

**Port Carbon Borough Council
Regular Session Meeting
May 17, 2022**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

ANCILLARY MEMBERS

Harold Herndon, Mayor, p
William Burke, Solicitor, p
Sharon
Loretta Skoufalos, Secretary, p

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

S Krater asked for a moment of silence for Att. Burkes Father who passed away this week.

Presentation by Comcast- Jen Freeze, Senior Manager of Government affairs of Comcast was in to present an opportunity to extend their network into Port Carbon along with Palo Alto, East Norwegian Township, St. Clair, and New Castle. Jen stated she was here by Federal law to ask for a Franchise Agreement with the Borough.

Meeting Minutes Approval (April 2022) R Zimmerman motioned for approval/ M Borowski second the motion.

Announcement of Executive Session- There was no Executive Session held since last meeting.

Citizens Portion-

M Welsh had a list of abandoned vehicles, along with a parking ticket from his camper that he is disputing. J McBreen addressed the issue along with Mayor H Herndon.

Committee Reports:

Finance: R Zimmerman gave council a copy of budget at last meeting.

Health Insurance renewal & Vote- Due August 1, 2022. We will get it on the agenda before the June work session for a vote.

Public Works- The borough will be getting a worker for the public works. (Trent Firestone) from Career Link, it is a summer program and Career Link pays for it all. The Program lasts for 8 weeks@ 30 hours per week. Council agrees unanimous. J McBreen motioned/ W Devers second the motion.

Property- No Report

Safety- Cradlepoint discussion will be on June Agenda.

We need to make a motion to extend the police agreement until December 31,2022, it would be a 7-month extension, The municipalities of Mechanicsville and Palo Alto have approved it. S Krater entertained a motion to extend the agreement. J McBreen motioned/R Zimmerman second the motion.

Recreation- No Report

Zoning/Code Enforcement- J McBreen stated the way the Property Maintenance Code reads; you are allowed 1 unregistered vehicle on your property.
N Hazlett followed up on a complaint on Coal St. / report attached.

Personnel- no report

Sanitation- Total Collected to Date \$93,674.25.

Special- R Zimmerman attended the pre-final inspection of the Mill Creek Project. There are a couple of punch list items to take care of.

Growing Greener Phase II discussion & Vote: Money left over from the tree removal project.

S Krater entertained a motion to accept and award Blue Crue for tree removal in the amount of: \$8,500.00. M Borowski motioned/R Zimmerman second the motion.

The County just sent out to all Municipalities for the 2022 CDBG funds for the year so the application was there. Bill and I met with J Tohill looking at the streets to be paved along with inlets that would need to be repaired. This year curb cuts to be done at Jackson & Washington Streets. R Zimmerman would like to ask council to consider putting together another one or two applications.

Discussion & Vote on CDBG application: S Krater entertained a motion for an application W Devers motioned/ M Borowski second that motion.

Treasurer's Report- S Jespersen reported period ending 04/30/2022,

The General Fund Beginning Balance was \$189,950.74

Checks & Payments \$73,011.15

Deposits & Credits \$284,498.43

Total Cleared Transactions \$211,487.28

Cleared Balance \$401,438.02 of that \$92,89.93 is ARPA GRANT money and was moved to CACL in May.

Liquid Fuels- As of May 13,2022 Beginning Balance \$139,329.86

Checks & Payments \$2,643.86

Deposits & Credits \$ 1.13

Total Cleared Transactions \$2,642.73

Cleared Balance \$136,687.13

Tax Collectors Report-May 1, 2022 to May 15, 2022 Total Collected \$9,613.82

Engineer Report-Report Attached

Fire Chief Report- Mike Welsh reported a total of 36 calls, 27 EMS, & 9 Fire. For the month of April 2022.

Mayor's Report- H Herndon announced there will be a Memorial Day Parade at 9:30 am/ services following Parade and Speaker will be William Reppy.

Solicitors Report- Attorney B Burke prepared addendum that was discussed for the police services, continue with the comcast.

Back in 2015, there was an initially a request for road abandonment on Valley Street, Att. Burke asked Council permission to correspond with the realtor telling them if they want the road abandoned to have all the property owners sign off and send us a request for it. Send it to the Property Committee to look at and do the normal route.

Unfinished Business- No Report

New Business- Vote for the workers Compensation Injury Panel: Recommendation to accept Cal Stout- MRM approve injury panel board. M Borowski motioned/ W Devers second the motion. Goodwill Fire Co. seeking permission to have a boot drive June 4, 2022 during the town-wide yard sale. R Zimmerman motioned/ J McBreen second the motion.

Citizens Portion- A concerned citizen voiced her angst about neighbors on Coal St./ loud/ obnoxious

Adjournment- S Krater made a motion for Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn M Borowski motioned/ J McBreen second the motion.
Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Skoufalos,
Borough Secretary