PORT CARBON BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 20, 2026

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Scott Krater, President, p
Harold Herndon, Vice President, p
Megan Borowski, p
William Devers, p
Kim Hrenyo, p
Cody Herndon, p
Heather Maley, p

ANCILLARY:
James McBreen, Mayor, p
James Conville, Solicitor, p
Ann Miller, Treasurer, a
Angela LaSelva, Secretary, p

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

Minutes Approval:
M. Borowski motioned to approve April meeting minutes; seconded W. Devers.

Executive Session:
None

Citizens Portion:
Seth Ames, Pottsville St, attending his first council meeting.

Committee Reports:

Finance: None
Public Works: H. Herndon reported trees needing to be trimmed by the gazebo ($380), a donation of $100 was received to plant flowers, moving the speed sign to Pottsville St will cost $150. Mrs Polokas asked if the trees will be trimmed prior to the fireworks for better visibility.
Mayor McBreen questioned if East St to Oak St can be patched or fixed due to potholes.
Property: W. Devers reported on the damaged roof at the new building. Estimate from Reidys Renovations for $4000.00 includes repairs to rubber roof, replace drip edge and check the library roof repairs he did in the past (will fix at no additional cost).
H. Herndon motioned to approve making the repairs; seconded W. Devers.
Safety: President S. Krater reported on the process of how to lower the speed limit for Pottsville Street. Representative Twardzick's office contacted PennDot on our behalf to discuss lowering the speed limit. A traffic study must be done and a signed agreement that the Borough will provide and maintain the new speed signs must be submitted.
H. Herndon motioned to approve moving forward with a traffic study; seconded M. Borowski.
Recreation: M. Borowski had nothing to report other than the security cameras in Lubinsky playground.

S. Krater reported the cameras are recording, and there was a large incident on Sunday.
C. Herndon reported new signs have been posted but the sign on the old pumphouse is contradictory to the new signs/rules. It was decided to take the old signage down.
Zoning/Code Enforcement: C. Herndon reported on the Skills Games Ordinance.
H. Herndon asked if the money generated by the Skills Games Ordinance can be used to purchase code and police equipment.
N. Hazlett reported on several topics: 123 Pike St for abandoned property; 59 Lang St for permit refusal until rental registration is complete; 631 3rd St for high grass; 14 Pottsville St, 64 Lang St for non compliance with rental ordinance; 217 Coal St for multiple cancelled inspections and feeding feral animals; Mr Vincent Yakaitis for (65) citations being filed against him. Items for discussion: Skills Games Ordinance, Fee Schedule for permits etc; PPL Pole Work; Ordinance for allowing the posting of violations. Additionally, 129 Jackson St for Dumpster, 123 Jackson St garbage and grass, 119 Spruce St for grass and weeds, 118 North for high grass, the field on the corner of Oak and Wood for high grass and 69 Coal St for high grass were added by various council members.
Personnel: M. Borowski reported vacations coming up. Office hours may change to reflect that. Notice will be posted on the Borough website and Facebook.
Sanitation: C. Herndon had nothing to report.
Watershed: W. Devers had nothing to report.
Special: H. Herndon reported on the two dates for the Schuylkill Market at Lubinsky playground, June 27 and October 17. They would like to have the fire company involved to conduct demonstrations etc during the market. If anyone would like a table for the market they must register with the event coordinator.
H. Herndon also reported on having a fresh produce farmer selling goods at the new building, 202 Pike St. and he would also like to add food trucks to the lineup at the Lubinsky playground.

Treasurer's Report: K. Hrenyo read the report for the month:

Wells Fargo Beginning Balance	$338,490.38
Checks/Payments	$118,829.33
Deposits/Credits	$44,872.11
Balance as of 4/30/26	$264,206.83
Wells Fargo Liquid Fuels Beginning Balance	$87,527.69
Checks/Payments	$0
Deposits/Credits	$.72
Balance as of 4/30/26	$87,528.41
CACL General Fund Beginning Balance	$89,834.38
Checks/Payments	$312,612.63
Deposits/Credits	$435,047.60
Balance as of 4/30/26	$182,980.22

M. Borowski motioned to accept the report; seconded C. Herndon.

Tax Collector's Report: K. Hrenyo read the report for the month. She also added 80% of the taxes for the Borough have been collected this far.

Real Estate	$71,389.85
Per Capita	$769.30
Borough Tax	$1,347.06

C. Herndon motioned to accept the report; seconded M. Borowski.

Engineer's Report: President S. Krater read the report.
-FEMA update, all work has been completed
-CDBG curb ramps will continue to be designed
-No change with the Growing Greener Grant
-Yongcheol Kim will provide a proposal for the new municipal building with the LSA grant
-2026 Borough Road project, 17 locations viewed, bid packet can be provided if you choose
M. Borowski motioned to approve Contractors Application for payment for Schuylkill River wall repairs as recommended by Benesch ($58,490.34); seconded W. Devers.
H. Herndon motioned to approve all Benesch bills related to the Schuylkill River wall repair project up to the conclusion of the FEMA grant deadline of 5/31 (for work associated with the DEP GP-11 permit); seconded C. Herndon.
A discussion ensued about street repair and costs; a vote was tabled until next meeting.
H. Herndon motioned to submit the DGLVR (Dirt & Gravel program) application; seconded W. Devers.
W. Devers motioned to submit the Street Scape Application again for this year; seconded H. Maley.
M. Borowski motioned to accept the Engineers report; seconded C. Herndon.

Fire Chief Report: None

Mayors Report: Mayor J. McBreen reported the police car received (4) new tires and an inspection and is ready for service. The Safety Committee met on Tuesday May 12 to discuss 287(g) status, Lubinsky Playground Progress, Pottsville St speeding, new police hours (after 11am) and the part time new hire, Matthew Cromyak.
Mayor J. McBreen motioned to hire Matthew Thomas Cromyak for part time officer; seconded H. Maley.
Call the Port Carbon Police Station for general inquiries or complaints.
Call the Schuylkill County non-emergency line if you need to speak with an officer, 570-628-3742.
Call 911 for emergencies only.

Emergency Management: None

Solicitor's Report: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

K. Hrenyo reported needing a charge card for garage purchases, Dave would oversee the card. Finance committee will determine the limit. She would also like SLOW to be repainted on Pike St.

K. Hrenyo motioned to approve the card for garage use; seconded W. Devers.

President S. Krater reported on the 209 Bridge Project. There will be no access to Pottsville via Route 209 once the project begins.

S. Krater also reported the Borough's Memorial Day Program will be held Monday at 9am beginning with parade and ending at the gazebo with a service.

Citizens Participation: None

As there was no further business a motion to adjourn was made by M. Borowski at 8:08pm; seconded C. Herndon.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela LaSelva
Secretary
Port Carbon Borough