

**Port Carbon Borough Council  
General Meeting  
October 5, 2021**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Scott Krater, President, p  
Ron Zimmerman, Vice-President, p  
Denise Krater, call-in

p

James McBreen p  
Cathy Manning p  
Tiffany Sullivan, p  
Mary Jo Ferraro, p

**ANCILLARY MEMBERS**

Harold Herndon, Mayor, p  
William Burke, Solicitor a  
Sharon Jespersen, Treasurer

Loretta Skoufalos, Secretary p

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

**Bid opening & award for Mill Creek Wall Repairs-** J. Tohill stated Bi-State Construction bid in the amount \$527,501 contingent of solicitor. S. Krater motion to give award bid to Bi-State, Zimmerman/McBreen 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.

**Citizens** - Megan Borowski from Pottsville St. had storm concerns with wall damage, needed update. Tohill responded as to the responsibility of bridge unit. Gave update of tree removal, design alternatives from hydraulic department.

Eric Seigfred had concerns of the P3 tower, planning commission, section 501 of zoning ordinance.

Jim Firestone inquired about needing a building permit 8x 12ft storage shed on property,

McBreen responded to getting him in touch with Bill Murphy-BUI.

Phil Klinger from Coal Street had concerns with repairs to retaining wall behind Coal St., S. Krater responded to his concerns.

Issue on 4<sup>th</sup> St. when snow plowing in the winter, Krater will pass this information onto Dave Rubright.

Kelly Davis director of The Port Carbon Library had update of things happening at the library, masks for sale, A paranormal Event happening October 29, 2021 @ 7:00pm, a free event.

Cookbooks for sale \$5.00, selling candy by Mary Shiffer, basket raffle October 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> at Senior citizen building. October 23<sup>rd</sup> catering by The Little Brown Barrel, Minersville. October 24<sup>th</sup> catering by The Messy BBQ from Womelsdorf, Kelly thanked Borough for allowing the events to take place at the Senior Center. Kelly also thanked The Fire Department EMA, Borough in preparation of IDA .

**Finance** - Zimmerman reported Liquid fuels allocation for 2022 is \$60,636.72. Next meeting discusses budget grant through FEMA (MULLER/LONERGAN)

The 3 McBreen properties were sold to a Keith Jones, council has a copy of bid amounts. Also received a state aid for minimum obligation for pension for the police. Zimmerman and Jerpersen will figure it out, maybe call Lubinsky.

**Public Works** - Krater Dave Rubright to get printer/scanner.

**Property** - Manning/No Report

**Safety** - McBreen /No Report

**Recreation** -Sullivan/ No Report.

**Zoning** - Nick Haslet, the code enforcement officer for Palo Alto, Nick takes care of the properties that border Palo Alto. The old Bleache & Dye on Coal St. where they were issues Nick reported there are improved areas, such as secured bay doors, but along riverside it needs correction. The

roof, Port-a-pottie, and issues of access road are still concerns. S.Krater expressed gratitude for all that was done by Nick.

**McBreen** reported **Ed Wenger** code enforcement officer from Lehigh, for 708 Park Ave. he spoke to borough solicitor in notice of condemnation in attempt to demolish property. 708 3<sup>rd</sup> St. notice of violation was issued Motor Vehicle & Rubbish. 713 3<sup>rd</sup> Attempt to contact property owner for extension.

214 2<sup>nd</sup> Zoning permit issued

26 Coal Street zoning enforcement notice issued for failing to obtain a zoning permit prior to relocation of a shed.

142 Pottsville Street zoning enforcement notice was issued for failing to obtain a zoning permit prior to

Placing a shed.

0 Coal St. property owner was issued a zoning enforcement notice for failing to obtain a zoning permit before erecting a fence.

McBreen motioned for Vote Sullivan second motion on P3 Tower: 2 yes votes, 5 No votes, The motion does not pass.

Website update needs approval, approved.

**Personnel** - No Data

**Sanitation** - **MJ Ferraro** had an issue with customers putting trash out to late on Pike St. for trash day, trash collectors back tracked and pick it up one week, but not the following week.

**Special-Zimmerman** didn't get to attend Sewer Authority meeting/No data to report.

**Treasurer's** - No Report

**Engineer** - **Tohill** gave his report with opening comments on Mill Creek Repair.

**Fire Chief Report**- No Report

**Mayor** -**Harold Herndon** training 5 weeks/new police officer **Joe T Ferraro**

Trick or treat is from 5:30-7:30pm on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October. The Halloween Parade is at 4:00pm on October 31, 2021

**Solicitor Report**-No Report

**Unfinished business** - No report

**Executive Session** - No Session held

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn/ Zimmerman/ Manning second motion

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Loretta Skoufalos  
Borough Secretary