

**Port Carbon Borough Council
Regular Meeting
April 19, 2022**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Scott Krater, President, p
Ron Zimmerman, Vice-President, p
James McBreen, p
Jesperson, Treasurer, a
Tiffany Sullivan, a
Megan Borowski, p
William Devers, p
Jorge Sullivan, p

ANCILLARY MEMBERS

Harold Herndon, Mayor, p
William Burke, Solicitor, p
Sharon
Loretta Skoufalos, Secretary, p

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

Meeting Minutes Approval (March 2022) R Zimmerman motioned for approval/ J Sullivan second the motion.

Announcement of Executive Session- There was an Executive Session held from 6:15 to 6:54 pm pertaining to possible litigation matters.

Citizens Portion- George Thomas believes Port Carbon is in need of more public trash cans in town to cut down on the garbage thrown about.

Tom McCabe stated the road conditions and issues that are of concern.

Mike Kuperavage has concerns on zoning issues for his pool, S Krater to look into it and give him a call back asap

Committee Reports:

Finance: No Report

Public Works- The borough is in need of a new mower, a O turn commercial, best possible price and service value is from Centre St Hardware at a cost of \$3,499.00 S Krater entertained a motion for mower from Centre St hardware. W Devers motioned/M Borowski second the motion.

The borough pick-up truck needs repairs for inspection/ Womer's Garage are to do rocker panels/ body work, awaiting on quote.

Property- R Zimmerman stated he received the property paperwork from B Burke for the two parcels that were sold on Jackson St., we also have to work on getting an exoneration for 318 N. Coal St.

Safety- J McBreen asked Attorney Burke a question on the burning Ordinance, if we allow for burning: Are we in any way liable? Answer no.

Recreation- J McBreen drafted a rental form for the Gazebo, Basketball courts, Ball field, Pavilion, Senior Building. Request form attached. Fee schedule attached. The Committee is going to work out the details and a waiver is to be written for the Insurance.

Zoning/Code Enforcement- The Portable Toilet Permit Application/ S Krater entertained a motion for a registration form for the portable toilet application. There is a \$10.00 fee for the Permit Application. J McBreen motioned/M Borowski second the motion.

J Tohill- Benesch report attached. Change Order for \$23,928.48 J Tohill asked council to approve application for #4 payment. R Zimmerman motioned/M Borowski second.

Change Order #3 in the amount of #1,343.36 R Zimmerman/W Devers.

Personnel- no report

Sanitation- J McBreen, we are billed \$153,980.00 for Sanitation Collection for 2022. We have a notice written up for late sanitation bills. Motion to send out letter for delinquent sanitation S Krater motioned/ W Devers second the motion.

Treasurers Report-

R Zimmerman reported the treasurer's report for S Jespersen, **The General fund** period ending 03/31/2022 The beginning Balance \$184,880.32

Checks & Deposits	\$197,172.61
Deposits & Credits	\$202,243.03
Total Cleared Transactions	\$ 5,070.42
Cleared Balance	\$189,950.74
Ending Balance	\$205,026.37 of that \$92,893.93 is ARPA Grant

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report

M Borowski motioned/J McBreen second the motion.

Liquid Fuels -Period ending 04/13/2022 Beginning Balance \$81,112.37

Checks & Deposits	\$1,523.03
Deposits & Credits	\$59,740.52
Cleared Balance	\$139,329.86
Total Uncleared	\$ 2,514.13
Ending Balance	\$136,815.73

Fire Escrow Account period ending 04/13/2022

Beginning Balance	\$40,440.16
Deposits & Credits	\$ 0.35
Ending Balance	\$40,440.51

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report M Borowski motioned/J McBreen second the motion.

Tax Collector's Report- From 3/15 to 3/31 Total Collected \$39,852.64 minus 5% to tax Collector \$1,992.63 for a total collected \$37,860.01.

4/1/22 to 4/15/22 Total Collected \$27,872.38 minus 5% to tax collector \$1393.62 for a total collected \$26,478.76

Motion to accept Tax Collector's Report J McBreen motioned/ J Sullivan second the motion.

Mayor's Report- H Herndon (Bucky), Thanked the Citizens Committee for a very successful egg hunt event.

Bucky also informed Council; Port Carbon Police were in the middle of an arrest made on one of Philadelphia's Most Wanted Felons (murder). In Arresting the suspect, one of our officers were bit and had to undergo a Tetanus Shot.

The Attorney General was speaking at the Schuylkill County Courthouse about a drug ring of 5 in the county in which Port Carbon Police were involved in the arrests.

Solicitor Report- 1.Resolution for Rental Districts/ Motion to approve Resolution that council member J McBreen developed that divided the town in 3 parts for Rental Inspections. R Zimmerman motioned/J McBreen second the motion.

2. Burke received an Order of Court 4-14-22 regarding the objections of the tax claim Bureau sale entered by Judge Hale, Judge Hale sustained are objectives and found that the considerations for the 1st and 2nd properties were insufficient and one of two things will happen. Either the parties that were bidding on it will go to a private auction where she will set the minimum price and if they cannot agree on a minimum price then it will go to a judicial sale so we receive the requested relief in that regard.

3. In connection with our Executive Session that Council makes a motion to authorize potential litigation along with Palo Alto Borough to enforce GPASA articles of Incorporation engaging in certain activities per their authorizing agreements

Council Member potential Litigation

J McBreen motioned/J Sullivan second the motion.

Roll Call Vote -Unanimous 6 Yes 0 No

4. **UDSA** - Loan Police Car- Attorney B Burke asked Council to authorize for paperwork when we purchase the police car. R Zimmerman/W Devers second the motion.

In Connection with the police car, we have to go to DCED for approval of loan, under local debt act there has to be a debt statement prepared. A CPA is needed, council is looking into an Accountant to do paperwork.

Motion to accept Solicitor's Report. J McBreen motioned/J Sullivan second the motion.

Citizens Portion- . George Thomas / Issues with people parking on sidewalk

Adjournment- S Krater entertained a motion for Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn W Devers motioned/ M Borowski second the motion.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Skoufalos,
Borough Secretary