

Port Carbon Borough Council

February 04, 2020

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Scott Krater, Vice President, p
Mayor p

Ron Zimmerman, p
Solicitor a

Denise Krater p
Treasurer p

James McBreen p
Secretary p

Cathy Manning p

Tiffany Sullivan p

Mary Jo Ferraro p

ANCILLARY MEMBERS

Harold Herndon,

William Burke,

Peggy Lubinsky,

Luanne Mengle,

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

Citizen – Jeff Tucci, 600 3rd Street – Tucci reported that Ray Marchalonis from Collegeville, PA is the owner of the property. Tucci reported that he is lazy and doesn't do the repairs on the properties. Tucci reported he and his mother lives in the house. Tucci reported the owner says he can do the work but doesn't follow through. Tucci reported it is the same with getting coal with for the building heat. S. Krater asked about 602 3rd Street. Tucci

reported there are 2 apartments but only one is used. Tucci reported Marchalonis was there today taking some of the porch down. S. Krater stated McBreen will look into the code issues. Ferraro reported he received a message from the owner prior to the roof falling in.

Public Works – D. Krater reported Faust gave a list of items needed to fix potholes the committee will go over the list to see what can be done.

1. Krater reported all 9 of the Right-to-Knows were done. Another one was also received. Scanning of the items are being done out of office because our scanner is not working.

Property – Manning reported the Borough properties are in good shape. Manning is working with McBreen on properties to see what can be done since she has time to go to Court House and look into them.

1. Krater reported we received the renewals for Ehrlich to the spraying of the knot-weed.

Safety – S. Krater reported we need an executive session at the end of meeting.

Recreation – D. Krater reported the door to the ladies room at the playground is fixed.

Zoning/Code – McBreen contacted Ralph Hummel about Cherry Street, Rollover bar, Jackson Street and 21 Acre Street.

McBreen talked to Hummel about updating our Property Maintenance Code. McBreen reported we are still using 2006 and the updated one is 2018. Hummel suggested the update.

McBreen is working on a standard operating procedure for Code items. RTK's should not include complaints.

McBreen suggested a letter to homeowners to inform them of the Code and to fix problems. If problems aren't fixed then go after the owner.

McBreen reported with the Property Code we need a Board of Appeals in case there are any complaints.

McBreen stated we have a vacant house list to keep track of them.

1. Schuettler thought there is something on the books about the complaints being anonymous.

Manning asked if the Board of Appeals would be made up of Council members or outside. S. Krater stated it would be like the Zoning Board and Planning which is made up of outside citizens.

McBreen stated that Hummel suggest putting fines at \$400 to cover cost of Lehigh coming in to take care of the issues.

Sanitation – Ferraro reported she contacted the sanitation company and she is going to address the complaints about early pickup hours. Ferraro was told they will keep those streets until later.

Manning asked if we maintain the recycle bins. Mayor stated they are not on our property. Manning stated there is stuff all over the place. S. Krater stated a lot of other towns took them out.

Mayor – Mayor reported thanked D. Krater and Ferraro for taking care of the sanitation pick up issue.

Mayor asked about the Census map being checked. Zimmerman will have something for next meeting.

Unfinished business – S. Krater has estimates for computers and a copier that scans. S. Krater contacted the person that does the County and he has two different models with black and white and one with color and black and white. There are lease payments instead of buying. \$25 cost includes maintenance and ink. Smaller ones are not lease prices.

Finance can look at the agreements for next meeting. If anyone else has a place to look get a cost.

331. Krater handed out a Dell sheet for computers with a lease purchase. For 2 computers with office program included would be \$331.96 a quarter for 3 years. In 3 years they come back and replace it. Total cost for both would be \$3,738.84.

Tohill reported all letters are back except for Winstein. An agreement from Pagnotti was sent back for the Borough to look over. S. Krater told Burke last week that we needed an answer back to Tohill today and did not hear back. S. Krater recommends we sign for next meeting in order to get moving on the project. S. Krater talked to Bulino about insurance to make sure Pagnotti is not responsible which is what the agreement mentions. Bulino said that is not a problem.

1. Krater reported the Borough received a letter from Mechanicsville stated they contracted with Pottsville Fire Dept. for their Fire protection and taking Port Carbon off.

Palo Alto's dump truck died and they have one on order but it is 5 months out until they get it. Palo Alto asked if when Port Carbon needed, would help them out. Krater stated they do let us use the bucket truck when we need it.

1. Krater reported the County sent a letter to contract with the Borough for snow removal, which was signed and sent back.

New business – Chief Ferraro reported Palo Alto and Mechanicsville are not happy with Tamaqua Transfer. Ferraro asked with what we pay for sanitation a year, would it be feasible for the 3 Borough's to look into buying a garbage truck and doing our own garbage since the landfill is up on the Burma now. S. Krater stated it would be something to look into.

Executive Session – 7:45 to 8:11

Executive session was for Personnel Matters

1. Krater/Zimmerman motioned to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Luanne Mengle

Borough Secretary