

**Port Carbon Borough Council
General Meeting
May 18, 2021**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

ANCILLARY MEMBERS

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

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Krater with the Pledge of Allegiance. Zimmerman/McBreen motioned to approve the minutes from April meetings. Motion approved.

Citizens - Kevin Strunk, PC Towers. Strunk reported plans on putting up 150 Ft cell tower at 415 Market Street at Weilands gas station. ATT is the vendor up on the tower and proposing a 1st net facility. This is being zoned essential services. Project is in the early stages. Will have to go through Land Development with the County. McBreen asked if there are other local towers. Strunk mentioned Ontalinee County and at least 7 others. S. Krater asked if anyone else will be on tower also. Strunk reported hopefully others would go on the tower also. Strunk suggested there could be a spot for the Borough if they had something.

Mike Welsh - Welsh stated the fire code compliance doesn't have any further requirements. Welsh asked if a spot could be reserved for the Fire Department if needed in the future.

Strunk reported ATT has comprehensive rack system.

Strunk reported once they go through County they will be back to Borough.

Lisa Jack - Jack reported the trailer on Wood Street is down and the garbage is being removed at 49 Wood Street. Jack wants to replace with another trailer.

Andrew - Will be putting in paperwork for Handicap sign on 319 Coal Street.

Mike Welsh - Welsh reported he and Schuettler were in the creek getting some of the branches out of the creek. Walsh would like to know if Public works can start keeping up with the debris in the creek.

Mengle questioned about the dump site up at the township building right off the road and has seen at least 4 trucks dumping stuff in the last two weeks. Mengle asked if we can send letter and ask that dumping not be allowed. S. Krater asked the Police to check it out and see if it makes it to the creek.

Jack reported seeing people dump stuff in the creek and also on her property on Wood Street. Jack would like to put up no dumping signs up along her property.

Welsh is happy to see the abandoned vehicles in town. Walsh would like to know what the Borough is doing with the old police car.

Welsh hears about the Zoning going to the County and feels that the Zoning should stay in the Borough. County was supposed to be doing mapping for the Comm Center and had to send it out to be done.

Finance - Zimmerman reported the budget is on track.

Public Works - Mayor reported handicap sign for Mary McAlvaney. Manning/McBreen motioned to approve the handicap sign. Motion approved.

Property - Manning reported McLaughlen Contracting from Orwigsburg is going to do the gutter and down spout. It will be done within a month. S. Krater will get with Magistrate about the lease.

Safety - McBreen reported the committee, Schuettler, Welsh, Mayor Herndon, Sullivan, and McBreen meet about the burning ordinance with allowed items, items not allowed, permits and enforcement. Officer Murton was concerned with right of entry. Committee is still working on the contents.

Mayor reported everyone is working together on the ordinance.

Recreation - Mengle reported the pavilion at Lubinsky Park is rented out for the next 2 Saturdays. S. Krater reported Miller playground will be open beginning Memorial Day for summer as long as there is no vandalism.

Zoning - McBreen reported Lehigh had 2 violations on South Coal. Quality of Life is working on vehicle on Valley Street.

Personnel - No report.

Sanitation - Ferraro reported working on resolution for delinquent sanitation. McBreen reported 30 days after letter then sent to collection and after 1 year no pick up.

Special - No report.

Treasurer's - No report.

Engineer - Report attached and on file.

Tohill reported he only looked at Coal St. from Pike to North. S. Krater asked about a load for road project and use liquid fuels each year to pay the load back. Tohill stated that the problem with that is till you pay loads off the roads need to be redone. Tohill suggests looking into crack sealing which is eligible for liquid fuel. Manning questions if we did that could we focus on keeping the liquid fuel money just for roads.

Manning asked about the big trucks on Jackson Street and using the jack brakes all the time and breaking up the street.

Welsh reported the part that to extend the Fire House garage is only the sidewalk. Lennick is saying the Borough owns from the garage door to the fence across the street. Burke will talk to Lennick and Tohill on the issue.

Fire Chief - Welsh reported 5 Fire calls and 30 EMS. Welsh reported the Fire Co has spent \$1,000 for Diane Lennick for preliminary information needed for expansion that is needed.

Welsh reported he, Schuettler, Taylor meet with Kathleen Cavallo, from ISO (Insurance Services Organization) for a community risk analysis and look at the Fire Dept. 50% is Fire Dept., 40% is water and 10% is communications. It was a productive meeting and Kathleen was impressed. Presently Fire Co. is at a 5 category and are trying to get to a 4. These ratings will help with fire insurance rates and gives credit to resident insurances.

Fire Dept. has a form for extra credit. Questions on it wants to know what codes we follow such as BOCA codes, NEPA codes, etc. Welsh would like Jim to look at this.

Mayor - Mayor reported he received an application for the Police Dept. and handed it off to the Safety Committee.

Mayor reported Mark Major will be the guest speaker for Memorial Day event.

Solicitor- Burke reported the 4th street easement should go through smoothly. Burke is working with everyone within reason. Burke stated some are asking for temporary easement and you can't use public money for private land. Burke stated when you get an easement it is the Borough's problem then.

Unfinished business - No reports.

Executive Session - No executive session was held.

Citizens - Nancy Lescavage stated we should not let the sanitation go for a year. McBreen stated the way it is billed it gives the resident until the end of the year to pay with penalties. Mengle stated there are quite a few that wait until the end of the year to pay. McBreen stated that we figured to wait until the end of the year to send them a letter and then collections.

Zimmerman reported after 30 days late we send a letter stating that if they don't pay within 60 days they will go to collections. Zimmerman reported the man from collection agency suggested doing it this way.

Lescavage also agrees with Welsh about the Zoning staying with Port Carbon.

Officer Murton stated in 2019 Penn Dot passed Act 72 which opened up our roadways unless the road meets certain criteria. Officer Murton looked into this and we do not meet the criteria. Murton stated as far as jack brakes we would have to contact Penn Dot to come in and do a study.

Lescavage asked if people can put out sofas for trash. Ferraro reported that Tamaqua Transfer usually take big items. Mengle reported you can put 1 big item per month.

S. Krater reported town wide yard sale on May 29th. Memorial Day parade at 9 am on the May 31st.

Zimmerman/McBreen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Luanne Mengle
Borough Secretary