

Port Carbon Borough Council
General Purpose Work Session
April 6, 2021

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Scott Krater, Vice President, p
Ron Zimmerman, p
Denise Krater p
James McBreen p
Cathy Manning p
Tiffany Sullivan p
Mary Jo Ferraro p

ANCILLARY MEMBERS

Harold Herndon, Mayor p
William Burke, Solicitor a
Peggy Lubinsky, Treasurer P
Luanne Mengle, Secretary p

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Krater with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen – Ben Schuettler requested use of Miller Playground for a Fire Company event on August 12, 13 & 14. Council gave the Fire Company permission to use the playground.

Finance – Zimmerman reported budget is 25% on track for the first 3 months. If anyone has any question just ask.

Zimmerman reported he and Lubinsky talked to Lettich and reported that if there were no issues the 2019 Audit should be done by the end of July. 2019 is ready to go and 2020 will be taken over shortly after to Lettich. Zimmerman questioned Buber and talked to Lettich about the findings of unqualified and adverse. The unqualified is the best we could get. The adverse is the worst kind to get but is common in boroughs. Zimmerman reported we don't follow the normal accounting principal but we follow the PSAB rules.

Public Works – D. Krater reported the 3 committees meet. D. Krater gave a list of items Faust gave for the borough repairs.

1. Under public works Faust requested new flags. Faust gave prices with the hardware. D. Krater wants to contact Argall to see if we can get flags for Library, Monument and Borough Hall. Ben Schuettler has one for the Borough. S. Krater reported the Monument is done. Robert Evans gave one for the Monument.
2. Wall is falling down in the creek by Coal Street.
3. 75 signs in borough not meeting standards. Cost would be up to \$1,900 at first and \$900 for second order
4. Inlet on Wood and Oak Street that needs work. D. Krater will talk to Riotto to see what needs to be done. Other inlet is North and Coal that needs work. Zimmerman checked both places and both needs to be fixed. Inlet at First St. at borough hall and an inlet near Conville's house is bad also.
5. Line painting needs to be done and garbage cans purchased.
6. Guiderails on Fifth Street are falling down. Officer Murton reported some are bad and some are out of code.

D. Krater reported she is working on the insurance for renewal that is due August 1st.

Property – Manning reported she is working on getting the gutters on the building. Manning received 2 estimates out of 7 that were contacted. One was from Bethlehem and another from New Ringgold. Estimates received were Kulp - \$3,538 and Gary Shudel \$2,700. S. Krater suggested calling Haley from Palo Alto for an estimate also.

Safety – Fire Chief wanted to have something done about the burning and McBreen spoke with Ed Wengert about an ordinance for burning. McBreen suggested checking other Boroughs and have the Fire Chief and Safety Committee working on our own ordinance for burning.

Lubinsky Park there is a ride broken. Faust would like a new ride for there. D. Krater suggested we look into grants from DCNR for equipment. Faust would like to rent equipment for \$315 a day to smooth out the grass at the Miller playground. Manning talked to Faust and the work could be done in one day. Manning asked Faust about the cameras and Faust reported they borrow Pottsville's bucket truck and can't install the camera's until they can borrow the truck.

McBreen stated Girls softball will be using Lubinsky and then soccer later in the summer. Zimmerman stated that our teams play ball up at Schoentown field and other people come in and use our fields. Schoentown has fundraisers to keep their field nice. Maybe we should have teams using our fields put some money up to maintain the fields to offset our cost.

Mulch is needed for the playgrounds also.

Mayor suggests getting Miller done before it gets too hot.

Zoning – Quality of life list of vehicles were given to Siegfried to take care of. A complaint on 2nd St were a panel blew off was also taken care of by Siegfried. For Lehigh, notices violations were given to a garage on 708 Park Ave, Valley Street, and 2nd Street for a collapsed garage and tomorrow he will be looking at the Bleachery for a complaint. McBreen reported the Valley Street owner is going to get a plan of action to take care of the issue. McBreen reported it will be up to Council if we want to give him a 30 day extension. Ed Wenger will be out for 2 weeks and Ralph Hummel will be covering for him.

McBreen would like to have forms on our website such as Property complaint forms, Rental Registration forms, Machine Tax and Building permits.

McBreen reported Wengert would like to have preapproval for criminal citations after the 30 day notice is up from the complaint forms.

Zimmerman/Ferraro motioned to give Wengert preapproval for the criminal citation after the 30 day notice. Motion approved.

Sanitation – Ferraro reported she made a call for missed garbage. Ferraro stated the committee will be meeting again to work out the details for the delinquent sanitations.

Special – R. Zimmerman reported there was a meeting with the Conservation District and DEP for the project. 15% of money will be retained. 25% to start up but will only give up to 65% will be received total. As the project goes along we can ask for more money. S. Krater asked Burke for the contracts for Foley/Spiess. Tohill needs to turn in a detailed plan on where they will be going on both properties.

Floodplain ordinance – Schuettler reported Leslie wanted a date for approval of the plan. Burke also wanted some changes and Schuettler wasn't sure if the changes were sent to Leslie or not. S. Krater had reported to Burke it needs to be approved for the April 20th. May is the deadline to be approved.

April 16th the Schuylkill Headwaters are coming in to clean the Mill Creek and Schuylkill in the borough. Yuengling employees will be involved in the project also.

Yard sale is scheduled for May 29th. Memorial Day parade is May 31st. After that we need to send out donation letters for the Fireworks.

D. Krater reminded everyone the Chinese Auction is May 13, 14, 15 & 16, Yard sale is May 29th, Memorial Parade id May 31st with the Pottsville band, on June 12th a can collection for the fireworks. Hopefully in June a donation letter will be sent out for the fireworks. Fireworks estimated cost is \$8,000 this year.

Zimmerman/Ferraro motioned to adjourn. Motion accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Luanne Mengle
Borough Secretary