

**Port Carbon Borough Council  
Work Session Meeting  
September 05, 2023**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

**ANCILLARY MEMBERS**

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

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

**Citizens Portion-**

**Jeremy Accardi/94 Coal Street, Port Carbon.** Chief Ferraro kicked in front door & arrests me, not only that I was not read my Miranda Rights & in the end charged with disorderly conduct engaged in fighting, which when we went to Court and had an Attorney proceeded to talk to me and my wife even though he knew we had council & he wanted to drop down to a summary offense and while we were in court with Judge Plachko, he flipped out and the judge told him to cool down, Port Carbon Police are out of control in my eyes, there are no body cam. I have home surveillance video, I am bringing these videos to you from my Attorney, directed by my Attorney Matthew Banks, Court Date was the 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Scott Krater asked if he could get a copy from his Attorney.

**Lisa Walters/323 Coal Street, Port Carbon.** The concern is from address 325 Coal Street/ The owner passed away and the home has become a party hub/many underage drinking going on. Property not being maintained with over grown weeds, etc. Scott Krater asked to get a copy of the pictures from the overgrown weeds and such.

**Linda Souders/29 Pottsville Street Port Carbon.** Lives in half double home/27 Pottsville Street. Tenant put up shade, looked good, then proceeded to put up room darkening shades, looks gaudy, Scott Krater asked if she could take pictures and send them to the borough. A statement was made about bad taste not being illegal. There is also an issue with water waste out the back of the home.

**Executive session-**

There was an Executive Session called at 7:24 pm and ending 7:42 pm pertaining to Personnel & Litigation Matters

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance-**

R Zimmerman /Sharon Jespersen gave Ron a budget but he didn't have time to review it, but will and get it e-mailed to everyone on Council.

The Assessment Appeal Board gave a notice of Final Determination in order and denied the real property tax exemption status to parcel 59-4-236, we received today.

We had the minutes from the previous Sewer Authority, the representative Mr. Dries from Palo Alto read a prepared statement that I echoed. The Chairman once again in the middle of it tried to throw us under the bus. No one believes that what he is saying, but some don't care about what's going on with us. There was a report from the Engineer, I will e-mail out to you. An update of projects going on.

On a previous meeting that was tabled for Laurel & 12<sup>th</sup> Street under old business they are apparently putting in a holding tank until resolved. They are still doing an investigation, but there will be fines sent out to whoever put the line to the storm water inlet. Eventually it will come out.

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**Public Works-**

R Zimmerman/ Copy & Contract, pre-constructive meeting. Adjendas for the Wood Street Project & 4<sup>th</sup> Street Repairs.

**Property-**

Megan Borowski had questions on the leasing of land behind Rictor's house, gun club, wants to protect deer.

**Safety-** no report

**Recreation-**

Jim McBreen/Lubinsky Park.... Is Merry-go-round Broken?... Dave Rubright to look at it. Shannon from Liberty Oil reached out to Ron Zimmerman about the use of WIFI for the cameras in Millers Playground. They have to work out the details.

**Zoning/Code Enforcement-**

Jim McBreen/ Can we update our phone system for specific messages? Can Council look into the idea? Example push 1 for Sanitation, 2 for Zoning/Code, etc.

J McBreen/ Any progress on school house? Nick Hazlett replied many codes ro be taken care of. Nick Hazlett report attached.

**Personnel-** no report

**Sanitation-** no report

**Special-** no report

**Mayor Report-** no report

**New Business-**

Phone call from Attorney Burke- assessment many years ago we had a UCC Board, we don't have that anymore, but someone got denied and they need to appeal it to the Board, if we don't have a board, it automatically goes through. J McBreen made a motion to appoint Greg Schuettler, Melvin

Renninger, & Frank Messina to the UCC Appeals Board. R Zimmerman motioned/ M Borowski second the motion.

**Citizens Portion**-n/a

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

R Zimmerman motioned to Adjourn/ J McBreen second the motion.

Meeting Adjourned.  
Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Skoufalos,  
Borough Secretary