

**Port Carbon Borough Council
Regular Session Meeting
March 15, 2022**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

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.

Meeting Minutes Approval (February 2022) R Zimmerman motioned for approval/ J McBreen second the motion.

Announcement of Executive Session- There was no Executive Session held.

Citizens Portion-Allison Wagner of 27 Acre St. stated she would like to have another Internet provider in town, she created a petition with over 200 names. S Krater addressed the issue and will be in touch with her when he can have some answers.
Mike Welsh had parking complaints on Jackson and Coal St.

Committee Reports:

Finance: R Zimmerman gave council a copy of the budget to review. Also, He signed up for a webinar on The ARPA Grant, we have to get together to decide on what projects to do within the borough.

Public Works- S Krater received a list from Dave Rubright (borough Supervisor), we, the council will have to get together and go over it before the next meeting.

Property- J McBreen along with B Burke are working on the exoneration of 318 N Coal St.

Safety- J McBreen wants to organize and get things ready for the Fire Ordinance.

Recreation- T Sullivan stated The Cressona Band would like to use the Gazebo on July 20, 2022 needed approval from council. Council approved.
June 25, 2022 the fee was waived for the Cornhole Tournament.

Zoning/Code Enforcement-

Report from Code Officer-Report Attached

J McBreen asked Council for some suggestions for Code Officer Nick Hazlett, he is in need of Identification when going into different houses and inspections. S Krater said to give him a day or so.

M Borowski asked Mr. Hazlett to check on a property located at 527 1st St.

Personnel- no report

Sanitation- J McBreen received some vacant lot billing. As of March 15,2022, \$21,825.00 was collected. To date \$57,991.25.

Special-S Krater received a call from GPASA, never had a meeting. Palo Alto is sending a letter, we would like to duplicate this. We would like a Representative from the Borough, Executive Director, or Solicitor from the Sewer Authority to come to one of our Meetings and explain what's going on.

Treasurer's Report- S Jespersen reported period ending 2/28/2022, **The General Fund** Beginning Balance was \$281,226.11 Checks and Payments \$189,492.55, Deposits \$93,146.76, Total Cleared Transactions \$96,345.79, Cleared Balance \$184,880.32, Ending Balance \$163,042.47 of that \$92,893.93 is ARPA Grant Fund.

Liquid Fuels- Beginning Balance \$82,625.31, Cleared Transactions \$1,513.56, Deposits/Credits \$0.62, Cleared Balance \$81,112.37, Ending Balance \$138,969.49.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report, T Sullivan motioned/J McBreen second the motion.

Tax Collectors Report-March 1, 2022 through March 14, 2022-\$47,022.43 minus commission \$2,351.12, Balance \$44,671.31

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Engineer Report-Report Attached/ Motion to accept report R Zimmerman/ J McBreen second the motion.

Growing Greener, motioned to accept S Krater/M Borowski second the motion.

Fire Chief Report- Mike Welsh reported for February 2022, 31 Total calls, 13 Fire Calls, 18 EMS Calls.

Mayor's Report- H Herndon reported the discussion on the new Police Car at previous meeting, All in favor of Premier Uplifts, LLC in Palo Alto. Motioned by J McBreen/ W Devers second the motion, pending Solicitor's approval of USDA paperwork.

Also, Mayor Herndon wants to update the handicap signs along with Officer Joe Murton and Dave Rubright.

Unfinished Business- No Report

New Business- Mike Scanlon property, 10 % of money stays with the borough in a Fire Escrow Acct., till restoration is so far along. Also upcoming will be the Gerber Property.

Citizens Portion- Dave Rubright, any return on the DO NOT ENTER sign.

Adjournment- S Krater made a motion for Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn R Zimmerman/ T Sullivan second the motion.

Meeting Adjourned.

Special Thanks to Miss Cally Chiccini (student at Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing) helped on transcribing the Minutes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Skoufalos,
Borough Secretary