Port Carbon Borough Council
Work Session
June 02, 2026

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Scott Krater, President, P
Harold Herndon, Vice President, p
Megan Borowski, P
William Devers, P
Kim Hrenyo, P
Cody Herndon, A
Heather Maley, P

ANCILLARY MEMBERS

James McBreen, Mayor, P
James Conville, Solicitor, A
Ann Miller, Treasurer, P
Angela LaSelva, Secretary, P

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

Mayor James McBreen swore in the new per diem police officer, Matthew Cromyak.

Citizen's Portion:
None

Executive Session:
Entered at 7:04pm to discuss personnel, ended at 7:07pm.

Committee Reports:
Finance- None
Public Works- W. Devers motioned to approve tree trimming at Veterans Park for $300 by Rudy Grubbs; seconded M. Borowski.
H. Herndon thanked Larry and Dave for the stone laid on Chestnut St; it looks good.
Mayor J. McBreen was contacted to see if the Borough was interested in hiring part time summer help, must be 18.
W. Devers requested a committee meeting.
Property- President S. Krater spoke with the architect renovating the church, who recommended using the second floor of the building for municipal offices etc. Council declined that proposal. There will be a meeting with him on Thursday to discuss further plans. The outside of the building needs attention, i.e. paint.
W. Devers reported Jim Reidy finished work on the roof of the parsonage house. He also redid some work done by another contractor at no additional cost. It was also reported that estimates for the steeple repair were requested by next meeting so the work can be reimbursed by the LSA grant.
Recreation- M. Borowski reported once the app for the cameras at the playground is installed council can access the Lubinsky playground at any time. Jeff Dunkel asked about storage for the picnic table he is donating.
Zoning/Code Enforcement- N. Hazlett presented his report with 7 topics of interest. 225 Second St regarding a tree falling on the neighboring property; 110 Jackson St regarding animal feces on neighboring property; sewer shut offs for 29 Acre St, 108 Pottsville St and 123 Pike St; 86 Coal St for a stop work order with a discussion regarding permits for skills games ensuing; make ready notifications for 3 poles in the Borough (permit fees $2500 per pole, 26 poles); 30 Coal St for a follow-up regarding a shed falling over into the neighboring property; 317 Second St for complaints of high grass.
Mayor J. McBreen reported a Skills Games Ordinance has been drafted and he suggests the fee be set at $1000.00 per machine.

W. Devers reported high grass at 129 Jackson St and 119 Spruce St. He also reported the grass was cut at 123 Jackson St.
K. Hrenyo reported the grass has not been cut on the corner of Oak and Wood Streets.
Personnel- M. Borowski reported the office will have modified hours the week of June 8, 2026. Monday June 8 from 11-2pm. Closed Tuesday June 9 and Wednesday June 10. Regular hours resume the following week.
Sanitation- Mayor J. McBreen reported receiving two calls from Casella. One was asking if everything was ok, and another because they received the letter and invoice from the missed garbage pickup. They stated they received no complaints on this matter, which is not correct.
A. Miller reported sanitation collection is in the green so far for 2026.
H. Herndon reported the sanitation committee should be contacted by Casella directly moving forward.
Watershed- W. Devers reported the GTRP grant has been submitted.
Special- H. Herndon reported the Schuylkill County Market asked if any groups will be selling food on the market dates at Lubinsky playground as they will not invite multiple food vendors if so.

Mayor's Report:
Mayor J. McBreen reported on several topics. The MOA for the 287(g) Task Force Model has been received and accepted by US Immigration; thanks to Chief Ferraro and Councilwoman H. Maley for their help. The GTRP grant was submitted to DCED with special thanks to Dave Argall, Tim Twardzik, Susan Smith, Cheryl Bolich, Liberty Oil, Skook Headwaters, Skook Conservation Dist. And Palo Alto for their LOS. The batteries needed for the AED's were found at Home Depot for $29.87 a pack and will be purchased this week. Two batteries for tasers have been ordered at $117.16 per battery ($234.32). The mayor also proposes increasing police hours for July and August to 118, which would add $3304 for police payroll. This has been tabled until next meeting.

New Business:
President S. Krater reported Jim Tohill submitted the low volume road grant, and along with Dave Rubright completed the required course.
Mayor J. McBreen reminded everyone of the Spring Cleanup this Saturday. Refrigerators must be free of freon, tagged and the doors removed. Saturday June 20th will be another electronics recycling event hosted by Dave Argall and Tim Twardzik at the Schuylkill Haven High School from 10am until 1pm.

Citizen's Portion:
-K. Kirkland, Pottsville St, questioned if the Letter X Garbage Ordinance will be passed. A conversation followed.

As there was no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by M. Borowski at 8:09pm; seconded W. Devers.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela LaSelva
Secretary
Port Carbon Borough