

**Port Carbon Borough Council
General Purpose Work Session
July 6, 2021**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Scott Krater, Vice President, p
Ron Zimmerman, p
Denise Krater p - call in

James McBreen p
Cathy Manning - call in
Tiffany Sullivan, p
Mary Jo Ferraro, p

ANCILLARY MEMBERS

Harold Herndon, Mayor p
William Burke, Solicitor a
Peggy Lubinsky, Treasurer

Luanne Mengle, Secretary p

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The meeting was called to order by President Scott Krater with the Pledge of Allegiance. An executive session was held on July 1, 2021 from 7:20 to 7:59 for personnel matters

Citizen - Jeremy Powlick handed in a change to the handicap application that is more compliant with the Hippa law and ADA regulations to see about adopting the newer form. S. Krater stated we will run the form by the Solicitor and see about voting on it at that time. Checked out the Fire Co. website which is protected but the Borough website is not protected. Would like to see if the Borough could check into this.

Finance - Zimmerman reported he submitted the ARPA grant and waiting for approval. Demolition on Encounters was started today with only a couple issues. Those issues will be addressed.

Public Works - D. Krater the work on the inlets will be starting. Faust and Eich cleaned everything up from the fireworks. D. Krater stated we appreciated all the things Faust did for the Borough and he will be missed. Faust left a list for Eich on items that need to be done.

Property - Manning reported the 5 year lease is worked out for the Magistrate. It will be a 2 ½ % increase each year. Zimmerman suggest having Burke look at the contract before signing.

Safety - S. Krater thanked the Police Dept., Fire Dept., Fire Police, and Borough workers for their help with the parade and fireworks. Everything went well.

Recreation - No report.

Zoning - McBreen reported there will be a variance hearing.

S. Krater reported Kevin Strunk contacted the borough to report that the County put the cell tower in the hands of the Borough. Strunk sent the email which said it has to go to zoning.

McBreen feels it should go to planning.

McBreen/Sullivan motioned to move forward with the cell tower and ice cream store. Motion approved.

Personnel - S. Krater read Peggie Lubinsky's resignation letter.

Zimmerman/Ferraro motioned to regretfully accept Lubinsky's resignation letter. Motion approved.

McBreen/Zimmerman motioned to regretfully accept Luanne Mengle's resignation letter as of July 31st. Motion approved.

Zimmerman/Sullivan motioned to regretfully accept Bob Faust's resignation letter as of July 23rd. Motion approved.

S. Krater reported there were 3 applicants. 2 did not call back. Sharon Jesperson was interviewed. McBreen/Sullivan motioned to hire Sharon Jesperson as Borough Treasurer. Motion approved.

Manning/Ferraro offered to help with office work until we get someone.

Ferraro/Manning motioned to advertise 3 days for public works worker and borough secretary in the paper with resumes and letter of interest due by July 19th.

Mayor reported no more resumes for full time officer will be received after today. Mayor reported we have two applicants as of today. Mayor would like Safety committee to meet with Palo Alto and Mechanicsville for the 2 applicants we did receive. Mayor reported the part time officers we did hire, Elizabeth, Greg and Liam have been coming out and working out well.

With the Inter-municipal agreement there is an 8 person committee Port Carbon has 50%, Palo Alto 25% and Mechanicsville 25%. That committee comes back to Port Carbon with a recommendation and then it is up to Port Carbon to hire for a full time officer.

Sanitation - Ferraro reported Mike Bennett reported his tenants garbage wasn't picked up at 212 Canal St. Ferraro called Tamaqua Transfer who went back to check and picked up what was there.

Special - No report.

S. Krater reported Tohill has the easements for the creek wall. Foley's signed their easement. Spiess and Winstin will need to sign theirs. The project will then go out to bid.

Mayor - Mayor thanked the Police, Fire Co. and everyone else that helped with July 4th. Mayor stated the Citizen's committee needs more people to get involved with the committee to help hold events and raise money for the Fourth of July events.

Citizen - Jeremy Powlick would like to know what roles are needed for the committee. Mayor reported there is set up/take down, staffing for the events, help with the food fair with the Vets, getting items for the Chinese auction. Anything that helps.

McBreen asked Chief Ferraro about livestock. Chief Ferraro stated we do but it is very old. S. Krater received ordinances from a resident on Jackson St for fireworks. S. Krater stated we have to take a look at these. Chief Ferraro stated not all fireworks are legal.

Zimmerman would like to see what CACL would have to offer if the accounts would move over from Wells Fargo. S. Krater/Manning would agree to that. Chief Ferraro would like Council to consider part time salary go to 19 for weekday 20 for weekends. Ashland is paying 20. Holidays worked is time and ½ for part time. Safety committee would have to meet to discuss that. Zimmerman/Ferraro motioned to adjourn. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Luanne Mengle
Borough Secretary