PORT CARBON BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2026

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Scott Krater, President, p
Harold Herndon, Vice President, p
Megan Borowski, p
William Devers, p
Kim Hrenyo, p
Cody Herndon, p
Heather Maley, p

ANCILLARY:
James McBreen, Mayor, p
James Conville, Solicitor, p
Ann Miller, Treasurer, p
Angela LaSelva, Secretary, p

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Krater opening with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7pm.

Minutes Approval:
C. Herndon motioned to approve July meeting minutes; seconded M. Borowski.

Executive Session:
An executive session was held after the August 4 work session to discuss personnel. It began at 8:38pm and ended at 8:48pm.
An executive session was requested to discuss finance beginning at 7:01pm and ending at 7:32pm.

Citizens Portion:
-Lynn Maley requested an update regarding the neighboring building. Nick Hazlett responded and a letter of violation has been sent.
-Liza Pepper, Chestnut Street, spoke about the constant dirt bike riding in front of her home. She counted 19 hours of activity this weekend including threatening behavior towards residents of the area. Nick Hazlett reported drafting a notice of violation. Mayor J. McBreen reported contacting Yuengling to speak to them about it. The area is trashed/destroyed but it is private property. There has been no progress at all.
-Resident of Chestnut St also complained of the constant disruptions, dirt bike traffic and destruction. State Police will not respond to their calls.

Committee Reports:

Finance: None
Public Works: President S. Krater spoke about the meeting with USDA and the engineer regarding the proposed 18 road repaving project. There is a second meeting Friday at 9:30am to discuss the loan further. The USDA loan specialist reported the project looked favorable after discussing with the board. Council will be informed at the next meeting.
Property: Vice President H. Herndon thanked Dave and Larry for taking care of the bees at Lubinsky playground. They also spoke about the dead trees in the area, and how they are

becoming a safety hazard. Fisher's Tree Service was called for an estimate for the tree removal. Approximately 8 trees are dead/dying and need to be removed. $650.00 per tree with a 3-tree minimum. $5200.00 for all to be removed but does not include stump grinding. W. Devers asked Dave to identify the 3 worst trees and get an estimate to have them removed including the stump grinding for next meeting.

Safety: K. Hrenyo motioned to approve the financial requirement and minimum municipal obligation budget for 2027 ($23,432.00); seconded W. Devers.

H. Maley questioned when the speed sign will be moved to Pottsville Street. Dave is looking into it.

Recreation: None

Zoning/Code Enforcement: Nick Hazlett reported on several topics including 215/217 Cherry St for rubbish and discarded materials; 123 Jackson/130 Spruce/127 Cherry/30 Main were posted for utility shut off; 49 Wood St for a multi vendor pop up market; 0 Fourth St for repeated unauthorized activity in wooded private property; 221 2nd St for a severely blighted/deteriorated structure; 256 Spruce St for trailer on property; Anderson Windows Solicitation without permit; 101 Pottsville St for complaint of strong sewer odor; new 72 hour notice placard for violations; floodplain administrator packet.

M. Borowski reported 69 Coal St has garbage on street/sidewalk and the front door is wide open. They also have a dumpster with no permit.

President S. Krater added to look over the floodplain packet and be ready to discuss at next work session in September.

Personnel: None

Sanitation: None

Watershed: None

Special: Vice President H. Herndon reported a change in hours for the Tuesday Produce Stand. Beginning mid September they will be operating from 4pm-7pm. They will also be at Lubinsky Playground for the Autumn Harvest Outdoor Market October 18.

Treasurer's Report: A. Miller read the report for the month:

Wells Fargo Beginning Balance	$284,140.27
Checks/Payments	$9,369.93
Deposits/Credits	$15,458.43
Balance as of 7/31/26	$290,149.72

CACL General Fund Beginning Balance	$271,545.60
Checks/Payments	$82,807.89
Deposits/Credits	$57,216.15
Balance as of 7/31/26	$238,995.92

M. Borowski motioned to approve the Treasurer's report; seconded K. Hrenyo.

Tax Collector's Report: A. Miller read the collection report for July 2026:

Real Estate	$5,225.30
Per Capita	$77.50
Borough Tax	$135.65

K. Hrenyo motioned to accept the Tax Collector's report; seconded W. Devers.

Engineer's Report: Jim Tohill read the report.
-FEMA Update Schuylkill River Channel Wall repairs, no change. An anticipated reimbursement of $42,613.09 will be allocated once the project is approved.
-FEMA General Update submitted the DAP-12 form for administrative reimbursement of $16,289.00.
-North St and Coal St CDBG Curb Ramps, finalizing the designs and bid package.
-Growing Greener Grant Update nothing to report.
-LSA Grant update, looking for paint estimates. Internal measurements of the building are complete and a base plan for existing conditions was created.
-2026 Borough Road Project update, USDA phone call reviewing the project and possible financing options.
-Cherry and Pine St Sinkhole, GPASA has been notified. It is recommended the Borough continue to monitor the area.

Fire Chief Report: None

Mayors Report: Mayor J. McBreen reported the Axon charger and all related equipment is up to date and fully operational. The proposed amendment to Chapter 166 Parks and Rec was given to the solicitor for review. Lighting options for Lubinsky playground should be looked into either motion activated or timer schedule. Several complaints and reports of activity on Fourth Street. Thank you to Dave and Larry for addressing the wasp's nest at the playground. Jared Diehl from East End Palo Alto requested road closure (from white church to Washington St) for spectators for the Car Cruise in October and also have a food truck set up in that area during the event. All proceeds from food truck will be donated back to Port Carbon. A proclamation of appreciation will be presented to Janet Eich at the next council meeting. A new officer is scheduled to be sworn in at next meeting. A letter was written to PSP requesting additional patrols in the Lubinsky playground area

Emergency Management: None

Solicitor's Report: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: K. Hrenyo motioned to add Port Carbon Borough to the upset sale list; seconded M. Borowski.

Citizens Participation:
-Kirk Kirkland reported that residents should be calling 911 first, not state police. Issue with Milky Way needs to be addressed by all parties. 221 2nd Street should not be the Borough's responsibility.

-George questioned if the trees at the Lubinsky playground have to be cut, can they be treated instead?
-Megan Borowski reported we will look for any grants that will help with the trees (maintenance, purchase new trees/greenery etc) in Lubinsky playground.
-Ron Zimmerman reported a $3.00 per month increase in GPASA fees.
-Heather Maley agrees with the Mayor in looking for alternate lighting for the Lubinsky playground. Solar motion spot lights are a good option.
-Scott Krater read a letter with the following concerns:
The railroad crossing and who maintains it.
The bridge crossing at Quality Oil needs to be repaired. (PennDot has it marked for repair)

As there was no further business a motion to adjourn was made by M. Borowski at 8:55pm; seconded C. Herndon.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela LaSelva
Secretary
Port Carbon Borough