

**Port Carbon Borough Council**  
**Regular Session Meeting**  
**March 19, 2024**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

**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 S Krater opening with the pledge of Allegiance.

**Meeting Minutes Approval (February 2024)**

S Krater entertained a motion to accept Minutes M Borowski motioned/ J McBreen second the motion.

**Executive Session-**

There was an Executive Session called at 7:15 PM, ending at 7:44 PM, pertaining to Personnel & Real Estate matters.

**Citizens Portion-**

Mary Jo Ferraro would like Council to consider updating the Tax Cert Fees to \$15.00 and \$10.00 for duplicate bills (The title company pays for it).

Mike Welsh/ Generator for Senior Building, Borough spreader, Mike educated himself & talked with Tony from Perkiomen Performance. The drain at Jackson & Rose blocked solid. The do not enter sign at Washington & Mill Street/we can put that sign up & take the road barrier down to clean it up.

J McBreen/ Ben Schuettler has lottery tickets to sell \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

M Borowski/Cherry & Pine St, drain blocked solid for about 4/5 years.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance**-no report

**Public Works-**

**Salt Contract (Co Stars) for 2024-2025 retroactive vote to 3/6/2024 -**

S Krater looking for a vote for 176 tons, retroactive to 3/6/2024, R Zimmerman motioned/W Devers second the motion.

**Ehrlich Spray Contract for Mill Creek discussion & vote-**

S Krater entertained a motion to enter into agreement for spring, R Zimmerman motioned/T Sullivan second the motion.

**Discussion on Pick-up truck & possible vote-**

No Comments

**Discussion on repair of the wall on Borough property & vote-**

S Krater entertained a motion to award MC Contracting for the wall repair. T Sullivan motioned/M Borowski second the motion.

**Property-**

**Discussion & possible vote on Real Estate-**

Agreement of sale for the property at 211 Washington Street, 59-3-0121, The First United Methodist Church. J McBreen motioned/M Borowski second the motion.

**Safety-**

J McBreen/ The tasers will be here in April.

H Herndon/ Palo Alto & Mechanicsville would like to set up a meeting for the 2 officers.

**Recreation-**

T Sullivan/St. Clair still working on Insurance for playground.

**Zoning/Code Enforcement-**

J McBreen/Old school house and appeals process/ some appeals come with a price or appeals fee, this is for the next meeting.

Rental registrations are coming in, Inspections will be starting soon, Zone 3.

J McBreen/Hometown Hero Banners finished with 20 brand new banners

Nick Hazlett report attached.

**Personnel-** no report

**Sanitation-** no report

**Watershed-**

J McBreen/ Did a tree inventory in the creek.

Advisory met/moving forward with 2 projects/ spoke to Tonya St. Clair about generator.

S Krater entertained a motion to let the committee do what they need to do with the grant.

**Special-** no report

**Treasurers Report-**

**Margaret Lubinsky reported: The General Fund Beginning Balance \$64,999.23**

<b>Checks &amp; Payments</b>	<b>\$76,942.71</b>
<b>Deposits &amp; Credits</b>	<b>\$82,501.10</b>
<b>Cleared Balance</b>	<b>\$70,557.62</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$53,899.66</b>

S Krater entertained a motion to accept Treasurers Report, R Zimmerman motioned/M Borowski second the motion.

**Tax Collector Report-**

**From 3/1/2024 to 3/15/2024**

**Per Capita & Occupational Tax** **\$44,039.96**

**Borough Tax** **\$2,042.07**

**Received a check today for \$47,248.20**

**Engineer Report-**

S Krater entertained a motion for J Tohill to take care of FEMA for reimbursement

R Zimmerman motioned/second by W Devers

Jim Tohill / Benesh Report Attached

**Fire Chief Report-**

A total of 41 calls for the month of February 2024- 18 Fire Calls/23 EMS calls

**Mayor Report-**

H Herndon received a handicap application for 50 coal Street, all fee's have been received, & everything is in order.

H Herndon asked council to make a motion. J McBreen motioned/S Krater second the motion.

H Herndon asked Officer Morgan to come and help. Officer Nick Morgan attended a safety meeting in October 2023, at the safety meeting they discussed to sell the old unmarked police car for \$500.00 & use that check for getting the things we need like, a red dot sight for control rifle, a light for our patrol rifle, medical equipment, things like that. Margaret Lubinsky is to make a copy of the pricing for Council for the next meeting.

**Emergency Management-**

Ben Schuettler/Some of the sewer lines are blocked up again.

**Solicitor Report-**

Attorney James Conville/no report

**Unfinished Business-**no report

**New Business-**no report

**Citizens Portion-**

George Thomas had concerns about the Red Church/what's going on. S Krater replied, we are in the process of trying to purchase it because our building is deteriorating.

**Adjournment-** S Krater, President entertained a motion for Adjournment

T Sullivan motioned to Adjourn/J McBreen second the motion.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Skoufalos,  
Borough Secretary