

Port Carbon Borough Council

October 20, 2020

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Scott Krater, Vice President, p
Mayor p

Ron Zimmerman, a
Solicitor a

Denise Krater p
Treasurer p

James McBreen p
Secretary p

Cathy Manning p

Tiffany Sullivan p

Mary Jo Ferraro p

ANCILLARY MEMBERS

Harold Herndon,

William Burke,

Peggy Lubinsky,

Luanne Mengle,

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

Manning/D. Krater motioned to approve previous minutes. Motion approved.

Executive Session – 7:02-7:10 -Personnel matters

Finance – No report this week.

Public Works – D. Krater reported the leaf sucker was ordered for the cost of \$3,361.39. Faust will pick up on Friday. Winter maintenance contract from County is here for the period of 10/19/20-04/30/21. This will cover snow removal from the two county bridges in town. McBreen/Manning motioned to approve the contract. Motion approved.

Property – Manning reported 8 cameras and wire for Miller playground for the cost of \$298.77. Manning/Sullivan motioned to approve. Motion approved.

Roof at library will need work. Will get estimate for a whole roof replacement and one for sealing the edges. Last time work on library roof was done was 2011.

Safety – S. Krater was on conference call with several municipalities discussing the Swift program/RAV mobile. Pottsville will host the program. Krater reported the cost is \$1,000 annually and initial setup fee of \$300.00. McBreen/Manning motioned to approve going on with Pottsville. Motion approved.

Recreation – No report.

Code/Zoning – McBreen reported the time is up for Valley St. and Cherry St. McBreen will let Ed Wenger to go further with this issue.

McBreen would like to move on the Property Maintenance update. McBreen/Manning motioned to advertise the update. Motion approved.

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Personnel – Kaitlyn Herndon turned in her resignation as of December 31, 2020. McBreen/Manning motioned to accept the resignation. Motion approved.

Sanitation – Ferraro reports sanitation exonerations for 64 Lang St., 104 Pottsville, and 102 Pottsville for 2020 sanitation. Ferraro/McBreen motioned to approve exonerations. Motion approved.

Ferraro reported the sanitation bid is complete and is ready to advertise. McBreen/Ferraro motioned to advertise the sanitation bids. Motion approved.

Special – No report.

Treasurer – Beginning balance for October 1st – \$253,733.04, \$104,957.46 in checks, deposited \$85,255.90 for a total of \$234,031.48.

Liquid Fuels balance is \$129,543.77, checks for \$2,468.42, Deposit for \$1.06 for ending balance of \$127,076.41.

Tax Collector – Real estate from 9/1/2020 – 9/30/2020 was \$4,124.28, Per Capita from 9/1/2020-9/30/2020 was \$75.65. No Sanitation collected in September.

Engineer – Road Project – Tohill reported Wilson Avenue is milled and ready for paving. Pine Street most of the street is milled except for the lower art. Tohill reported there was an issue with a manhole that was uncovered. Tohill reported the Sewer Authority was called in to check the problem. A manhole casting will be placed in order to finish the road and the Sewer Authority will come in later to repair the manhole. Tohill thinks there may be an issue at the end of Pine at Pike Street. There was some damage to the equipment that they may be entitled to payment for. Tohill will let us know if there is a request for damages.

Tohill reported the millings that are coming up has rocks in it and would have to be screened. The millings were put at the borough garage.

Category C (Roads) – Tohill reported this project was put on hold until the road project was ready to go out. Tohill will start working on getting 4th Street project moving. We should be ready to go out for bids in January for work in the spring.

Category D (drainage) Mill Creek Channel Wall Repair – The design are done. We do need to schedule meetings soon with affected property owners to execute the easement agreements. When we have combined meeting for Growing Greener and easement meeting we can take care of easements we need for the Foley, Weinstein and Spiess properties. If all goes smoothly we should be able to get this out in late fall or winter.

Growing Greener – Tohill reported the contracts are back and good to go. Meeting via Zoom on 10/21/2020 at 4:00 for a kickoff meeting. DEP is resistant to bypass options. Coal Co. is willing to work with us. One bypass option would be thru Weinstein driveway.

Mayor – Mayor would like to thank Fire Dept. and Police Dept. for the job well done with the fire on Pottsville Street.

Mayor asked about the Swift reach and if we need to send out letters to get phone numbers. Krater reported we should be able to carry over the numbers we have from the old program.

Mayor would like a motion to hire a part time officer, Brayden Jones, who has worked with multiple municipalities. McBreen/Sullivan motioned to hire the part time officer pending all background checks. Motion approved.

Mayor reported the Halloween parade will be at 3:30 and Trick or Treat from 5:30 to 7:30. Mayor reported there will be 2 officers on that night.

Mayor ask that Council participate in the parade.

1. Krater reported there will be hot dogs, drinks and candy bags for the kids in parade. Krater asked for help with preparing the snacks.
2. Krater reported there will be trolley rides for Christmas this year.

Mayor reminded everyone to wash your hands and wear your mask.

1. Krater would like to use senior building on November 27 for a food sale for the Pottsville Band Front. Girls will sell tickets but will not be involved with handing out food. Only adults will handle food. Fred Shappell will be making and donating the Mac & cheese for this event. Ferraro/McBreen motioned to approve use of the Senior Building. Motion approved.
2. Krater reported that the election will not be at the Methodist Church. Both precincts will be at the Senior Building. Manning/McBreen motioned to have both precincts at the Senior Building. Motion approved.

McBreen/Ferraro motioned to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Luanne Mengle

Borough Secretary