

**Port Carbon Borough Council
Special Council Meeting
December 30, 2024**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

ANCILLARY MEMBERS

Harold Herndon, Mayor, p
James Conville, Solicitor-a
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-

Executive Session- none held

Proposed Tax & Sanitation Increase Ordinance (discussion & Vote)

Ordinance/R Zimmerman speaking about the Ordinance, everything is the same except for the taxes that are going up to 17.149 mills.

J McBreen/ The Sanitation will be going up to \$400.00 per year, or \$100.00 per quarter.

Motion to accept, M Borowski motioned/R Zimmerman second the motion.

Roll Call vote called for: R Zimmerman-Yes

William Devers-Yes

J McBreen-Yes Speech attached on back of report

M Borowski-Yes

T Sullivan-Yes

S Krater-Yes

J Sullivan-absent

Total 6 yes- 1 absent

Proposed 2025 Budget (discussion & Vote)-

R Zimmerman/The Preliminary budget was approved, now we have to approve the Final Budget.

S Krater/ 2 things need to be done, Police are having a blue screen of death, they need a new computer & the chimney outside of Borough Hall has to be removed. Roll Call Vote:

R Zimmerman-Yes

W Devers -Yes

J McBreen -Yes

S Krater- Yes

M Borowski -Yes

T Sullivan-Yes

J Sullivan- Absent

Proposed 2025 Meeting Dates & Locations (discussion & Vote)

S Krater made a motion to approve, R Zimmerman motioned/W Devers second the motion.

Citizens Portion-n/a

Adjournment- Scott Krater, President entertained a motion for Adjournment.

R Zimmerman motioned to Adjourn/M Borowski second the motion.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Skoufalos,
Borough Secretary

“As a self-described fiscal conservative I personally do not like the idea of raising taxes. We must remember that these dollars were earned through the hard work of our residents. This action harms all of our residents during these times of high inflation and financial uncertainty.

Unfortunately, the Borough has not been spared the economic realities we all face everyday. That being said, we as a Council should keep spending in mind more closely when making decisions in the coming year. We were all elected to act as responsible stewards of the Borough. While economic realities force us to raise taxes, we should accompany this with cuts and limitations in spending where they make financial sense in order to prevent this next year. It is with deep regret that I cast my vote as a “YES” for the ordinance to increase the property tax and sanitation fees.”

Jim McBreen
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