

**Port Carbon Borough Council
Special Council Meeting
November 1, 2021**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

ANCILLARY MEMBERS

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

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

Citizens - Dave Rubright voiced his concerns about the P3 tower and the negativity that come along with it, one example lowering the property values within eye site. Along with that health concerns, creek wall structure concerns.

George Thomas-talking about P3-Tower, we have to go with progress, not worried about health concerns. Also asked about the land for sale, property on Market St., and internet providers in town. Ron Zimmerman and Scott Krater addressed the issue.

Mike Scanlon, 210 Valley St. connected to 208 Valley St. (which is condemned) disgusted with people going into empty house. Went to his house at 210 to check on progress from contractor and found out whomever was in the vacant condemned house broke into his house and did a lot of damage. Police were called. When are blighted properties being demolished? Ron Zimmerman addressed the situation for Mike Scanlon. Donna Renninger wanted to know who would benefit from P3 tower and would P3 tower be willing to move it to a different location within borough, S Krater addressed. Donna Renninger thanked the borough for cleaning up the leaves by the church so there would be no mishaps when coming to vote.

Alan, P3 tower should be on an elevated location, it should have internet.

Nancy Lescavage P3 tower causes health care problems, not happy with the appearance of Port Carbon, as you enter the town.

Finance - Ron Zimmerman applied for grant, checked both boxes, we did make it through the first stage, letter of interest sent. Report for next meeting to start working on the budget for 2022 with S.Jespersen, Treasurer

Public Works -Trucks in borough got tires on and ready for winter.

Property - Manning/No Report

Safety - S Krater in Schuylkill County we fell under Hurricane IDA disaster declaration so the borough is going to apply for a project similar to the wall project. J Tohill was engineer last time. Vote for J Tohill to handle Disaster 4618 motion McBreen/ seconded C Manning

Recreation -Sullivan/ No Report.

Zoning - J. McBreen, we need to motion to vote on the Rental Registration &Inspection Ordinance, also a disorderly conduct portion, like 3 strikes, then pull occupancy permit. Motion to advertise J McBreen motioned/ second by R Zimmerman.

Portable toilet Ordinance/ A Permit is needed to obtain a portable toilet. Motion to advertise S Krater motioned/ JM Ferraro seconded.

Zoning decision on P3 Tower/ Deadline date November 7,2021. The Port Carbon Borough Council talked in length about pros and cons of situation. The Port Carbon Borough Council decided to stay with original vote.

Personnel - No Report

Sanitation - MJ Ferraro had only a couple complaints,

1. A van in ally at Coal & Pine St. Garbage truck can't get in, van was ticketed.

2. N Coal St. & Cherry St. about 40 bags of drywall material and wood were put out but not picked up. The trash truck will not pick up any construction material.

S Krater to check delinquent trash list for vacant lots in borough before handing it over to the collection agency.

Special- R. Zimmerman applied for a Pema, Fema, Bric for flood mitigation which is acquiring property. A letter of interest was written along with J. McBreen, and Mullin and Lonergan. We made it through the letter of interest. Must submit by 19th of November. Trying to get the Fema go account set up we will have to get together to discuss which projects to apply for, Ben also needs to get involved with this. We need an agreement for professional services for Mullin and Lonergan Associates, & Alfred Benesch & Company. We would put this project under Administration Costs, if we do win you can get some of the costs back. S Krater made a motion for Professional services agreement for Mullin/Lonergan, and Alfred Benesch T Sullivan motioned/J McBreen second the motion.

Treasurer's - No report

Engineer - No Report

Fire Chief Report- No report

Mayor -H. Herndon, Mayor reported there will be someone coming in to check the printer/ computer at Police station.

Referenced to R Zimmerman, property at 318 Coal St. is the company returning to back fill the space, no because of drainage situation and the neighbor, they will be back to fix a spot on the step that was cracked. No payments on the property site were made as of this time.

New Business-S.Krater in 2022 Do we want 1 or 2 meetings a month? Vote taken stay with the 1st and 3rd Tuesday per month

Reorganizational meeting on January 3, 2022. swearing in that night also by H Herndon (Mayor)

R Zimmerman 111/117 Pike St. Flood Insurance bill 3 options. Due Dec.15th.

November4, Tim Twardzik will be hosting an event at the Empire Beauty School on Blight Prevention Eradication will begin at 930 till 12:00 pm.

Citizens- D Krater has dates to give out to everyone:

November 14, 2021 Children's registration for Christmas Party

November 28, 2021 Volunteers to help decorate the gazebo area for Christmas

December 3, 2021 Trolley ride coming into town

December 5, 2021 Christmas Party at Senior Building for the children

George Thomas thanked Borough & all for safe trick or treat.

Solicitor Report- No report

Unfinished business - No report

Executive Session -

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting, Manning motioned/ Sullivan second motion.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Skoufalos
Borough Secretary