

**Port Carbon Borough Council
General Purpose Meeting
October 01, 2024**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Scott Krater, President, p
Ron Zimmerman, p
James McBreen, Vice-President -p
Tiffany Sullivan, a
Megan Borowski, a
William Devers, p
Jorge Sullivan, p

ANCILLARY MEMBERS

Harold Herndon, Mayor, a
James Conville, Solicitor-a
Margaret Lubinsky, Treasurer, p
Loretta Skoufalos, Secretary, p

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

Scott Krater/Before we start, if we can keep the residents of Florida, Georgia, Eastern Tennessee & Western North Carolina in our thoughts & prayers, they are going through some tough times with all the flooding.

Citizens Portion-

Larry Wittig, Owner of Tamaqua Transfer spoke to Council about the upcoming contract of Sanitation, there is an option on the recycling component. Scott Krater to look into this.

George Thomas needed a policeman last week, he left 2 messages. He needs to make a Police Report. S Krater addressed the issue and told him there will be a Policeman in touch with him before the night's meeting was over.

Executive Session- There was an Executive Session called at 7:20 pm and returning at 7:44 pm, pertaining to Real Estate matters

Committee Reports

Finance-

R Zimmerman & Margaret Lubinsky have the 2023 Budget sorted out and are working on the 2024 Budget

Public Works-

Change Order for Krebs Street work- Scott Krater entertained a motion for the change order needed, there was a \$290.00 credit for something they didn't use. This was run by Jim Tohill and the increases were reasonable & justified, it was \$12,860.00 and went to \$14,307.00. we are going to get a check for \$7,182.00 from the GPASA. Ron Zimmerman motioned/second by William Devers with 1 Abstain (Scott Krater)

Property- S Krater/ We need to do a walk through at the church, there were items left behind.

Safety-no report

Personnel- no report

Recreation-no report

Zoning/Code Enforcement-

Nick Hazlett, I need a letter or document from the Borough stating that you (the Council), are giving me the authority to do so for the municipality for the removal of specific bidders from the bidder list.

Nick Hazlett spoke on behalf of the Cloud Permit.

R Zimmerman, Chair of Finance spoke about the finances as far as we, the borough just bought a property, and council will discuss all the pros & cons of the Cloud Permit for next year.

Report attached.

R Zimmerman/There were 3 properties bought at the upset sale, there are parties that need to be contacted.

Sanitation-no report

Special-no report

Mayor Report-S Krater spoke for Mayor Herndon/ Halloween will be on October 31, 2024 from 6 pm to 8 pm.

New Business-

LSA grant discussion & Vote-

Local Services, you can apply for Statewide Local Share & Assessment Grant. We applied for body cams & tasers. S Krater would like to apply for LSA Grant for the project, we need a resolution. S Krater entertained a motion to authorize us to proceed with the LSA grant. J McBreen motioned/R Zimmerman second the motion.

CBDG curb ramp discussion :Ron Zimmerman, at the County we had the 2024 CBDG projects come in, we have 2 projects already that do qualify, the other 3 that came in require surveys being done and they didn't get enough in therefore there's extra funding, in 2022 we applied for curb ramps also at North & Coal Streets, so if Council would like we can use our 2022 application, we would just have to Jim Tohill check the number and have it go up a bit because of the cost increases. If Council wants to put in for this application, I imagine it would get approved because we don't have any other projects that are eligible. S Krater entertained a motion J McBreen motioned/J Sullivan second the motion

S Krater entertained a motion to authorize we (the borough of Port Carbon) to write a letter for Nick Hazlett to take care of Tax Claim Office. J McBreen made a motion that the Borough Council officially give Nick Hazlett the authority from the Borough Council to speak on our behalf to remove bidders from the list that are delinquent in the borough for violations. W Devers second the motion.

Adjournment- S Krater, President entertained a motion for adjournment.

W Devers motioned to Adjourn/J Sullivan second the motion.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Skoufalos,
Borough Secretary