

**Port Carbon Borough Council
Work Session Meeting
November 16, 2021**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Scott Krater, President, p
Ron Zimmerman, Vice-President, p
Denise Krater, a
Jespersion, Treasurer p
James McBreen p
Cathy Manning p
Tiffany Sullivan, p
Mary Jo Ferraro, call-in

ANCILLARY MEMBERS

Harold Herndon, Mayor, p
William Burke, Solicitor, p
Sharon

Loretta Skoufalos, Secretary p

The meeting was called to order by President S Krater, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

October 2021 minutes approval R Zimmerman motioned/ J McBreen second motion.

Bid opening (J Tohill) for trees, the report is attached. Motion to accept bid from Bill Davis Cement Contracting. C Manning motioned/ R Zimmerman second the motion.

Citizens - Nancy Lescavage, curious as to whether our Ordinances are up to date, J McBreen addressed this with N Lescavage

Mike Welsh car at 216 Jackson St. it's a sliver SUV/ abandoned

Ben Schuettler had some announcements from the library; Book Sale Dec 3, 2021, Winter & Christmas face masks for sale \$1.00 each, Cookbooks \$5.00 each, gift wrap & gift tags \$1.00 each, they also have a new copier, printer, fax, and scanner.

Finance - Ron Zimmerman had a suggestion on changing the clothing allowance, have the disbursement put in the paycheck. Discuss at next meeting with council.

The 3 properties we have that we have to pay taxes on: 806 Park Avenue, 210 Valley St. 410 Market St. The Greater Pottsville Sewer Authority also turned the water off at these properties. We are looking to sell these properties, fair market value, liens are on properties, buyer to pay liens & back taxes.

Statewide tax Recovery/per capita tax question on whether to give contract, council to decide on the matter. The flood Ins. Bills coming due December 15, 2021, option A- Library 9,285.00 building ,114,500 -45,000 contents, \$2,000.00 deductible. The garage Ins. Als option A-\$773.00 for 24,000 Building, \$1,500.00 deductible, motion to pay, motioned by R Zimmerman/ Second motion by: C Manning.

Public Works -Dave Rubright-No report

Property - Manning/No Report

Safety - H Herndon Meeting with B Burke after meeting.

Recreation -Sullivan/ No Report.

Zoning - J. McBreen, Port a potty ordinance, Rental inspection is under legal review. The website is being updated.

Personnel - No Report

Sanitation - MJ Ferraro, garbage is going to get picked up late week of Thanksgiving. Saturday pick-up

Special- R. Zimmerman attended a webinar for FEMA/Pema, Bric. Residential customers don't qualify for BRIC.

Handicap Parking request/ 2nd St. J McBreen motioned/ MJ Ferraro Second the motion.

Treasurer's Report - S Jespersen Treasurer reported period ending October 31, 2021

beginning balance was \$381,918.21,

Payments \$165,941.18,

Deposits \$18,044.01,

Total Cleared Transactions \$147,897.17

Cleared Balance \$234,021.04 of that \$92,893.93 is Arpa Grant money.

Liquid fuels beginning balance \$84,144.15

Interest \$.72,

Cleared balance \$84,144.87

Motion to accept Treasurer's report, C Manning motioned, J McBreen second the motion.

2 Tax Collector Reports, period ending September 30, 2021 total cash collected \$1,892.45 of that \$94.63 was commissioned to tax collector total we received \$1,797.82.

Period ending October 31, 2021, Total cash collected was \$2,925.59 tax collector commission was \$146.28 of that we received \$2,779.31.

Engineer - J Tohill, Fema updates.

Pre-Construction Meeting on Monday November 29, 2021

Fire Chief Report- M Welsh, Fire Chief reported 31 Total calls, 9 Fire calls, 22 EMS Related calls for October 2021.

Mayor -H. Herndon, Mayor thanked all Veterans for their service.

Cell phone coverage mapping/ handicap signs. Need new Santa Claus, this is Bucky's last year.

New Business-- Dave Rubright's wife Nadine is looking for donations for New Christmas Lights in Town.

Solicitor Report- B Burke Rental Ordinance for next Work Session Meeting. Port a potty Ordinance, Street abandonment ordinance at next work session.

Unfinished business - No report

Executive Session - No Executive Session held

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting, R Zimmerman motioned/ J Mc Breen second the motion.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Skoufalos
Borough Secretary