

**Port Carbon Borough Council
Work Session 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 p
Tiffany Sullivan, p
Mary Jo Ferraro, p

ANCILLARY MEMBERS

Harold Herndon, Mayor, call-in
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.

October minutes approval T. Sullivan motioned/ MJ Ferraro second motion.

Monday October 25, 2021 there was a brief Executive Meeting pertaining to possible litigation from 7:04 to 8:04.

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.

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 Zimmeramn 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 no one would slip when coming to vote.

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

Nancy Lescavage P3 tower causes health care problems, appearance of Port Carbon, as you enter the town

Finance - Ron.Zimmerman

Public Works - We have an applicant for plowing which needs a background check. Given to Chief J. Ferraro pending background. Motion for approval to get tires needed for big red \$730.00, White truck \$1,320.00, shovels, chains D. Krater motioned/ second motion R. Zimmerman.

Property - Manning/No Report

Safety - McBreen /No Report

Recreation -Sullivan/ No Report.

Zoning - J. McBreen sent notice of violation, they are not connected to the water supply, 20 days to get connected or it will be condemned.

Also contacting landlords concerning the rental registration, costs involve the cost of paper and stamps. Motion to begin process C Manning motioned/D. Krater second motion.

Personnel - No Data R Zimmerman motioned/ motion second by D. Krater.

Sanitation - MJ Ferraro total collected to date 117,146.10. Complaint from Tamaqua Transfer, people parking in ally by N. Coal St. and Pine, truck can't get there. D Krater motioned/T Sullivan second motion.

Special- No report.

Treasurer's - S. Jespersen treasurer, reported beginning balance ending September 30, 2021, \$362,359.76, cleared transactions \$72,592.22, deposits and credits \$92,150.67, Total cleared transactions \$19,558.45, Cleared balance \$381,918.21 in that total. \$92,893.93 was Arbor Grant. Which will be transferred to another account shortly. No tax collector report as of yet. Motioned D. Krater/ second by MJ Ferraro

Engineer - J Tohill report attached. J McBreen asked for motion to accept report, D Krater motioned/MJ Ferraro second motion

Fire Chief Report- Mike Welsh reported 6 Fire calls/ 20 EMS related calls. Report given to S Krater. Fire Chief Mike Welsh recommends an increase to budget for 2022, well overdue for a donation, would like to meet with Ron Zimmerman. Welsh asked about an easement for the fire company. Welsh spoke with Solicitor Burke about easement vs deed. T. Sullivan motioned/ motion second by MJ Ferraro.

Mayor -H. Herndon, Mayor had concerns about deceased people who still had handicap signs up when the property was sold. D Rubright said he will check for a list at the borough garage believes. Also do we charge a yearly fee; The fee was never mandated by the borough. There is usually a \$5.00 or \$10.00 yearly fee. Motion to accept Mayor's report, D krater motioned/T Sullivan second motion.

Solicitor Report- Attorney Burke to review collection agreement which was presented to him, Jim McBreen to check and make sure we do not have an extended contract with Berkheimer, so as to not have 2 collection agencies at the same time. J McBreen and Attorney Burke will be working on the renter's ordinance with Mr. Wengert in hopes it will not be drawn out. Executive sessions issues are being worked on. Motion to accept report D Krater motioned/ C Manning second motion

Unfinished business - No report

Executive Session - Held at beginning of meeting at 7:01-7:18.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Skoufalos
Borough Secretary