

**Port Carbon Borough Council
General Purpose Work Session
March 2, 2021**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANCILLARY MEMBERS

Scott Krater, Vice President, p
-zoom
Ron Zimmerman, p
Denise Krater p
P
James McBreen p
Cathy Manning p
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.

Citizen - No comments.

Finance - Zimmerman reported the 2021 updated budget was handed out. Zimmerman reported Lettich did the 2018 Audit and as soon as they get signed paperwork back. Zimmerman received an estimate to do the 2019 Audit. Council would like to have a timeframe for the budget to be done and if it goes over that time that our cost would be reduced. Zimmerman reported the 2021 Upset Sale was handed out and there are two from Port Carbon. 305 Valley Street and 256 Spruce Street. 256 was sold but had been do not know what their intention is. The property had been deemed uninhabitable. McBreen will call Lehigh about the Spruce Street property. Zimmerman did a walk around and looked at properties on the Commissioners list. Zimmerman asked the County to put 4 properties on for the next sale if possible. Cullen Foley needs to sign papers to allow the contractor to repair the side of the house on Jackson Street after the demolition of attached house.

Public Works - D. Krater reported trucks are being worked on. Faust picked up 2 ton of cold patch. Mengle reported a safety recall came in today on the GMC and given to Faust.

Recreation - No report.

Property - No report.

Safety - S. Krater reported there was a meeting with Palo Alto and Mechanicsville for the Police Cooperative Agreement the Mayor will report on the meeting.

Zoning/Code - McBreen received an invoice from Lehigh that was for January 12 to January 26 for \$663. McBreen reported no complaints.

Sanitation - Ferraro reported call from Tamaqua Transfer that there were 4 homes they couldn't get to because of work being done but they did go back for it later.

Special - S. Krater reported Terri Gibbons from Schuylkill Headwaters Association called about the creek clean up on April 16th to kick off Earth Day at 10:00 am. Yuengling is co-sponsoring the event. Gibbons would like a photo op with anyone from Council that would be able to make it. They would need Faust to take bags to Borough Garage and they would get rid of the bags. S. Krater stated they will be going in the water and will have to watch where the water gets deeper.

S. Krater reported a call from Ed Brennan about the Sewer Authority and he wants to do some projects.

D. Krater reported one right to know was taken care of. The second wasn't answered in a timely manner due to the office staff being out sick. That person sent us into the State office of Open Records. That request was denied. The second one has been sent out with an explanation of why the information was not sent out in time. The request was for the 2019 Audit which was not completed. Attorney Burke has to send a letter out to the Open Records office. A letter from Lettich was included that the 2018 was not completed yet and the 2019 was not received by Lettich.

D. Krater has started the projects for the town. April 3rd will be the Easter bunny greeting. Food sale with the Vets in April also. Chinese Auction is May 13, 14 & 15th. Fire Company can do a food sale at that time 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.

Lubinsky reported Terrie Kellner gave a \$100 donation towards snow removal. Mayor didn't think we can accept a donation for that but we can ask Attorney Burke.

Zimmerman would like to change the way we do clothing allowances for the borough employees and Police. Zimmerman would like to include the amount into their pays so that they can get their clothing and then the Borough doesn't have to worry if something is taxed. The amount would be divided by the number of pays so that it doesn't increase their taxes.

Mayor - Mayor reported we need a resolution for the old Police records to be destroyed. Mayor will bring up at next meeting.

Safety meeting with Mechanicsville and Palo Alto. Parking issues were discussed and Ferraro took of the issue. Murton did an audit for 2019 and 2020 fines will be \$667.50 for Mechanicsville and Palo Alto \$695. No cash to either borough checks only so we have a record. Fines will be paid quarterly going forward.

Mayor Herndon speaking as a citizen would like the bus stop at Coal & Spring moved. Herndon reported after shoveling sidewalk and parking spots and older gentleman was kicking snow on the sidewalk and street. Also people sitting on his porch step and not moving when someone going into house. Garbage and cigarette butts all over the sidewalk and even in the yard. Herndon has asked about this before and would like to have this moved for next school season. D. Krater will work on getting this stop changed.

Manning reported old Evans property at Coal and Jackson Street. Trash piled up against the house and behind house. Manning asked do they need to have trash cans for each apartment.

Ben Schuettler reported a draft of the flood plain is being prepared.

McBreen/Ferraro motioned to adjourn. Motion accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Luanne Mengle
Borough Secretary