

**Port Carbon Borough Council
Regular Session Meeting
December 17, 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

Meeting Minutes Approval (November 2024)

S Krater entertained a motion to accept Minutes T Sullivan motioned/M Borowski second the motion.

Executive Session-

There was an Executive Session called at 7:23 pm, returning at 8:16 pm pertaining to Real Estate & Personnel matters.

Citizens Portion-

Michelle Polatz, concerned citizen, upset about a neighborhood car racing around and lighting up the streets, Shannon McShaw, another citizen had the same concerns. Scott Krater and Harold Herndon (Mayor) are looking into the situation along with Chief Joe Ferraro & Nick Hazlett.

Committee Reports:

Finance-

Discussion & Vote on 2025 Budget Proposal- R Zimmerman, currently we would have a surplus of \$39,579.12. with revenues would be \$1,020,042.45 plus we need to look at the millage, doing a 3 -mill tax increase. The way that works, 1 mill equates to the Borough receiving an additional \$23,182.41, so 3 mills increase would be \$69,547.23, that gives us the surplus of \$39,579.12 to the good. Also, the Special Meeting on December 30th to adopt the Final Budget. R Zimmerman motioned to accept/W Devers second the motion.

Vote to Advertise the 2025 Budget Proposal

Public Works-no report

Property-no report

Safety-no report

Recreation- no report

Zoning/Code Enforcement-

Nick Hazlett report attached

Personnel- no report

Sanitation-

Discussion & Vote on Sanitation

J McBreen, based on the 2 bids, the lowest was Tamaqua transfer, bid # 1 was unlimited for \$840,500.00 the optional year was year 4 at \$294,683.00 for a total of \$1,135,183.00. that would come to \$368.57 per household that is a \$143.57 increase over our current \$225.00.

S Krater entertained a motion to accept Tamaqua Transfers bid # 1 for 3 years and additional 4th year J Sullivan motioned/second by W Devers

Watershed-

J McBreen is working on a Grant that opens up in February 2025

Special-

R Zimmerman met with Conservation District, we showed them 4th Street, Lillian Street and went down behind old bank. They would all be eligible for Low Volume Road & Gravel Project.

Treasurers Report-

Margaret Lubinsky reported:

The WF General Fund Beginning Balance ending 11/30/2024 \$204,530.43

Checks & Payments	\$68,218.54
Deposits & Credits	\$44,095.96
Cleared Balance	\$180,407.85
Ending Balance	\$198,397.60

CACL General Fund Beginning Balance ending 11/30/2024 \$317,396.66

Cleared Balance	\$264,740.15
Ending Balance	\$166,732.27

WF Liquid Fuels period ending 11/30/2024

Beginning Balance \$ 55,809.24
Deposits & Credits \$0.46
Ending Balance \$ 22,934.70

Tax Collector Report- Mary Jo Ferraro

From 11/01/2024 to 11/30//2024

<u>Per Capita & Occupational Tax</u>	<u>\$38.50</u>
<u>Municipality</u>	<u>\$2325.57</u>
<u>Borough Tax</u>	<u>\$67.41</u>

Received a check today for \$2,431.48

S Krater made a motion to accept Treasurers Report, W Devers motioned/second by M Borowski

S Krater made a motion to accept Tax Collectors Report motioned/second by.

Engineer Report-Jim Tohill report attached

Fire Chief Report-no report/Chief Mike Welsh’s report was given at last meeting on December 03, 2024

Mayor Report-

Police Discussion and possible vote

Harold Herndon/ Merry Christmas to all and a prosperous New Year-& I would like to say I’ve been here for 17 years and must say all Council works so hard to not raise taxes, it was very hard for Ron Zimmerman to say we need to raise to 3 mills. I am very honored to work with you all.

Emergency Management-

Ben Schuettler/ There is a cold snap coming up,

Solicitor Report-

Attorney James Conville, the previous discussion from The Citizens Portion, he may be charged criminally for a summary of disorderly conduct. I wasn't aware of an Ordinance that Nick Hazlett spoke of. The property at 69 Coal Street, I keep getting cornered at the Courthouse, I get approached at does the Borough want to buy that property? If we buy it R Zimmerman asked Attorney Conville to handle the paperwork. R Zimmerman, the church & parsonage we purchased were tax exempt but after we purchased them, they went to taxable properties, it must be a mistake, because it's a Municipal Property.

Unfinished Business-none

New Business-S Krater/ Everyone received meeting Dates for next year, does anyone want to go to one or have it at 2 per month. Council agrees to keep it the same

S Krater made a motion to accept, J McBreen motioned/second by W Devers

S Krater made a motion to accept Special Meeting Date for December 30, 2024 at 7:00 pm

J McBreen motioned/W Devers second the motion

Citizens Portion-

Adjournment- Scott Krater, President entertained a motion for Adjournment

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

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Skoufalos,
Borough Secretary