

**Port Carbon Borough Council
General Purpose Work Session
January 5, 2021**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANCILLARY MEMBERS

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

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

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Krater with the Pledge of Allegiance. S. Krater stated there has been some contact with the Borough about the water boil advisory. The Municipal Authority will call everyone when it is lifted. Krater suggest anyone can go onto the Municipal Authority website and register with them for updates. Krater stated the Borough also has the Swift reach program and citizens can update their information on there also.

Citizen - No comments.

Finance - Zimmerman reported the 2021 budget was handed out. The profit margin for the 2020 budget is updated. Zimmerman reported it says we were 125% over budget but when you look closer it says we were in the hole \$112,236.29 but liquid fuels had no budget and expenses of \$111,318.67. We were only over budget about \$1,200.00.

Public Works - D. Krater reported chain broke on the truck. Faust wants authorization to have it repaired. Penn Equip is \$300, St. Clair Auto was \$350. Zimmerman/D. Krater motioned to approve the repairs. Motion accepted.
D. Krater reported on Friday Faust is getting the bucket truck to take down the lights. S. Krater reported the lights on the Borough Steps are not working. Repairs would be \$100 to \$200 for Faust to repair. Faust/Zimmerman feel that Faust can do the work.
S. Krater reported Schuylkill Headwaters contacted the Borough and requested permission to walk the creeks (Mill Creek/Schuylkill) and take garbage out. S. Krater reported they can put the garbage at the Borough Garage.

Safety - S. Krater stated it was mentioned earlier about the Municipal Authority and the Swift Reach program.

Recreation - Sullivan wants to know what everyone feels about the person that wants to have a dog event in April around Easter. Zimmerman stated they will have to have proof of insurance. Sullivan stated they are supposed to be American Pits. S. Krater stated we need to see a certificate of insurance and suggests Sullivan has a meeting with the person.

Zoning/Code - McBreen 1 complaint for 21 Pike Street. McBreen will have Code look into the issue. Ed Wengert reported the fee for Property Maintenance thinks the \$400 fine is too high since it will make it harder to go after owners. Wengert suggest putting a restitution clause in that would state that the owner would have to pay Lehigh for the cost along with the fine. Wengert would also like to have the definition of junk put in the resolution. Wengert also recommended having a targeted enforcement with properties or sections of town.

Mayor asked if anything was going on with 208 Valley St. S. Krater reported the insurance company called about the fire escrow report.

Personnel - S. Krater stated everyone got a copy of the two job descriptions, one for Secretary and one for the Treasurer. The job postings include a description. S. Krater asked about just putting it on the Borough web site and Facebook. It will also be put on WireTeleview channel 19.

Sanitation - Ferraro reported we received a letter from Loretta Souflkas, 311 First Street, and requesting exoneration for one of the sanitation bills. There is only 1 apartment occupied now.

Special - S. Krater reported Tohill putting meeting together for Growing Greener project.

Mayor - Mayor reported Joe Murton and Bob Faust took a class and both received certificates for Road Scholar. Faust got Road Scholar 1, 2 and administrative. Murton received the Road Scholar for the Police Dept. All of this helps the Borough when it comes to Penn Dot.

D. Krater mentioned the Citizen Committee will be getting together to make plans for the year with events. Zimmerman reported the Schoentown Vets will help with one or two food sales.

McBreen/Zimmerman motioned to adjourn. Motion accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Luanne Mengle
Borough Secretary