

**Port Carbon Borough Council
Work Session Meeting
July 5, 2022**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Scott Krater, President, p
Ron Zimmerman, Vice-President, p
James McBreen, p
Jespersen, Treasurer, p
Tiffany Sullivan, a
Megan Borowski, p
William Devers, p
Jorge Sullivan, a

ANCILLARY MEMBERS

Harold Herndon, Mayor, p
William Burke, Solicitor, a
Sharon
Loretta Skoufalos, Secretary, p

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

Announcement of Executive Session- None held since previous.

Citizens Portion-

Tom McCabe congratulated the 4th of July Committee for a job well done with the fireworks.

Dave Rubright commented on the great clean up at Miller's Playground after the 4th of July, however was very displeased with the garbage, beer cans, and bottles that were left at Lubinsky Park.

Jim McBreen had a concerned citizen who couldn't make it to a meeting, if there is some sort of mailbox to drop her comments into, council agrees to let her put it in the mailbox at the bottom of borough hall.

Executive Session-

There was an Executive Session held this evening from 7:09 pm and returning at 7:43 pm pertaining to personnel and real estate matters.

Committee Reports:

Finance:

R Zimmerman went over the budget with S Jespersen, everything looks like its on track, will give council a copy after I go over a couple of items.

ARPA Funds-2nd Allocation update- This should soon be available to us.

Borough News Magazine Renewal-First Magazine is free, council agrees to share rather than subscribe for everyone.

Property discussion & Vote- A property going up in a private sale, however the property owes delinquent sanitation, the property number is 59-2-356 bid amount \$2,000.

Public Works-

Street Projects (Liquid Fuels) Approval for Bids for 16 possible locations & Vote- Vote is for 10 street projects, possible 3 to 4 more. J McBreen motioned/R Zimmerman second the vote.

Motion for adjustment if needed W Devers/second by J McBreen.

Garage Door discussion & Vote- Dave Rubright (Supervisor), will get a quote for the Borough garage door.

All in favor, J McBreen motioned/M Borowski second the motion.

Property- No Report

Safety- The Schuylkill County Fire Chiefs Association sent out a letter concerning recommendations for the first responders that they want the borough to sign and agree to before

the end of September. It is not incumbent on the borough; it would be the fire chief. S Krater stated it would fall upon the Fire Chief or Assistant Chiefs to enforce and if not, they would have to answer to council.

Recreation- No report

Zoning/Code Enforcement- J McBreen along with Eric Siegfried did a Quality-of-Life sweep, a walk around a few streets in town.

Concerns about a permanent yard sale in town.

Personnel-

Premium share contributions & possible vote- R Zimmerman stated the open enrollment will be coming up August 1, 2022 offered to employees, spouse, child, and family, you'll have a meeting with Power Kunkle and they will officially go over everything with you. We need to vote on the premium contributions that they addressed with us. S Krater entertained a motion to take care of this. R Zimmerman motioned/W Devers second the motion.

Sanitation- Garbage pick-up will be Saturday, July 9th because of the 4th of July Holiday.

Special-

GPASA Inter- Municipal agreement signed with City of Pottsville- R Zimmerman attended the GPASA meeting and they voted and passed to approve the Inter-Municipal Agreement with the City of Pottsville which we are opposing along with Palo Alto as Charter Members we feel its illegal to do without our vote and approval. Future may hold Court proceedings.

Borough Representative on GPASA- update discussion & Vote- table till next meeting

Growing Greener Tree removal update and final payment to Blue Crue (\$8,500) vote- S Krater entertained a motioned for final payment to Blue Crue in the amount of \$8,500. R Zimmerman motioned/second by M Borowski.

Mayor's Report- H Herndon, fireworks went off well, pleased with only a few minor complaints

Part time officer & vote- An application for a new hire (Justin Ruhl) Harold Herndon would like to make a motion to hire new police officer. J McBreen motioned/R Zimmerman second the motion.

New Business- No Report

Adjournment- S Krater entertained a motion for Adjournment

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

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Skoufalos,
Borough Secretary