

**Port Carbon Borough Council  
General Purpose Work Session  
June 1, 2021**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Scott Krater, Vice President, p  
Ron Zimmerman, p  
Denise Krater p - call in

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James McBreen p  
Cathy Manning a  
Tiffany Sullivan a  
Mary Jo Ferraro p

**ANCILLARY MEMBERS**

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.

**Finance** - Zimmerman reported everyone has a copy of present budget. If anyone sees an issue let him know.

Zimmerman there were 3 properties sold at the sale in Port Carbon that Council had been looking at them to move over to the other sale.

**Public Works** - D. Krater reported Faust did a good job getting Gazebo cleaned up. Mengle reported Fees from Third Street reported branches down behind their house on Fourth Street blocking the driveway. S. Krater will check on it.

**Property** - S. Krater reported Manning is having a hard time contacting the contractor who was awarded the work on the Borough building. Manning will contact the second contractor if need be. S. Krater reported Manning is also working with the Magistrate and Court house on the contract for the Magistrate lease.

**Safety** - No report. McBreen would like to have another meeting for the burning ordinance.

**Recreation** - Cressona Band wants to use the Gazebo July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

**Zoning** - McBreen reported complaint for Quality of Life on S. Coal Street. Seigfried is looking into that. McBreen reported Lehigh has send out Code citations.

**Personnel** - S. Krater reported Mengle sent letter of resignation on July 31<sup>st</sup>. S. Krater will post the job description again.

S. Krater reported the insurance renewal for the Borough Workers. There are a couple options on the sheet. 8/1 to 7/31 with an increase of 3.39% increase with the same program. The other options have an increase with the deductible. Council will vote at the next meeting.

**Sanitation** - Ferraro reported a couple missed houses that have been corrected. No other complaints.

**Mayor** - Mayor reported applications for part time officer received. Greg Barket, works PT for Minersville and Ashland. Mayor would like Council to approve bringing Greg on. Also, Frank DiMarco was a per diem officer but hasn't worked here in a few years. Frank would have to update information with Peggy. Ferraro recommended Di Marco and Welsh recommended Barket. Zimmerman/McBreen motioned to hire 2 Part Time officers pending background checks and necessary paperwork.

Mayor reported a lot of fireworks being set off. Mayor also reported truck complaints on Jackson Street. Murton will be doing a survey in the morning to see if the trucks are using their jake brakes there.

Mayor read resignation letter from Sgt. Chris Taylor from the Port Carbon Police Dept. as of June 25<sup>th</sup>. Sgt. Taylor has accepted a position with the Collier Sheriff's Dept. in Naples, Florida. Zimmerman/McBreen regretfully accepted Taylor's resignation. Motion approved.

Mayor reported there is one applicant and will have to have a meeting.

S. Krater asked if with the resignation affect the Civil Service Commission. Mayor will talk with Safety Committee.

S. Krater asked if there is a Peddler's permit. Mayor reported anyone coming in to sell anything except for religious organizations. S. Krater asked if it would include a yard sale every week. McBreen read the permit ordinance. S. Krater someone wants to have a yard sale every month. They are having people come in and set up and make a donation to Suicide Prevention and not paying a fee. This would be a Burke question.

Phillip Minchoff, 104 Pottsville St., Modesto at 4 N. Pottsville Street (house torn down), and Seigfred at 24 Acre Street vacant since 11, 2019. Porter on Wilson Avenue, only lives there for 3 months out of the year. This issue is tabled until next month's meeting.

Citizen - Jeremy Powlick - 1) Issue with no meeting minutes on Website. McBreen is working on the issue.

2) Pa Boro Assoc - website - McBreen working on it. 3) Powlick has issues with the Handicap Application. Language in #5, ADA compliance, question on kind of disability is against Hipaa law, Council reserves the right to refuse.

Zimmerman/Ferraro motioned to adjourn. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Luanne Mengle  
Borough Secretary