May) **PAID** dated June 29, 2026, in the amount of \$320.00. **Motion Carried.**
- f. **Motion** by S. Balysh, seconded by B. Simon to approve Village bills **PAID** dated June 23, 2026 in the amount of \$6,365.00. **Motion Carried.**

Minutes:

Motion by S. Balysh, seconded by A. Smiley to approve the Council Meeting Minutes dated June 16, 2026, as submitted. **Motion Carried.**

Treasurer's Report was presented by Darcy Johnson

- a. Financial Statements June 2025 and June 2026
- b. Treasurer's June Report dated July 7, 2026

1.) Budget concerns: none

2.) Budget Adjustments:

a. Transfer funds and adjust budget for Harbor Park Bathroom Cleaning

251-000-995	Building & Grounds transfer out	+3,000.
251-100-930	Building & Grounds R & M	-3,000.
586-100-699	Harbor transfer in	+3,000.
586-100-702	Harbor Wages Expense	+3,000.

2a. Motion by S. Balysh, seconded by B. Simon to approve transfer funds and adjust budget for Harbor Park Bathroom Cleaning. **Motion Carried.**

b. Adjust Police Wages and FICA budget to match actual

207-100-702	Police Salaries	+ 266.
207-100-703	Police FICA	+ 21.
207-100-672	Misc. Income	+ 287.

2b. Motion by S. Balysh, seconded by B. Simon to Adjust Police Wages and FICA Budget to match actual.

c. Adjust Local Street budget to match anticipated project expense

203-100-930	Local Street R&M	+77,275.
203-100-392	Local Street Balance Forward	+77,275.

2c. Motion by B. Simon, seconded by J. Sroka to Adjust Local Street budget to match anticipated project expense. **Motion Carried.**

Business Manager: Larry O'Keefe

a. Business Manager's June 2026 Report was presented by Larry O'Keefe

Public Comment:

Arthur Schlichting – regarding the open seat on the Planning Commission, John Rogers term has expired. There is no 30-day waiting policy in place. Regarding loud music “decimal” monitoring, complaints are complaints “only” until a formal complaint is filed in the village office.

Mary Simon - did not know until this week that John Rogers was not staying on the Planning Commission board.

Angie Wagester – the trees look wonderful, who is responsible for watering them and the new flowerpots?

Tom Jackson – doesn't want the Alli Bar to close down, but he did file a formal complaint on the STR wedding venue.

Brian Moran, Jr. - Lighthouse Park - yellow caution tape? DPW? This needs to be addressed.

Mary Simon – new established Port Sanilac Community Fund, are looking into a QR code, and now has a Facebook page and an email address.

Jim Sroka – STR wedding venue was over the top “loud.” On July 4th, Jim Sroka, Sue Balysh and Barbara Joslin collected an additional \$712. towards the “fireworks donations” fund, grand total just under \$7,000. was collected. The Village of Port Sanilac total fireworks expense was \$15,000. for this year's display. Sue Balysh – “Thanked” everyone for all the sympathy cards, that she received, acknowledging the passing of her son.

Mary Simon – commented regarding the upcoming Town Hall meeting scheduled for Saturday afternoon, July 18, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. that everyone is busy on the weekends, and it's better to plan for a mid-weekday rather than a Saturday afternoon. And it is better to schedule Town Hall meetings for April and October.

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Clerk: Barbara Joslin – not feasible to cancel or reschedule a Town Hall meeting six days before the date. The meeting schedule was finalized for this year, last December 2025 along with two town hall meetings at that time. The meeting schedule was posted at the post office and the local bank, along with published in the newspaper and the newsletter. She also explained how paperwork that reaches her in box is handled. (regarding the Planning Commission open seat)

Closed Session: If necessary:

Motion by __, seconded by __ to move into closed session at __ pm

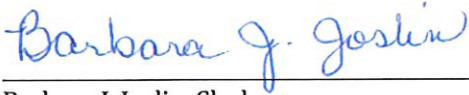
Roll Call Vote:

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

Return to open session at __ pm.

Adjournment:

Motion by S. Balysh, seconded by B. Moran, Jr., to adjourn the council meeting at 8:28 p.m.



Barbara J. Joslin, Clerk