

**Port Carbon Borough Council
General Purpose Work Session
May 4, 2021**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Scott Krater, Vice President, p
Ron Zimmerman, p
Denise Krater p

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James McBreen p
Cathy Manning p
Tiffany Sullivan p - call in
Mary Jo Ferraro p

ANCILLARY MEMBERS

Harold Herndon, Mayor a
William Burke, Solicitor a
Peggy Lubinsky, Treasurer

Luanne Mengle, Secretary p

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

Citizen - Rick Stover, Central Credit Audit will help with delinquent sanitation. Stover discussed the process for collection that is used for his company. There is a 30% fee added to the delinquent amount. The fee would be the responsibility of the resident. Central Credit sends out the 1st notice there is 30 days to dispute what is owed. They have a department that can trace people and find new addresses, email addresses and phone numbers. Their website has the ability to make payments and arrange payment plans. Stover suggests giving 30 days after the end of each quarter and then send to collections. Stover reminds Council that there is no cost to the Borough. Stover will send the Borough a copy of a resolution that would have to be approved in order to do the collections.

Zimmerman asked about the present list and if someone would have already paid what would happen. Stover replied that they would have to show proof.

Manning asked if they send out regular mail or certified. Stover replied regular mail.

S. Krater asked Stover realistically how much could we back get out of 16, 17, 18 and 19 how much would we get. Stover suggest we could get 40% or 50% of what is owed. S. Krater asked if we don't get what we want could we then file with the magistrate. Stover would run through a program and could send certified letter saying that suit would be filed against them. McBreen asked if suit would be filed would it cost the Borough. Stover stated that there would be an addendum that the Borough would have to give the go ahead to file. Stover will need file with service address and mailing address.

Council discussed how long to wait going forward before we send to collections. Sanitation committee will get together and discuss how to handle going further.

Finance - Zimmerman reported everyone will get copy of present budget for next meeting.

Zimmerman reported we are on track with the budget.

Zimmerman stated that the Police need to decide about the clothing allowance going forward.

Murton reported Pottsville pays 2x a year. Zimmerman wants to know by end of June.

Public Works - D. Krater reported handicap application for May McElvaney on 200 Jackson Street. Application will be turned over to the Police Dept. to make a determination. Krater reported 28 Coal Street requested an application also.

Skid loader needed service and has been fixed. Cross walks need to be painted.

Property - Manning reported Laughlin, General contractor, got the bid and has not returned calls back from Manning. American Remolding bid for \$4,647 was next. Manning will try calling again. S. Krater reported the Magistrate lease is up on Sept. 30. Council will have to take proposal to County. Zimmerman reported last time the lease was increased 2.5%.

Safety - McBreen reported there is a meeting on Thursday night to discuss ordinance for burning and what needs to be included in the ordinance.

Recreation - Sullivan reported Chet Evans wanted to know if the traveling team called the Vipers could use Miller's. Sullivan told them not at this time due to work being done.

Zoning - McBreen reported that we need to officially appoint Lehigh for Code Enforcement. McBreen/Zimmerman motioned to appoint Lehigh Engineering to perform all Code Enforcement duties for Port Carbon Borough. Motion approved.

Zimmerman spoke with Susan Smith from the County and she is hoping to get work started on having Port Carbon included with the County Zoning in June.

Sanitation - Ferraro reported an exoneration for 123 Jackson Street for George Fredericks. Fredericks paid for both floors for 2 years and does not feel he has to pay since no one lives on the second floor. Fredericks feels we owe him for 2 years since he paid for both.

Special - Ed Brennan from the Sewer Authority wants Port Carbon & Palo Alto to agree to a large loan. S. Krater feels we should stay with what Palo Alto does.

Ben Schuettler - Schuettler reported Vito Jack wants to do a controlled burn on Wood Street to get rid of the trailer. Jack would get permits. Zimmerman reported the trailer is on the Commissioner list. Borough and Fire Co. will not be responsible. Schuettler reported a carbon monoxide investigation at 34 Coal Street.

Schuettler asked if there is any ordinance about alcohol at the playground. McBreen will check into that. Krater reported they had alcohol at other functions at playgrounds.

D. Krater reported food will be prepared at the vets for the food sale on Saturday.

Zimmerman/Manning motioned to adjourn. Motion accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Luanne Mengle
Borough Secretary