

**Port Carbon Borough Council
Regular Session Meeting
June 18, 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, a

ANCILLARY MEMBERS

Harold Herndon, Mayor, p
James Conville, Solicitor, p
Margaret Lubinsky, Treasurer, p
Loretta Skoufalos, Secretary, p

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

Meeting Minutes Approval (May 2024)

S Krater entertained a motion to accept minutes M Borowski motioned/ W Devers second the motion.

Executive Session-

There was an Executive Session called at 8:20 PM, ending at 8:32 PM, pertaining to personnel matters.

Citizens Portion-

G Thomas asked Mayor Harold Herndon if he had any idea of the drug dealings in Port Carbon, Mayor Herndon replied dealing is at a high level and mode of transportation is bicycle.

Committee Reports:

Finance-

Discussion and Vote on Audit Proposal-

R Zimmerman/we have a proposal from Synder & Clemente, we were paying \$3,000.00 in 2018, their proposal is \$6,500.00 and they are looking to do 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, & 2023 audits. They expect to get us caught up 100% by April 30, 2025. Ron Zimmerman would like to make a motion to approve the agreement with Synder & Clemente for fee for service for year ending 2019 through 2023 at \$6,500.00 each year for a total of \$32,500.00, invoices will be rendered as work progresses. Megan Borowski second the motion. Margaret Lubinsky is working on the budget; it will be done tomorrow.

Public Works-

Discussion and possible vote on Temp Service Hire-

Scott Krater on Peoples Share, William Devers made a motion to sign agreements with both companies, Ron Zimmerman second the motion.

Discussion & Vote on Personnel-

Scott Krater entertained a motion to increase public works worker Tom Pavlick's wage increase to \$15.00 per hour. Megan Borowski motioned/second by James McBreen

Property—

Ron Zimmerman has the paperwork with him to sell 208 Valley Street & 501 Second Street, the minimum for Valley St. is \$3,750.00 & Second St. for \$910.00, whatever it goes for would go back to the County, the only stipulation is Council shall make public announcement of the Council intention to sell the real-estate at a regular meeting or special meeting of Council at least 30 days prior to the sale.

Ron is going to put it on the agenda & approve it on July 2nd & receive the bids from people on Tuesday, August6, 2024.

Safety-

Scott Krater/comcast is scheduled to be here the 27th of June for the Police & then ultimately the body cameras, the internet.

Recreation- no report

Zoning/Code Enforcement-

Nick Hazlett/discussion on Victor control/report attached

Personnel- no report

Sanitation- no report

Watershed-

James McBreen/they had a meeting, but he'll let Jim Tohill handle that in his report

Special-

Ron Zimmerman/The 2024 Schuylkill County CDBG funding is out again, right now we are doing curb ramps, we can apply for something else or wait until next year.

Treasurers Report-

Margaret Lubinsky reported: The General Fund Beginning Balance ending 5/31/24 \$318,682.24

Checks & Payments	\$262,385.97
Deposits & Credits	\$47,642.78
Cleared Balance	\$102,939.05
Ending Balance	\$94,495.72

Scott Krater entertained a motion to accept both the Treasurers Report and The Tax Collector Report James McBreen motioned/Ron Zimmerman second the motion.

Liquid Fuels-Period ending 5/31/2024 Beginning Balance \$3,366.39

Deposits & Credits	\$61,171.11
Cleared Balance	\$64,537.50
Ending Balance	\$64,253.29

Mary Jo Ferraro, Tax Collector Report- 6/1/24 to 6/15/24

Real Estate Tax Collected	\$3685.19
Per Capita Collected	\$50.00
Borough Tax	\$87.50
Total Collected	\$3822.69

We received a check from Mary Jo Ferraro for \$3822.69

Engineer Report

Jim Tohill report attached..

Scott Krater entertained a motion for payment of both J Phillips Excavating for \$15,304.74 & Gladski Tree Service for \$7,600.00. J Tohill recommends payment in full. And based on Engineers recommendations James McBreen motioned/second by Megan Borowski.

Scott Krater also entertained a motion to give Benesch the authority they are looking for. James McBreen motioned/second by William Devers

Fire Chief Report-

A total of 24 calls for the month of May 2024- 6 Fire Calls/18 EMS calls

Mayor Report-

Mayor Harold Herndon talked to Nick Morgan about getting gas from Padfield on the weekends because John's Service Station closes so early on the weekend.

Mayor is also looking for volunteers for July 4th, Parade at 10 am, 5 K Run for lining up.

Emergency Management- no report

Solicitor Report-

James Conville received a packet from the DA's Office, an agreement for review.

Unfinished Business-

Fisher Tree Service, Scott Krater to reach out about the tree in the cemetery

New Business-

Dave Rubright needs mulch for both playgrounds, Dave to get prices.

Citizens Portion-n/a

Adjournment- Scott Krater, President entertained a motion for Adjournment

Jim McBreen motioned to Adjourn/R Zimmerman second the motion.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Skoufalos,
Borough Secretary