



The Village of
Port Sanilac

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Approved Minutes
Village of Port Sanilac Council Meeting
March 17, 2026

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

President Pro-Tem M. Balysh called the Council Meeting to order at 7:03 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, Scott Bickel

Guests: Angie Wagester, Sgt. Matt Armstrong, Kathleen Poirier, Ken Poirier, Jeff Smeader, David Hazlett

Agenda/Additions:

Motion by B. Moran, Jr., seconded by A. Smiley to approve Agenda with additions. **Motion Carried.**

Public Comment: Jeff Smeader-SEFA great Soup Supper!

Presidential Appointments: none

Presentations: none

Petitions and Communications: none

Village Departments, Committees, and Commissions:

Governance Committee:

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

b. Harbor Master's February Report was given at the March 3, 2026 Council meeting.

c. Harbor – Michigan DNR Waterways Grant Application – proposal from Edgewater Resources, Waterways for a Grant Application for the Port Sanilac Harbor and recommend Council approve with the project charges to account 586-100-970.

Motion by B. Moran, Jr., seconded by B. Simon to approve Resolution #00-02-2026 Michigan DNR Waterways Grant Application, project charges to account 586-100-970. **Motion Carried.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Planning Commission: none

Community Development:

a1. Community Development meeting minutes dated March 3, 2026

b1. Proposed By-Laws for the Port Sanilac Community Foundation recommend Council approve subject to Corporation Counsel review.

Motion by S. Balysh, second by B. Simon to approve updated Port Sanilac Community Foundation By-Laws. **Motion Carried.**

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Parks & Recreation:

a. 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 and charged to account 208-100-967.

Motion by B. Moran, Jr., seconded by B. Simon to authorize Larry O’Keefe permission to submit grant paperwork for Resolution #00-01-2026 Michigan DNR Recreation Passport Grant. **Motion Carried.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Finance:

a. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes meeting dated March 3, 2026.

b. Reviewed proposal for concrete leveling at the Port Sanilac Harbor from Foam All, LLC, for \$1,250. to be charged to account 586-100-930 and recommend Council approve.

Motion by B. Moran, seconded by B. Simon to approve proposal from Foam All, LLC for \$1,250. for concrete leveling at Port Sanilac Harbor; charge to account 586-100-930. **Motion Carried.**

c. Reviewed a notice from the Operators Union Local 324-AFL-CIO regarding a change in health care premiums and Council to approve the increase that is to be charged to account 101-100-716.

Motion by B. Moran, Jr., seconded by S. Balysh to approve increase in health care premiums with Operators Union Local 324-AFL-CIO and to charge to account 101-100-716. **Motion Carried.**

d. Reviewed proposals for audit services and with audits every other year and a “compilation” on the off years and recommend Council accept the proposal from King and Messing Audit Services.

Motion by S. Balysh, seconded by A. Smiley to approve King and Messing Audit Services. **Motion Carried.**

New Business: none

Unfinished Business:

a. Bark Shanty Community Center Committee – The school board does not want to sell, would like to co-partner with the Village and find grants for property development. Willing to donate manpower, supplies and equipment to maintain the recreational part of the property. They are in contact with their lawyer to work on the co-partnering details. Next meeting would be with Village Council and School Board members.

SEFA

a. Sanilac East Fire Authority – no minutes available, millage information was forward to the Township, choosing #2, changing out electric meter is on hold until next year, after all the details are worked out with the building and Village Council. Open seat available to any residents wanting to join SEFA.

Bills:

a. **Motion** by B. Moran, Jr., seconded by B. Simon to approve Village bills **PAID** dated March 10, 2026 in the amount of \$21,190.94. **Motion Carried.**

b. **Motion** by S Balysh, seconded by A. Smiley to approve Harbor bills **PAID** dated March 11, 2026 in the amount of \$167.16. **Motion Carried.**

c. **Motion** by S. Balysh, seconded by B. Moran, Jr. to approve Village bills **TO BE PAID** dated March 17, 2026 in the amount of \$4,987.79. **Motion Carried.**

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e. **Motion** by B. Moran, Jr., seconded by B. Simon to approve Water Project bills **TO BE PAID** dated March 18, 2026, in the amount of \$44,926.90. **Motion Carried.**

Minutes:

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

Business Manager: none

Clerk: Barbara Joslin

a. 2nd Quarter Newsletter draft with 2nd Quarter 2026 Survey was submitted for approval.

a1. **Motion** by S. Balysh, seconded by B. Moran, Jr. to approve 2nd Quarter Newsletter with 2026 Survey. **Motion Carried.**

b. Received an email from ACE Pyro, LLC regarding the 2026 Fireworks display. Council needs to approve the additional \$5,000. budget increase for this year’s fireworks, and to allocate where they want the increase spent? (Spread it out, through the display or all on the grand finale?)

b1. **Motion** by S. Balysh, seconded by M. Balysh to approve a \$5,000. budget increase for the 2026 Fireworks display, and to allocate the increase budget to ____ throughout display or X grand finale. **Motion Rescinded. 2/4 vote**

Roll Call Vote:

M. Balysh Yes , S. Balysh Yes , J. Sroka No , B. Moran Jr. No , B. Simon No , A. Smiley No , D. Falcon --

Motion to Reconsider

b1. A. **Motion** by B. Moran, Jr., seconded by J. Sroka to approve a \$5,000. budget increase for the 2026 Fireworks display, and to allocate the increased budget to \$2,500 for throughout display and \$2,500 for grand finale. **Motion Carried.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Public Comment:

- J. Sroka – cancelled Fishing Swap for this year. Thank you to SEFA and Council willingness to help out.
- A. Wagester-Event Check List how is the form handled?
- D. Haslett- good call Council with fireworks (split funding).
- B. Moran, Jr. – March 26, 2026, day planned for cleaning up around the “Welcome Center”
- K. Poirier – Community “Help” revitalization to BSCC, relocating old park equipment to better BSCC park area.

Closed Session: If necessary:

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

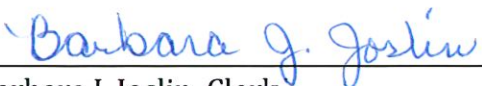
Roll Call Vote:

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

Return to open session at __ pm.

Adjournment:

Motion by B. Moran, Jr., seconded by J. Sroka to adjourn the council meeting at 7:40 p.m.



Barbara J. Joslin, Clerk