

**Port Carbon Borough Council
Regular Session Meeting
February 18, 2025**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Scott Krater, President, p
James McBreen, Vice-Président, p
Ron Zimmerman, p
Tiffany Sullivan, a
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 (January, 2025)

S Krater entertained a motion to accept Minutes M Borowski motioned/ W Devers second the motion.

Executive Session-

There was an Executive Session called at 7:02 PM, ending at 7:22 PM, pertaining to Real Estate Discussion.

Citizens Portion-

We have 2 students attending the Borough meeting tonight, Jason Marx from Schuylkill Technology and Emily Roth from Schuylkill Technology North.

Ben Schuettler, I wanted to bring to Councils attention that the underground water course is starting to collapse Krebs Street again. Scott asked Jim Tohill to take a look at it.

Committee Reports:

Finance-no report

Public Works-

Ehrlich Vegetation Management Agreement discussion & vote-

There are 2 contracts, one is for \$3,000 that's the tree banks along the Mill Creek from Pottsville St to Old Bleachery. Then the 2nd one is for \$1850.00, treat both stream banks from bridge on Pottsville Street North to Birch Tree/sewer man hole. Treat both stream banks from old Elementary southwest to silver silo, treat both sides of stream banks east branch of the river to bridge 106 near Liberty Oil Company.

Scott Krater entertained a motion to approve both contracts, R Zimmerman motioned/W Devers second the motion.

Discussion & vote on travel to attend Low Volume highway Class

R Zimmerman previously met with the Conservation District about 4 roads in town, even if its only one. We need someone from the Borough to attend training of a 2-day course, Dave Rubright said he would attend, Ron believes its in Snyder County, that is the closest.

S Krater would like to entertain a motion to accept R Zimmerman motioned/second by M Borowski.

Discussion & vote on 2026 Salt Contract-

This Contract from Co-Stars runs from August 2025 to June 2026,

S Krater entertained a motion to approve Salt Contract, W Devers motioned/second by M Borowski

Property-

Discussion & possible vote on Library Lease

W Devers/the lease is drawn up for the library, starts March 1, 2025 until February 28, 2026, the only change made to it is the agreement that the library shall pay us \$125.00 per month that will go towards the heat and electricity.

W Devers would like to make a motion to accept the lease on the library from March 01, 2025 to February 28, 2026/ motion was second by J McBreen.

Safety-no report

Recreation- no report

Zoning/Code Enforcement-

Nick Hazlett Report Attached

Personnel- no report

Sanitation-

Discussion & possible vote on Berkheimer for Sanitation Collection.

After discussion of Council, the decision was made to go with Sean Sanderson from Berkheimer for the Collection of Sanitation & Collections of delinquent payers of sanitation & also placing liens. J McBreen made a motion to accept contract/second by M Borowski. A roll call vote was also called for. Ron Zimmerman-yes, William Devers-yes. Jorge Sullivan -no, Megan Borowski-yes, Scott Krater-yes, Jim McBreen-yes, Tiffany Sullivan-absent.

Watershed-

J McBreen spoke with J Tohill and what was needed for Benesh going forward for the grant, we need a color-coded map, a letter stating if we need any permits, & cost estimate.

Special-

Discussion & vote on Resolution for County Broadband

R Zimmerman, Schuylkill County is involved with Comcast and Verizon and possible others, there are looking to come into Schuylkill County and take care of under served areas. There is funding available that they can utilize at a discount or tax breaks on to get this done. 1.16 billion dollars for this program in Pennsylvania. What they need from us is if every municipality says that they are for it and will help in anyway. They need a resolution authorizing Broadband Ready Communities Program application. Ron has the resolution, passed it to Attorney Conville to look at, looks good. Loretta to retype on Borough Letterhead and to get signed by Scott Krater. Ron Zimmerman made a motion for the resolution/ Megan Borowski second the motion.

Treasurers Report-

Margaret Lubinsky reported:

The WF General Fund Ending 01/31/25 Beginning Balance	\$174,399.02
Checks & Payments	\$-23,874.14
Deposits & Credits	\$16,684.74
Cleared Balance	\$167,209.62
Ending Balance	\$186,843.49

The CACL General Fund ending 01/31/2025 Beginning Balance	\$253,461.38
Checks & Payments	\$-45,069.67
Deposits & Credits	\$17,292.55
Cleared Balance	\$225,684.26

Ending Balance **\$153,730.51**

M Lubinsky reported: Liquid Fuels ending 01/31/25 Beginning Balance **\$55,810.17**

Cleared Balance **\$22,935.39**

Ending Balance **\$16,803.84**

S Krater entertained a motion to accept Treasurers Report, J Sullivan motioned/W Devers second the motion.

Tax Collector Report- none received this month

Engineer Report-Jim Tohill / Benesh Report Attached

Fire Chief Report-

Mike Welsh-Fire Chief/

A total of 41 calls for the month of January ,2025- 14 Fire Calls/27 EMS calls

Mayor Report-

H Herndon/ has 3 applications for handy-cap signs within the borough. Chief Joe Ferraro to look at.

S Krater made a motion to accept Mayor's report R Zimmerman motioned/second by M Borowski.

Joe Ferraro, next month will have a detailed report for Council, backed up because of the computer failure.

Emergency Management-

Ben Schuettler/He received an e-mail from The County Planning & Zoning Committee, they are planning an Inaugural and is open to everyone in the room. //its an open session at Penn State Schuylkill Auditorium Thursday March 13th, @ 3;30 registration. There looking at blights, storm water flooding, and essential services.

Solicitor Report-

No report

Unfinished Business-no report

New Business-no report

Citizens Portion-n/a

Adjournment- Scott Krater, President of Council entertained a motion for Adjournment

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

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Skoufalos,
Borough Secretary