

**Port Carbon Borough Council**  
**Regular Session Meeting**  
**January 16, 2024**

**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, a  
Loretta Skoufalos, Secretary, p

The meeting was called to order by President S Krater opening with the pledge of Allegiance.

**Meeting Minutes Approval (December 2023)**

S Krater entertained a motion to accept Minutes J McBreen motioned/ W Devers second the motion.

**Executive Session-**

There was an Executive Session called at 7:04 PM, ending at 7:14 PM, pertaining to Personnel matters.

**Citizens Portion-**

A gentleman had an application for Dave Rubright and handed it in to Scott Krater to deliver.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance**-no report

**Public Works-**

Co Stars Salt Contract for 2024-2025 discussion & vote-

S Krater/ we received the contract for salt for next year, we will put in the same, I believe its 176-ton, approx. Krater entertained a motion for the salt contract 2024/2025 R Zimmerman motioned/W Devers second the motion.

**Property-**

William Devers was invited to a meeting of The Library Board, the steps on the side of the building are slippery when wet, need to obtain some sort of sandy strips for grip under feet, and part of the landing is falling apart. The Library Board are also considering doing a lease for their building because they want to do a small games of chance license.

**Safety**-no report

**Recreation**- no report

**Zoning/Code Enforcement-**

Nick Hazlett Report Attached

Jim McBreen/

Hometown Heros will be meeting, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12 to 3 at the Vets for taking applications or checks, scan pictures, etc. and Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of February also from 1 to 4 pm.

**Personnel-** no report

**Sanitation-**

Sanitation pick-up will be this Saturday rather than the Friday pick-up because of the inclement weather.

**Special-**

Ron Zimmerman reported of getting an email, it's a letter from the sewer authority to the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce Board, they were inquiring about the flooding in Pottsville and Ian Lipton the chairman resigned as chairman and as a board member. Ron doesn't agree with everything in the letter so I wanted to know if you wanted to talk with Brian Dries or Vince Riotto, I don't know if its something Solicitor Prock wants to respond to.

**Treasurers Report-**

**Margaret Lubinsky reported: The General Fund Beginning Balance \$101,010.65**

<b>Checks &amp; Payments</b>	<b>\$77,347.95</b>
<b>Deposits &amp; Credits</b>	<b>\$74,852.82</b>
<b>Cleared Balance</b>	<b>\$98,515.52</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$53,603.41</b>

<b>M Lubinsky reported: Liquid Fuels beginning balance</b>	<b>\$74,041.65</b>
<b>Checks &amp; Payments</b>	<b>\$-10,348.31</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 63,409.69</b>

S Krater entertained a motion to accept Treasurers Report, R Zimmerman motioned/M Borowski second the motion.

**Tax Collector Report-** Not available at time of meeting

**From**

<b>Penalties</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Per Capita &amp; Occupational Tax</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Deposited</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Engineer Report-**Jim Tohill / Benesh Report Attached

**Fire Chief Report-**

A total of 26 calls for the month of December 2023- 11 Fire Calls/15 EMS calls

**Mayor Report-**

Handicap Parking application discussion & Vote

The handicap application for Roman/ North & Pine Street. S Krater entertained a motion to approve application. . J McBreen motioned/second by M Borowski

**Emergency Management-**

Ben Schuettler on January 31, 2024 @ 6pm Penn Stat Schuylkill in the Health & Wellness Building. (Mitigation)

**Solicitor Report-**

Attorney James Conville thanked Council for the appointment of his seat of the Borough Council as Solicitor

**Unfinished Business-**

S Krater, there is a claim in for the accident on Friday. Awaiting accident report

Discussion on Tasers & Body Cameras and possible vote

Budget discussion & Vote

J McBreen/5 body cameras from Motorola, 5-year lease- new cameras after 2 ½ years, year 1 \$5,140.00 years 2 through 5 \$4,500. Per year. Tasers are for 4 taser 7's, which shoot long and short-range cartridges, its \$2,208. Per year. Over 5-year period is \$11,040. J McBreen motioned/M Borowski second the motion.

J McBreen/recently we stuck a Center St sign on Center Street, he received a phone call that its not Center Street, but Ridge side Drive, so Jim investigated the situation, upon completion the results are years ago Mr. Kuperavage paid for the sign of Ridge side Drive and all the paperwork done, Mayor Herndon believes Jim McBreen should reach out to Attorney Burke to find out where the Ordinance is first. So, Determination is pending.

**New Business-**

Committee appointments, Civil Service Commission (Frank Messina, Greg Schuettler,), Code Enforcement (Lee Strause, Frank Messina, Craig Lowthert) Board, Quality of Life Officer(pending), Sewer Enforcement Officer (William Brior), S Krater entertained a motion for those appointed J McBreen motioned/second by W Devers. Flood Planning & Control Committee (Jim McBreen Devers, Mike Welsh, Megan Borowski, Ben Schuettler, Cheryl Bullock, Harold Herndon), S Krater entertained a motion for the flood committee J McBreen motioned/ R Zimmerman second the motion.

Appointments and votes-S Krater entertained a motioned for The Civil Service Commission- Frank Messina 2 years, Nick Hazlett 4years, Greg Schuettler 6 years. M Borowski motioned/W Devers second the motion.

Salary discussion & Vote-

Council voted for non-contractual personnel and approved a 3%, W Devers motioned/.M Browski second the motion

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**Citizens Portion-n/a**

**Adjournment-** S Krater, President entertained a motion for Adjournment

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

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Skoufalos,  
Borough Secretary