PORT CARBON BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 21, 2026

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Scott Krater, President, p
Harold Herndon, Vice President, p
Megan Borowski, p
William Devers, p
Kim Hrenyo, p
Cody Herndon, p
Heather Maley, p

ANCILLARY:
James McBreen, Mayor, p
James Conville, Solicitor, p
Ann Miller, Treasurer, p
Angela LaSelva, Secretary, p

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Krater opening with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7pm.

Minutes Approval:
C. Herndon motioned to approve June meeting minutes; seconded M. Borowski.

Executive Session:
None

Citizens Portion:
None

Committee Reports:

Finance: None
Public Works: H. Herndon reported Dave & Larry will repair the area on Coal Steet and reported the sewage smell is still present from Commerce Street area. The Code Enforcement Officer will check the area.
Dave Rubright asked if the cameras on the Borough garage could be switched around and another camera purchased due to people dropping off metal/appliances etc in the lot.
H. Herndon motioned to approve the purchase of another camera, not to exceed $250.00; seconded W. Devers. Additional signage will be placed at the back of the garage.
M. Borowski reported several people messaging her about a section of the railroad tracks on Pottsville Street being damaged. W. Devers added the tracks on Commerce/Jackson St are getting bad. Nothing can be done until the railroad decides to fix it.
A discussion regarding the 2026 Road Project ensued. President S. Krater discussed the loan options. CACL will appraise all Borough property for $4500.00 and then hold the property as collateral. The USDA can provide a general obligation bond for a total of $660,000.00 for 18 road projects. The cost would be $51,000.00/year and will be paid through the yearly Liquid Fuels allotment.
H. Herndon motioned to approve acquiring a loan for the 2026 Road Project based on bids received after advertisement; seconded W. Devers.

Property: W. Devers reported the AC unit at the library needed repair. Bensinger was called and the unit was fixed.
Safety: Mayor J. McBreen would like to hold a meeting with the Safety Committee to discuss police contract negotiations.
H. Maley reported she has not seen any State Police on Pottsville Street monitoring speed. John Bower will move the speed sign to Pottsville Street for $150.00.
Recreation: H. Herndon reported the Outdoor Market will be at Lubinsky Playground Sunday July 26.
Zoning/Code Enforcement: C. Herndon reported receiving multiple complaints of high grass. 51 properties received violations. Officer Hazlett submitted a report with 17 topics of interest. He also submitted information regarding becoming the Borough's Floodplain Administrator, and information regarding the recent PA Supreme Court ruling on Skill Games.
M. Borowski asked about fees for development in floodplain; permit fees depend on the work being completed.
H. Maley reported the strong sewage smell on Pottsville/Commerce Streets.
Personnel: None
Sanitation: None
Watershed: None
Special: None

Treasurer's Report: A. Miller read the report for the month:

Wells Fargo Beginning Balance	$271,029.29
Checks/Payments	$7,717.09
Deposits/Credits	$20,828.07
Balance as of 6/30/26	$284,128.77

CACL General Fund Beginning Balance	$334,753.66
Checks/Payments	$100,949.93
Deposits/Credits	$37,741.87
Balance as of 6/30/26	$252,824.57

Tax Collector's Report: A. Miller read the collection report for 6/16/26-6/30/26:

Real Estate	$9,949.02
Per Capita	$120.00
Borough Tax	$210.00

M. Borowski motioned to accept the report; seconded H. Herndon.

Engineer's Report: Jim Tohill read the report.
-FEMA Update Schuylkill River Channel Wall repairs, all project close out documentation has been submitted. An anticipated reimbursement of $42,613.09 will be allocated once the project is approved.
-FEMA General Update submitted the DAP-12 form for administrative reimbursement of $16,289.00.

-North St and Coal St CDBG Curb Ramps, finalizing the designs and bid package.
-Growing Greener Grant Update nothing to report.
-LSA Grant update, internal survey of the new building will be Thursday.
-2026 Borough Road Project update, a proposal will be submitted to prepare a bid package for this project.
W. Devers motioned to approve the CFA Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Resolution for $437,000.00; seconded M. Borowski.

Fire Chief Report: A report was submitted for the month. There were 35 total calls, 8 fire and 27 EMS.

Mayors Report: Mayor J. McBreen requested to meet with the Finance Committee to discuss two grant options for police coverage, the Safety Committee to discuss contract negotiations and the Recreation Committee to review Amendments to Borough Ordinance Chapter 166: Recreation Areas and Parks.
Mayor also thanked the Public Works Department for using their weed whacker for clearing the island of vegetation near S. Coal and Rt 209.
He would also like to add a link for Mammoth Recycling (electronics recycling) on the Borough website.
He is happy to report an increase in police coverage.
Waiting to receive certification for completing the 287(g)-training program.

Emergency Management: None

Solicitor's Report: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: President S. Krater reported two pest control plans. The termite service is $1500 for the initial service and $300/year. Mice/rats/ants service is $425 for the initial service and $75/month after.
H. Maley approved both pest control plans; seconded W. Devers.
There will be two live music concerts next week. Third Brigade Band on Tuesday at 7pm at the Veterans Memorial Park, and the Cressona Band will also perform on Wednesday at 7pm at Veterans Memorial Park.
H. Herndon reported the Dieter Farm stand is doing very well.

Citizens Participation:
Ron Zimmerman reported on several topics:
GPASA tabled the first reading of the street excavation ordinance. They are waiting to see a revised draft from the utility companies. The fees are low and the ordinance is out of date. It was suggested council read the current street excavation ordinance for Port Carbon. He also asked if the Borough will be repairing inlets during the paving project. It

can be bid as an alternate. Two are in good condition, but 2-3 are in poor condition. He also discussed possible financing options for the paving project.

As there was no further business a motion to adjourn was made by M. Borowski at 8:13pm; seconded C. Herndon.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela LaSelva
Secretary
Port Carbon Borough