



The Village of
Port Sanilac

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Approved Minutes
Village of Port Sanilac Council Meeting
April 7, 2026

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

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

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

Council Member Absent: B. Moran, Jr.

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

Guests: Angie Wagester, Ken Poirier, County Commissioner, Bill Sarkella

Agenda/Additions:

Motion by B. Simon, seconded by M. Balysh to approve agenda. **Motion Carried.**

Public Comment: Bill Sarkella, County Commissioner, with county-wide updates, from flooding in the county, to a new domestic women's assault center opening in Sandusky, and a new emergency "Text messaging" system to be starting up in Sanilac County. He thanked council for asking him to be a part of the new Port Sanilac Community Foundation.

Presidential Appointments: None

Presentations: None

Petitions and Communications:

a. Event and Facility Use Check List – VFW Post 8872 "Poppy Days" The Veterans of Foreign Wars of United States, May 8, 2026 & May 9, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Motion by S. Balysh, seconded by B. Simon to approve VFW Post 8872 "Poppy Days" **Motion Carried.**

b. Event and Facility Use Check List – Survey (Texted Messaging) to have fluoride added to Lexington Water treatment, "Resident's Approval" (yes or no) voting will be online.

Motion by S. Balysh, seconded by B. Simon, to approve a fluoride water treatment survey. **Motion Carried.**

(Timeline will be after the text messaging system is up and running, and it will be available online for a month. It will have different links online, where you can read about the pros and cons to having fluoride in your drinking water.)

c. Event and Facility Use Check List – To create an ad hoc committee to look into dates for the next three years for fireworks (4th of July) and to look into bids for a contract for the three years.

Motion by S. Balysh, seconded by B. Simon to approve creating an ad hoc fireworks committee.

Motion descended "NO" for an ad hoc committee, as no committee is needed.

Motion by S. Balysh, seconded by B. Simon to approve continuing with the same fireworks company, Ace Pyro, LLC and staying with the fireworks being on a "Saturday night". Fireworks are on the following dates for the next three years: Saturday, July 3, 2027, Saturday, July 1, 2028, Saturday, July 7, 2029. **Motion Carried.**

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d. Event and Facility Use Check List – Music in the Park, Saturday night’s starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Harbor Park, June 13, 2026, through September 12, 2026. (Live music for the community)
Motion by S. Balysh, seconded by A. Smiley to approve Music in the Park. **Motion Carried.**
(Check online for more updates and details)

e. Event and Facility Use Check List – PSABA Trunk or Treat & Halloween Golf Cart Parade, October 31, 2026, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (Location Village parking lot and Lighthouse Park)
Motion by S. Balysh, seconded by J. Sroka to approve Trunk or Treat and the Halloween Golf Cart Parade.
Motion Carried. (A different parade route will be submitted to Council for approval.)

f. Event and Facility Use Check List – PSABA, SEFA (Sanilac East Fire Authority) and the Village of Port Sanilac “Festival of Lights” Saturday, November 28, 2026, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Location: Fire Hall Park & Visitor Center)
Motion by S. Balysh, seconded by B. Simon to approve “Festival of Lights” sponsored by PSABA, SEFA (Sanilac East Fire Authority) and the Village of Port Sanilac. **Motion Carried.**

Village Departments, Committees, and Commissions:

Governance Committee:

a. Governance Committee Meeting Minutes dated March 17, 2026, no actions required.

Planning Commission:

- a. Planning Commission - Unapproved Special Land Use Hearing Minutes dated March 24, 2026
- b. Planning Commission - Unapproved Planning Commission Minutes dated March 26, 2026

Zoning Administrator’s Report: Larry O’Keefe

a. Zoning Administrator’s Reports for March 2026 was presented by Larry O’Keefe

New Business: none

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a. Meeting Minutes March 11, 2026

Unfinished Business: none

SEFA

a. Meeting Minutes March 10, 2026

(Looking forward to the future, they will need extra funding, to keep updates to the trucks and equipment)

PSABA

a. Meeting Minutes March 11, 2026

Bills:

a. **Motion** by S. Balysh, seconded by B. Simon to approve Village bills **PAID** dated March 31, 2026, in the amount of \$11,149.87. **Motion Carried.**

b. **Motion** by A. Smiley, seconded by S. Balysh to approve Harbor bills **PAID** dated April 1, 2026, in the amount of \$635.40. **Motion Carried.**

c. **Motion** by S. Balysh, seconded by B. Simon to approve Village bills **TO BE PAID** dated April 7, 2026, in the amount of \$9,160.84. **Motion Carried.**

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d. Motion by M. Balysh, seconded by B. Simon to approve Harbor bills **TO BE PAID** dated April 8, 2026, in the amount of \$14,710.90. **Motion Carried.**

e. Motion by A. Smiley, seconded by B. Simon to approve Water Project bills **TO BE PAID** dated April 8, 2026, in the amount of \$1,600. **Motion Carried.**

Minutes:

Motion by S. Balysh, seconded by A. Smiley to approve the Council Meeting Minutes dated March 17, 2026 as submitted. **Motion Carried.**

Treasurer's Report was presented by Darcy Johnson

a. Financial Statements March 2025 and March 2026.

b. Treasurer's March Report dated April 7, 2026.

c. 1) **Budget concerns:** Sewer R&M – over budget

2) **Budget Adjustments:** none

3) **Water Project:** We have received a final bill from the contractor on the project and will be closing out the project soon. The federal audit for 25/26 fiscal year has been completed and filed; a copy will be available for council from UHY.

4) **2026 Proposed Budget:** Rough draft was given to finance, I will give a complete copy to council in May when I get the actual taxable value.

Business Manager: Larry O'Keefe

Business Manager Larry O'Keefe reported that they will find out the results from the Michigan DNR Passport Grant that was submitted sometime in September of 2026. Re-planting of the sidewalk trees will be in mid-May, weather permitting.

Public Comment:

Angie Wagester, from the PSABA showed the two graphic art designs for the Village of Port Sanilac, she was asking for community input on the designs. Council members suggested new flag banners with the new design on them, they suggested having voting boxes around town to "vote" which is your favorite design.

Jim Sroka, commented on the Michigan DNR Waterways Program Grant, for construction of marina facilities for an estimated \$1.7 million.

Ken Poirier, commented on the fluoride survey, requested several links be presented with the pros and cons of fluoride in our drinking water.

Council Member M. Balysh, commented on the fact that the sodium fluoride that is being put in our drinking water comes from China. The FDA is conducting a health study regarding the side effects from fluoride in drinking water, with serious side effects being reported. The results will be released later this year. It is important to be educated regarding this matter.

Clerk: Barbara Joslin no comments

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Closed Session: if necessary

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

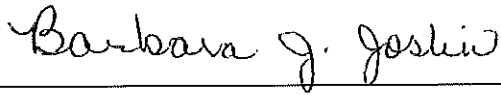
Roll Call Vote:

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

Return to open session at __ pm.

Adjournment:

Motion by D. Falcon, seconded by J. Sroka to adjourn the council meeting at 8:00 p.m.



Barbara J. Joslin, Clerk