

**Port Carbon Borough Council  
Regular Meeting  
February 15, 2022**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Scott Krater, President, p  
Ron Zimmerman, Vice-President, p  
James McBreen, p  
Jespersion, Treasurer, p  
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 Vice-President Ron Zimmerman with the pledge of Allegiance

**Announcement of Executive Session**- There was no Executive Session held.

**Citizens Portion**-No citizens

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:**

**Tax Collectors Rates and Vote**- R Zimmerman proposed the rates for duplicate bills be increased to \$5.00 and Tax Certification Fees to be set at \$10.00, the fees also apply for Sanitation duplicates and certifications. The money collected from the fees would go into the general fund. Motioned by R Zimmerman/second by J McBreen

R Zimmerman also announced that we are moving to CACL Federal Credit Union, we are waiting on a Driver's License.

**Public Works**- D Rubright got a load of coal patch in, also purchased paint that will be needed in spring.

**Property**- B Burke/R Zimmerman attended a hearing in front of Judge Russell, we were objecting to the sale of 2 park properties, one on 2<sup>nd</sup> St one on 5<sup>th</sup> street. Two or three people also objected and wanted to bid on said properties, on that note we are still waiting on an order, but it looks like it's going to a private auction on the one, the other not until they pay off their taxes and all the other municipalities.

We are working on getting an exoneration for the property at 318 N Coal St, that did not sell.

**Safety**- J McBreen wants to institute the burning Ordinance and get it ready before summer.

**Recreation**- M Borowski inquired about looking into Insurance for the Cornhole Tournament, S Krater to look into that.

Additionally, The DCNR is holding a 1-hour workshop in Aristas on February 23, 2022 @ 10:00 am.

**Zoning/Code Enforcement**-

Report from Code Officer- J McBreen left the council know the door hangers from Brainstorm should be done by the end of the week. Mr. McBreen also wants the access to 360, so he can clean it up a bit

J McBreen had 2 complaints, so they were passed to Nick Hazlett, one was excessive skids in yard which is attracting rodents, the other is a hose with water coming out. He went to court about 21 Cherry St, the person who lived there plead guilty. The owner claims he is in the process of selling the property to the person living there. Also 3<sup>rd</sup> St, a rental unit with issues. The property at 708 Park Ave. is listed for sale, 324 N Coal St was condemned.

**Personnel-** no report

**Sanitation-** J McBreen had 2 complaints about trash pick-up on Valley St., this was taken care of.  
Total collected to date \$36,166.25

**Special-**S Krater was speaking about the Sewer Authority, Palo Alto's solicitor stated that we would need an injunction, so we are looking into this.

**Treasurer's Report-**

S Jespersen reported:

Period ending January 31, 2022 beginning balance \$183,357.56, checks and payments totaling \$70,171.43, Deposits were \$168,039.98, Cleared Balance \$281,226.11, of that \$92,893.93 is ARPA Grant money which will be moved to a separate account.

**Liquid Fuels:** Beginning Balance \$84,146.27, Checks and payments \$1,521.68, Deposits and Credit \$0.72. Total Cleared Transactions \$1,520.96 Cleared Balance \$82,625.31, Ending Balance \$82,266.13 Motion to accept Treasurer's Report, M Borowski motioned/B Devers second the motion.

**Tax Collector Report-**No Report

**Engineer Report-** Report Attached

**Fire Chief Report-**

Fire Chief M Welsh reported December 2021, 44 calls- EMS 42, Fire-4

January 2022, 60 Total, EMS-52, Fire- 8

On February 5, 2022, there was a siren test conducted, it failed because it was frozen, Mike has a call in to have it checked when the weather is permitting.

**Mayor's Report-** H Herndon reported, the police SUV is going downhill, New Police car to be ordered, Chief Joe Ferraro went looking, it would be on back order for approximately 30 weeks.

**Emergency Management-** No Report

**Solicitor Report-** Real Estate matters-B Burke needs phone numbers for properties that went for sale in Port Carbon Borough, deeds are ready to be signed.

**Unfinished Business-**No Report

**New Business-** No Report

**Citizens Portion-**No citizens

**Adjournment-**S Krater made a motion for Adjournment motion to adjourn

R Zimmerman/ B Devers second the motion.

Meeting Adjourned.

Loretta Skoufalos,  
Borough Secretary