

**POTTSVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY  
POTTSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**Minutes**

**September 12, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Pottsville Parking Authority will be held on the above date at 8 AM at City Hall 401 N. Centre Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room.

**In attendance was: Mayor William Messaros, Ian Lipton, Michael Weres, Joe Drasdis Jr., John Levkolic, Ronald Dermo, Thomas Champion, James Humphrey, Stephen Macola, Savas Logothetides, Scott Price, Joshua Sophy, Remo Piccioni, Deborah Piccioni, and William Orlosky.**

**AGENDA ITEM #1**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**By Mayor William Messaros**

**AGENDA ITEM #2**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Bill Orlosky presented a discussion about upcoming Pottsville sewer system changes that will be implemented soon. 8:02 – 8:15.**

**Scott Price made a request, on behalf of the Piccioni's, that the remaining 2 Outdoor Markets \$100 fee be waived due to hardships.**

**AGENDA ITEM #3**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**The Board went into Executive Session from 8:15 to 8:32**

**For legal & personnel matters.**

**AGENDA ITEM #4**

**Review of minutes from August 8, 2025 meeting.**

**AGENDA ITEM #5**

**Reviews of monthly revenue / expenses for July 2025**

- Decrease in Net Income from July 31 \$16,025.88; to August 31, 2025; (\$10,550.74)
- Budgeted YTD net income 8 Month \$10,596.00  
Actual income for 8 Months 2025 \$11,945.96
- YTD Net Income Park Mobile and Meter for 8 Months \$164,834.79  
budgeted \$157,568.00 increase income over budget \$7,266.79
  - Net Income from Park Mobile for August \$11,348.25
  - Fees paid August 2025 20.4 % \$2,916.05
- Meter Income August 2025 \$9,449.96 compared with July 2025 \$9,887.03
- 2025 YTD Meter Income \$66,570.54 compared to 2024 YTD \$70,702.06 (down) \$4,131.52 for 8 months.
- Income from T2 Enforcement ONLY, August 2025 (21) days
  - 499 tickets issued; 231 tickets paid
  - Total T2 enforcement revenue billed in August 2025 \$8,625.00
  - Realized August 2025 income \$3,934.82
- Collectively, enforcement officers issued on average 119 tickets per week during the month of August 2025
  - Larry Newswanger| 25% of tickets
  - Dale Blum| 28 % of tickets
  - Pat Mahoney| 47 % of tickets
  - Total hours of enforcement labor for August 164.5
  - Magisterial income for August 2025 \$1,086.84

- Tuesday, August 12 with PPA Board Approval, the Authority's roll-over of (2) CD's totaling \$496,741.73 at CACL, for six months at 4.40% APY \$10,882.14. Income from CDs and MM accounts August 2025 \$2,264.92.
  - All Board members were emailed a tentative Budget for 2026 for review, discussion and adoption at the September 12th Board meeting. On the P & L comparison for August please see the additional column added 2026 Jan-Aug. for comparison with both 2024 and 2025. PPA BOARD VOTE REQUIRED.
  - August PPA income and expense report includes a \$25,623.90 payment for Painting of the Capitol Deck for 2025 anticipated an additional final payment to Evans in September \$20,362.60 and \$22,000.00 for Mar-Allen to be paid in October 2025 for the (2) elements delayed from the original contract of 2023.
- MOTION to accept financial records by Weres/Dermo**  
**MOTION passed.**  
**MOTION to accept the 2026 Budget by Dermo / Humphrey. Drasdis abstained, due to not having enough information, being a new Board Member as of this meeting.**  
**MOTION passed.**  
**MOTION to table Employee Raises and Bonuses until the October Meeting, though it was presented at the August 8<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, it was inadvertently not included for a vote on September's Board Meeting Agenda.**

## AGENDA ITEM #6

### Parking Areas

- Mahantongo Deck.

- EV charging income for July 2025 received \$352.96.
- EV charging income for August was only \$354.67
- This year we are on pace to have income at \$.20@ kWh based on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter revenue of \$2,260.72 yearly of \$4,521.44 covering our cost of electric, monitoring, repair and software.
- The (2) parking Kiosks' August income was only \$78.75. Expenses for the Kiosks have exceeded income for the eight month of 2025 by \$462.60 the Authority should expect expense to exceed revenue for the Kiosks in 2025 by \$600.00.
- The PPA continues our efforts to control electric usage and demand at the deck, however July 16<sup>th</sup> thru August 14, 2025 usage compared to the same period in 2024 is up by 46%. Demand was up 22% compared to the same period in 2024. A part of the increase in both demand and usage is due to EV Charging on July 27/ 28<sup>th</sup> and again on August 12/13<sup>th</sup>.
- As discussed at the August meeting the problems holding events that eliminate entry and exit to the deck for permit holders and for Electric Vehicles requiring the charging stations on the top level should now be resolved through better communication. To communicate with vehicles charging on Saturdays during events that might disrupt usage of the top level of the deck signs on either side of the current sign that directs a vehicle to the charging stations as a vehicle enters the deck will read that vehicles may not be at a charging station from 2:00 PM Saturday until 8:00 AM Sunday.

These 24" X 36" signs are removable. Event organizers will be advised in writing and verbally they may not restrict access to permitted vehicles entering or exiting the deck.

- All regular enforcement and maintenance were performed in August.

- Capitol Deck

- John Knecht, Benesch Project Manager and Mar-Allan Concrete Products Inc. has completed two phases of work as of January 2025.

- Phase 1. Prepare and repair the concrete.  
Year 2023 (COMPLETE)
- Phase 2. Steel repairs and drainage system replacement  
Year 2024: (COMPLETE) Final payment for Mar-Allen of \$45,623.65 was made last week of December 2024.
- Phase 3 Includes repair of retaining wall, epoxy crack seal -for concrete as well as painting of steel.
- 2025 work is now in progress.

PPA paid \$44,337.48 of the \$90,415.00 in June 2025. Payment #2 in the amount of \$25,623.90 was paid in August with the balance to be paid in September of \$20,362.60

- Mar-Allen work will be complete by September 30, 2025
- All regular enforcement and maintenance were performed in August 2025.

- Union Station

- The lot should be sealed and any cracks repaired in the next 12 to 18 months. The Authority could not assume the responsibility for the cost of this work estimated at a cost of \$40,00.00 to \$60,000.00. Both the sealing of the lot and PPA's desire to eliminate all maintenance responsibility. Lot enforcement and income streams from meters and Park Mobile have been eliminated. PPA continue to be responsible for a percentage of the lighting as well as year around maintenance that includes salting and snow removal with no income from permit parking. AAA is scheduled to eliminate the only permit income PPA currently receives with the purchase of property on S. Centre Street for employee parking. If PPA receives no income, it should have no expense for Union Station!
- All regular maintenance was performed for August 2025.

- Arch Street

- On April 16, 2025 request received from Diakon Community Services for (5) additional Senior Center FREE PERMITS

bringing the total to (15). Board requested a list of those Seniors accessing the Free Passes a least twice a week including the license plates for a 30- day period. for analysis. Because PPA has received no further communication we are closing the file on the April 16<sup>th</sup> request.

- All regular enforcement and maintenance were performed in August 2025.
- John Potts Lot
  - All regular enforcement and maintenance were performed in August 2025.
- Pottsville/Rosalia Hotels Lot
  - The (2) 15-minute parking spaces between the Pottville Hotel, the Center for Community Resources and Dr Akbar’s office are a source of ongoing violation problems due in part to vehicles parking for longer than 15 minutes and not engaging 4-way hazard lights. and the collapse of the arch between the two building. Reclamation between the hotel and medical/office building is scheduled for 2026.
  - Enforcement officers are calling both the Hotel front desk and the operator of the hair salon to advise them of any vehicles without appropriate permit on the dashboard are in the lot before issuing any tickets in the lot.
  - Rosalia Hotel request for (25) spaces; The request from Attorney Sterns is to honor the same rate as the Pottsville Hotel, originally the Ramada (DNGP Enterprises, Inc.) entered into January 2001 with incremental increases on each 5- year anniversary ending January 31, 2031. Inflation over the past 24 years totaled 81.52% or 3.39% each year. Five increases thru January 2026 increased the rate by37.5%. Chairman Messaros negotiated with Attorney Sterns and we received a written proposal that represents a compromise. The PPA BOARD discussed the elements of Their request and a formal response to Attorney Sterns request will be required when solicitor Campion submits a lease agreement for review and Approval by the PPA Board will be required.
  - All regular enforcement of the 50 municipal permit spaces and 50 hotel spaces was performed as well as regular maintenance for August 2025.
- Alvernia Lot
  - To avoid enforcement issues related to students, faculty and staff; officers notify the Alvernia office before ticketing at the 81 spaces of the north end of the facility.

- All regular enforcement and maintenance performed in August 2025.
- McGeever Pocket Park
  - All regular enforcement and maintenance were performed August 2025.
- Garfield Lot
  - All regular enforcement and maintenance were performed in August 2025.
  - The restoration of both properties is estimated to represent an investment of \$400,000.00 by Mr. Chen on the diner and apartment building adjacent and nearly \$15,000 by the Pottsville Redevelopment Authority plus the demolition cost of \$40,000 to demolish the back of the adjacent apartment building. Jeff Chen has advised PPA that the Diner will require the (9) spaces PPA is leasing to permit holders. The Authority notified current Garfield Diner permit holders in June that the spaces will be available for permits in 2026 on a month-to-month basis providing reconstruction of the Diner continues through the balance of 2025 of this year as planned.
- Residential Permits
  - The Authority will continue to provide PHYSICAL PERMITS for 2025-2026. As of June 2, 2025 (151) 24/25 permits were purchased producing an income of \$7,180.00 for last fiscal year.
  - New July 2025 thru June 2026 permits have been available for sale since June 16th and are on the PPA website, no price increase in four years for residential permits.
  - Vehicles without current permits have been ticketed since Monday July 14<sup>th</sup>. As of Monday September 8, 2025 (91) permits have been renewed.
- Municipal Permits
  - Temporary Single Day and multiple day permits have increased in 2025. Single day permits are \$5.00 @ day. PPA recorded \$8,219.00 income to date, budgeted \$2,500.00
  - There are no delinquent municipal permit holders for the third quarter. Fourth quarter permits were mailed the third of September. PPA will notify all current permit holders there will not be a rate increase for Municipal permits for 2026.
  - There are no increases in Municipal permits projected for 2026, the first time since 2020. With Board permission, PPA will issue a press release that, due to careful management by the Board and Staff, no increases in the cost of Residential or Municipal permits

will be required for 2026 and no increase in rates for meters or Park Mobile as well.

## AGENDA ITEM #7

### Projects

- Enforcement
  - 499 tickets issued;
  - Total Enforcement Revenue Billed - \$8,625.00
    - Realized August Income - \$3,934.822
    - Unrealized August Income - \$4,690.18
  - HISTORY: MPS, the Technology platform for enforcement “Safety Stick units (9) were installed the week of December 11, 2023 along with corresponding signage cautioning motorists at each of these locations that failure to park where prohibited any time will result in a violation and a fine of \$35.00.

These locations were activated as of Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The BOARD voted in June 12, 2025 to discontinue the relationship with MPS. The existing signs reading NO PARKING ANY TIME-violators fined \$35. will remain in the 9 locations without a safety stick as a deterrent and enforcement officers will enforce these locations during enforcement hours. The Safety Sticks were deactivated and removed by MPS prior to the August 8, 2025 Board meeting.

Currently (1) vehicle are on the Scofflaw Report.

- Park Mobile
  - 233 less parking sessions were recorded in August 2025 compared with July.
  - \$1,140.50 less in net income was received during the (21) days of August 2025 compared to 22 days in July 2025. There were 309 transactions @ day in August 2025, compared to the 306 transactions @ day in July 2025.
  - Average parking session based 189 hours during August, sessions averaged two hours and fifteen minutes identical to January, February, April, June and July, Only two-hour parking sessions in May 2025 and two hours and thirty-minute sessions in March 2025.
  - All prior month parking sessions for the previous two years have been an hour and forty-five minutes to two hours in length.
- Parking Meters
  - Twenty-five on-street meters are currently out of service and must be repaired out of 575 (approximately 4%).

- Thirty-five meter locks will be shipped from Canada approximately on September 12<sup>th</sup>. PPA replaced 35 locks received in May as well as 150 clear meter lenses. Kevin has continued correct a variety of meter issues.
- Note: 22 days of transactions for July compared with 21 days of transactions for August.

## AGENDA ITEM #8

### OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Outdoor Markets LLC was sold on January 29, 2025 by Jonathon Morris and Amanda Marx to Remo and Deborah Piccioni residents of St. Clair (see article) ATTACHMENT.
- Eight Outdoor Market under new ownership have taken place between Union Station and Alvernia. We have finally received better weather at the end of July, Three markets remain, tomorrow September 13, Alvernia, September 20, Union Station and finally Alvernia on October 1, 2025. A total of eleven outdoor markets will have been held for 2025.

**MOTION to waive the PPA \$100 fee on the 2 remaining Outdoor Markets for 2025, by Dermo / Drasdis.**

**MOTION passed.**

- E-Bike rental proposal, Justin Jalbert did not attend the Board meeting regarding the E-Bike proposal. Mr. Jalbert of Skookie Rides is awaiting approval and any recommendations by other departments of the City Administration. No further correspondence from Justin Jalbert.
- SCMA has a training session using the Mahantongo Deck for participants parking, yesterday September 11<sup>th</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- PPA has provided Free Parking for (10) holders of Vehicle permits on the Humane parking lot from July 31, 2025 thru September 23, 2025 to accommodate enlarging of the building to house the Ladder Truck.

**MOTION to amend the By-Laws to change the Parking Authority's current address by Humphrey / Drasdis.**

**MOTION passed.**

## AGENDA ITEM #9

### ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION to adjourn by Humphrey / Drasdis at 9:48 AM.**

**MOTION passed.**