

**Port Carbon Borough Council
General Purpose Work Session Meeting
April 02, 2024**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

ANCILLARY MEMBERS

Harold Herndon, Mayor, p
James Conville, Solicitor-p
Margaret Lubinsky, Treasurer, p
Loretta Skoufalos, Secretary, p

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

Citizens Portion-

Peter Bernosky is forming a new baseball team & would like to use Miller's. Tiffany Sullivan addressed the issue, they may use it, the beginning is May 6, 2024 & ends the end of July. It doesn't seem to be a problem. Council agrees, however, H Herndon, Mayor, we will need some form of insurance shown.

Executive Session-

There was an Executive Session called at 7:09 pm to 7:35 pm pertaining to Personnel matters.

Committee Reports

Finance- R Zimmerman/ no report

Public Works-

Dave Rubright/The Pottsville Street Bridge, I could barely fit underneath when bent over, needs dredging, Dave to call Penn Dot

Property- no report

Safety-

i. Internet and Communications Discussion and possible vote-

S Krater/with the body cameras, Wire Tele-view does not offer upload speeds to work with the body cams, Comcast does, it is 250 down/100 up- unlimited internet, in addition phone lines & tv included Scott is waiting to hear back. The price is \$112.94 per month.

ii. Hiring of Full time Police Officer Discussion & Possible vote-

The three Committees met, Port Carbon, Palo Alto, & Mechanicsville. H Herndon/ in recommendation, it was unanimous to hire Tim Walsh,

Vote/Roll call- Jim McBreen abstained 5 yes, 1 no

S Krater made a motion of employment/M Borowski second the motion and Jim McBreen abstained

Recreation-

T. Sullivan put J. Sullivan in charge of cameras because he has more knowledge about them.

The Cressona Band would like to use the Gazebo on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 7 PM. Council is in agreeance to allow them to use the gazebo.

Zoning/Code Enforcement-

J McBreen/ upon a sale within the Borough, can we have an occupancy permit? It is something for Council to think about.

We received a letter from the County/we are to forward all copies of building permits to Christine Zimmerman.

J McBreen on Rental Registrations, can we earmark some of the money? Maybe funds for demolition within the borough.

NOV Appeals Application from violation being passed around for council to look at. Resolution for next meeting.

The County contacted us about the Old Bleache & Dye, any zoning issues or zoning hearings. There may be something in the filing cabinet at Borough Hall, Jim to look tomorrow.

Personnel-

J McBreen/ Can we send Larry Eich a Get -Well card at his mom's house?

Sanitation-

J McBreen/ The sanitation refunds, can we consider getting rid of discounts for next year?

Watershed-

Generator update/ USDA idea will not work out, we will have to pick another avenue.

Special-

R Zimmerman/ This is from the meeting, Tim Yuengling is retiring in July, they just hired a project manager to help out with the workload over there.

Light/Heigle to look at all the manholes, 14 right now, all that have platforms, most likely removing all platforms & to see what needs to be done.

Mayor Report-

H Herndon received a certified letter from Yuengling, Pursuant to 25 Pa. code S127.143 D.G. Yuengling & Sons Inc. (Yuengling) is notifying of its intent to submit a State-Only Operating Permit Renewal to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) to incorporate existing equipment at the Mill Creek facility located in Schuylkill County & Port Carbon Borough. This project will not increase emissions from the facility. As per 25 Pa Code S127.413, Yuengling is required to notify the County & Municipality about any proposed operating permit applications submitted to the PADEP, a 30-day comment period beginning upon your receipt of this notification.

The Police contract is up at the end of the year, we need to sit down with the Police and hash out a new contract.

New Business-

S Krater/ we received a notice of claim that the Goodwill Fire Company is being sued from Eisenburg & Rothweiller, they represent the estate of Joann Rodgers who passed away in a fire.

Town wide yard sale, June 1st., the Citizens Committee would like to use the Senior Center on May 3rd & May 4th for a food Sale and Basket raffle. Council agrees.

The Memorial Day Parade & Service, May 27th Parade at 9am, Service at approx. 9:30

Ben Schuettler/Hazardous Mitigation Plan 2024, sheet enclosed.

Adjournment- S Krater, President entertained a motion for adjournment.

T Sullivan motioned to Adjourn/J McBreen second the motion.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Skoufalos,
Borough Secretary