



The Village of  
**Port Sanilac**

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**Approved Minutes**

Village of Port Sanilac Council Meeting  
February 17, 2026

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

President Falcon calls the Council Meeting to order at 7:06 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, Anne Soule, Dan Finn, Scott Bickel

**Guests:** Angie Wagester, Sgt. Matt Armstrong, Bill Sarkella, Sanilac County Commissioner

**Agenda/Additions:**

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

**Public Comments:**

Dan Finn – Parks & Recreation, “thank you”

Angie Wagester – PSBA (Festival Lights and other Event & Facility Use Check List)

**Presidential Appointments:** none

**Presentations:** none

**Petitions and Communications:**

a. Finance recommendation for Trum-pia message communication system.

**Motion** by B. Moran, Jr., seconded by B. Simon to approve Trum-pia message communication system for annual subscription of \$828.00. **Motion Carried.**

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

**Governance Committee:**

a. Sheriff's January Incident Report was reported by Sgt. Matt Armstrong

b. Harbor Master's February Report dated February 10, 2026, was read by Anne Soule

c. Representative Greg Alexander's – Appropriations Request Form for \$3,700,000.00

The purpose of this work will be to update aged marina infrastructure that provides direct and indirect economic benefit to the Port Sanilac community and provides access to the Great Lakes for Michigan residents utilizing seasonal and transient slips. Additionally, the facility is part of the state of Michigan's harbor of refuge system, which facilitates broader use harbor facilities and tourism throughout the state. The current marina structure was built in the 1970's and is in immediate need of structural repairs and reinforcement.

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Appropriations Request Form . . . continue . . . The marina fuel and electrical systems are both over 30 years old, and while these systems are still functional, they are beyond their expected useful life and need replacement. The electrical system in particular is no longer compliant with current electrical codes which require ground fault protection to reduce the risk of electrical shock drowning. This work is ongoing from a planning and design standpoint. Construction would likely occur Fall of 2027 once the required final design, and authorizations are in place.

Edge Water Resources will be here to discuss grant applications and update ideas with Council and residents at the next Council meeting on March 3, 2026. Residents are asked to attend.

### Planning Commission:

- a. Planning Commission Un-Approved Meeting Minutes dated January 27, 2026

### Community Development:

- a1. Community Development meeting cancelled for February 2026, next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

### Parks & Recreation:

- a. Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes dated February 10, 2026
- b. Michigan DNR Recreation Passport Grant – Parks & Recreation committee recommends Council to give authorization to the staff to start processing the paperwork to apply for this grant.

Tabled to the March 17, 2026, Council Meeting.

**Motion** by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_ to approve authorization grant paperwork for Resolution #00-01-2026 Michigan DNR Recreation Passport Grant.

- c. Parks & Recreation collaborative partnership with Cros-Lex Little League – to approve a draft correspondence letter to be mailed to the Cros-Lex Little League.

**Motion** by A. Smiley, seconded by B. Simon, to approve sending the drafted letter to Cros-Lex Little League to inquire about a collaborative partnership with the Village. **Motion Carried.**

- d. Event and Facility Use Check List – Village of Port Sanilac Community Fireworks Donations Collections, June 19, 2026, and June 20, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and June 26, 2026, and June 27, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Jim Sroka will be collecting on July 4, 2026.

**Motion** by B. Moran, Jr., seconded by B. Simon to approve collecting donations at the four corners of M25 & M46 on June 19, 2026, June 20, 2026, June 26, 2026, June 27, 2026, for the village community fireworks display. (A cooler will be prepared of bottled water for all volunteers.) **Motion Carried.**

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e. Sanilac County Historical Village & Museum invites the Village of Port Sanilac Parks and Recreation to partner with the museum for the Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, 2026.

**Motion** by B. Moran, Jr., seconded by D. Falcon to approve partnering with the Sanilac County Historical Village Museum with the Community Easter, Egg Hunt and a donation of \$200. to purchase candy.

**Motion Carried.**

f. First Annual - Fishermen Swap Flea Market (Jim Sroka) at the Bark Shanty Community Center on March 21, 2026, as a community group, without a rental fee.

**Motion** by S. Balysh, seconded by D. Falcon to approve use of the Community Center with no fee, and proceeds to be directed by Village Council. **Motion Carried.**

### Finance:

a. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes dated February 2, 2026

**New Business:** none

### Unfinished Business:

a. Bark Shanty Community Center Committee, President Falcon has picked his committee of Brian Moran, Jr. and Britton Simon and himself to represent the Village Council. President Falcon will be in contact with the Carsonville-Port Sanilac School Board to set up a time to meet and discuss purchasing the Bark Shanty Community Center property, to build upon and make it a better place. "Community Strong."

### SEFA

a. Sanilac East Fire Authority – Monthly Meeting Schedule, on February 18, 2026, they had a workshop to discuss a millage increase. The clerk will ask to get the monthly meeting minutes from Beth, for Council to review.

b. Power to the Firehall - SEFA board is requesting splitting the DTE power into two boxes. Tabled to March 3, 2026, Council Meeting gives time for the staff to get quotes for splitting the power boxes.

### Bills:

a. **Motion** by B. Moran, Jr., seconded by S. Balysh to approve Village bills **PAID** dated February 10, 2026 in the amount of \$20,152.45. **Motion Carried.**

b. **Motion** by S. Balysh, seconded by A. Smiley to approve Harbor bills **PAID** dated February 11, 2026 in the amount of \$135.31. **Motion Carried.**

c. **Motion** by B. Simon, seconded by B. Moran, Jr. to approve Village bills **TO BE PAID** dated February 17, 2026, in the amount of \$3,096.45. **Motion Carried.**

d. **Motion** by J. Sroka, seconded by S. Balysh to approve Harbor bills **TO BE PAID** dated February 18, 2026, in the amount of \$13.00. **Motion Carried.**

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**e. Motion** by B. Moran, Jr., seconded by S. Balysh to approve Water Project bills **TO BE PAID** dated February 19, 2026, in the amount of \$31,242.14. **Motion Carried.**

**Minutes:**

**Motion** by M. Balysh, seconded by B. Moran, Jr. to approve the Council Meeting Minutes dated February 3, 2026, as submitted. **Motion Carried.**

**Business Manager:** none

**Clerk:** Barbara Joslin

**Public Comment:**

Angie Wagester – PSBA

The clerk will get the monthly minutes for Council to view – setting of benches needs to be approved by Village Council.

**Closed Session:**

**Motion** by D. Falcon, seconded by B. Moran, Jr. to move into closed session at 8:30 p.m.

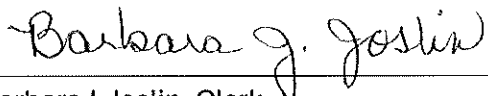
**Roll Call Vote:**

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 8:40 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion** by D. Falcon, seconded by B. Moran, Jr. to adjourn the council meeting at 8:42 p.m.



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Barbara J. Joslin, Clerk