PORT CARBON BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 16, 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, a
Angela LaSelva, Secretary, p

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

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

Executive Session:
Began at 7:12pm to discuss personnel; ended at 7:31pm.

Citizens Portion:
-Lynn Maley, Coal Street, complained about the neighboring lot being cluttered with construction debris and the owners blocking the easement at the rear of her property. She is also concerned about the children's safety that are playing in the area. President S. Krater asked for her to send him the pictures.
-Megan Borowski reported two residents making her aware of two separate issues. There is a house on Acre St with an extension cord going across the street. And homeless were found inside the pumphouse at Miller's Playground. St. Clair Police Department secured the building.

Committee Reports:

Finance: None
Public Works: H. Herndon reported he received the proposal from MC Contracting to repair the storm drain on Valley St. The estimated cost is $4800.00. Ron Zimmerman added there was $5000 budgeted for repairs for this year.
H. Herndon motioned to accept the proposal and repair the storm drain with the budgeted funds; seconded W. Devers.
President S. Krater thanked Dave and Larry for removing the tree stump.
Property: President S. Krater reported 2 trees need to be cut down at the church, and one needs to be trimmed.
H. Herndon motioned to move forward with the tree removal and trimming; seconded W. Devers.

The Road Paving Project is estimated to cost $600,000.00 and will include 18 roads. If bid altogether as one project, there will be a significant savings.
H. Herndon motioned to research a loan for the Road Project by next work session, July 7; seconded C. Herndon.
Safety: None
Recreation: M. Borowski reported the soccer practice schedule for the upcoming weeks at Lubinsky Playground: Sunday June 14, 21, 28 and possibly July 5 from 11am-12pm.
President S. Krater reported Pep's Pub donating $358.00 towards the Fireworks Display on July 4.
H. Herndon and his wife would like to donate plants for the flowerbox at Lubinsky Playground.
Mayor J. McBreen reported he spoke with police about the playground incidents. A fight was observed when he was checking the cameras. Anyone engaging in that behavior will be banned from the playground. And if they return, they will be charged with trespassing.
Zoning/Code Enforcement: C. Herndon reported Officer Hazlett is on vacation this week. Anything Skills Games related has been tabled until further notice.
Mayor J. McBreen reported rats making their way to a chicken "coup" on Jackson St. All chickens must have been registered with the Borough, and this property has not.
Personnel: M. Borowski reported Ann's vacations in July and October.
Sanitation: C. Herndon reported $5101.20 in delinquent sanitation fees have been collected by Creditech.
Watershed: None
Special: H. Herndon reported Dieter Farms will be selling fresh local produce in front of the Senior Building on Tuesdays from 3-7pm. He will keep everyone updated on dates.

Treasurer's Report: K. Hrenyo read the report for the month:

Wells Fargo Beginning Balance	$264,533.16
Checks/Payments	$8,113.30
Deposits/Credits	$14,611.59
Balance as of 5/31/26	$270,610.65
Wells Fargo Liquid Fuels Beginning Balance	$0
Checks/Payments	$0
Deposits/Credits	$0
Balance as of 4/30/26	$87,528.41
CACL General Fund Beginning Balance	$212,269.35
Checks/Payments	$117,093.99
Deposits/Credits	$239,578.30
Balance as of 5/31/26	$294,000.61

W. Devers motioned to accept the report; seconded H. Herndon.

Tax Collector's Report: K. Hrenyo read the collection report for 5/16/26-5/31/26:

Real Estate	$5,385.78

Per Capita	$85.00
Borough Tax	$148.75

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

Engineer's Report: Jim Tohill read the report.
-FEMA Update Schuylkill River Channel Wall repairs, work has been completed
-FEMA General Update DAP-12 form for administrative reimbursement of $16,289.00.
-FEMA Update Mill Creek Channel Wall repairs, June 10, 2026 FEMA indicated the project is compliant and officially closed out.
-North St and Coal St CDBG Curb Ramps, they continue to complete the ramp designs and bid packet for this project.
-Growing Greener Grant Update, an anticipated amount between $30,630.60 and $31,757.08.
-LSA Grant update, there will be a meeting regarding plans for the renovations on Thursday.
-2026 Borough Road Project update, a conceptual cost estimate has been prepared. They can also provide a proposal for engineering services to prepare a bid package.
-2026 Dirt Gravel and Low Volume Maintenance Program update, the Borough has reapplied for this grant. Possibly awarded later this summer.

Fire Chief Report: A report was submitted for the month. There were 30 total calls, 6 fire and 24 EMS.

Mayors Report: Mayor J. McBreen reported on police coverage hours for July totaling 59 hours, 39 regular hours and 20 for July 4.
K. Hrenyo motioned to cut back police hours to 30 hours per week after the summer months with some holiday exceptions; seconded H. Maley.
K. Hrenyo motioned to approve the sale of the handguns not being used by the police department by an approved federal gun dealer; seconded H. Maley.
H. Herndon motioned to approve converting two shotguns that are not being used over to non-lethal bean bags not to exceed $400.00; seconded W. Devers.
W. Devers motioned to approve the purchase of a used IPad from the PASD for police department to use for security camera surveillance not to exceed $130.00; seconded K. Hrenyo.

Emergency Management: None

Solicitor's Report: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: President S. Krater reported on the Fourth of July Celebrations:
Port Carbon July Fourth Run/Walk begins at 8am, the children's parade steps off at 10am and the fireworks display begins at 9:30 with the biggest display so far.

Pottsville City is also hosting a Fourth of July 250th Celebration on June 27 beginning with a parade at 11am. Refreshments and activities to follow until 5pm.
W. Devers, Mayor J. McBreen, H. Maley and H. Herndon expressed interest in creating a float for the parade. They will try to meet to come up with ideas.
Palo Alto Borough is hosting a rededication of the Michael J (Fudd) Ferugio memorial on September 11 at 5pm.
The vote on health care renewal was tabled.

Citizens Participation:
George, resident, disappointed about the Borough's enrollment in the 287(g) program. He also asked that council speak up because some of them cannot be heard during the meetings. He also noticed carpenter ants on the church floor. Erlich will be called tomorrow. He also had questions about the Savvy Citizen app which were answered after the meeting.
Ron Zimmerman, resident, let JJ Thomas know what roads will be paved so he can order manhole risers.
Dave Rubright reported on work being done to a condemned building. C. Herndon will talk with Officer Hazlett about it.
Megan Borowski questioned if tractor trailers are allowed to be parked in town.
Secretary Angela LaSelva reported three complaints received in the office:
-Smoke shop blow up device is causing issues for the man living above the shop.
-Cat urine smell coming from 29 Pottsville St.
-High grass and weeds at 245 Pike St.

As there was no further business a motion to adjourn was made by M. Borowski at 8:39pm; seconded C. Herndon.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela LaSelva
Secretary
Port Carbon Borough