

**Port Carbon Borough Council
Work Session Meeting
September 6, 2022**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

ANCILLARY MEMBERS

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

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Ron Zimmerman opening with the pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens Portion-

Kelly Davis, Director of The Port Carbon Library stated the Deppen Pie Sale was a success and thanked everyone for their support. Also, The Mystery Photo of the month has been a big hit. The library is still selling Blizzard tickets if anyone is interested & they have Boscov's friends helping friends' tickets for \$5.00. There will be a basket raffle at the Senior Building on October 15th & 16th, food will be available for purchase. On the 15th of October, The Little Brown Barrel, and on the 16th of October Having a Meltdown, Gourmet grilled cheese.

Loretta Skoufalos, Borough Secretary has a concern about the tree located next to and including part of her property, the center of the tree is dead and needs attention. Asked Council to have someone look at it.

Tiffany Sullivan, Council Member concerned about the Bus stop at Broad & 3rd Streets, there is a house in bad shape. Three children at the bus stop pushed on boards on the house, Deniece said to try and keep the children on the other side of the street.

North street, broken tree that needs attention, the broken pieces are going down the storm drain.

Committee Reports:

Finance:

R Zimmerman told Council to disregard The ARPA Funds letter received. He received an e-mail today from The State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, it says I didn't submit 3 documents, I had trouble submitting it the first time, but I called the help line and they stated everything was good.

Next time on agenda/ Vote to approve Pension.

Public Works-

D Rubright, Borough Supervisor to check on ceiling in the library, seems to be a dip or drop around the venting, there were concerns because the public walks through and under it.

D Rubright also left council know there are a lot of complaints received about the huge potholes in town. He asked council about purchasing coal patch/ council said its fine to get more coal patch.

Property-

129 Cherry Street is still condemned, but the new owner has paid all the back taxes on the property.

There will be a Judicial Sale on October 24, 2022:

501 2nd St. is marked for demolition only and 208 Valley St. is condemned. 501 2nd St is marked for Demo only and 208 Valley St is condemned. If no one purchases either property, we have free money at the county, it will be pretty much gone after sale. Think about it/talk about it or go take a look at them. Ron would like to see if we can get the free money, with that the cost would be minimum. Then down the road when we sell the properties, we have the cost of the advertising. I personally think we should jump on it; we can talk about it at the next meeting & vote on something.

Safety- J McBreen stated about the Burning Ordinance, permitting for a fire pit would be a huge task. If you build a new one, you would need a permit, as for fire pits, permits should not have to be issued. The solicitor has the Burning Ordinance for review. It has to go through 2 meetings and advertisement before vote.

We are in need of a crossing guard at Jackson & Washington Streets. We need a vote on this at the next meeting. An applicant applied and has been cleared except for the clearances needed from the state.

Recreation- T Sullivan was in touch with The Soccer Youth Team and they were told about the Insurance information needed to play at either playground, also the use of any playground and the cost of \$100.00

Zoning/Code Enforcement- Nick Hazlett sent out citations.

Personnel- No report

Sanitation- J McBreen received the 1st & 2nd quarter of unpaid sanitation from Loretta/ after reviewing to remove any empty lots, it will be sent to Central Credit Audit. There was one issue with sanitation, a car parked in an alley and the garbage truck couldn't get around it. J McBreen took care of the issue.

Special- We need to appoint someone to represent Port Carbon at GPASA, J McBreen elected to appoint Ron Zimmerman as a replacement for Don Kerns for a 5-year term beginning September 6, 2022. J McBreen motioned/second by T Sullivan. Ron Zimmerman abstained from vote

Discussion on GPASA & Port Carbon Representative-Vote-

Timothy Yingling, Chairman Ian Lipton, Mayor Clews and Alfred Benesch, city Engineers to review The Benesch Flood Study, Option B & its impact on Market St. separation. Only one member of the Board was in attendance, after lengthy discussions & review of options available to the Authority, it was decided the cost effective solution, if Pottsville decide to proceed with their flood control project, The Benesch B option & construct a 5ft X 10ft concrete box culvert down on Market St to alleviate flooding up to the 25 year storm event that the Authority should proceed with construction of all three phases concurrently to complete them over a 10 year period & eliminate the CSQ structure & East Market St. rather than constructing Phase I first, it would become Phase III and be constructed last, Phase II would become Phase I & be constructed first, upon completion of this Phase, the last Phase would be constructed along with Market St. box culvert to replace the arch. The draw back with the sequence is downtown flooding does not get addressed until about 6 years into the project. The total cost to the Authority portion of the project is estimated at 25 million for all 3 Phases. The Authority will have to incur debt to complete the whole project and best maximum loan investment is 20 million @1% interest for 20 years, if Authority borrows this much money quarterly rates would increase \$27.36 per household if city decides to undertake the flood control project. Benesch Option B, the city storm water portion of the project is estimated to cost 5.4 million plus by their engineer. LHA1, Light-Heigel understanding is this information is going to be presented to City Council on September 12, 2022, by constructing all 3 Phases in 10 years you'll eliminate one of the Authority's largest SCO's based on flow and you have approximately 2,299 households separated and discharging directly into the sewer plant. Please note this is approximately 23% of the Authority's System. The Authority in conjunction with the

City will have to authorize Light-Heigel on which direction to proceed and complete this EAP Act 537 Plan Revision. Then Option B is in regard to the Light-Heigel project, we are continuing engineering work on the plan upgrades to the digesters (at the plant), the bid from and summary work have been sent to Tim Yingling for his review. And this was from Keith Heigel, Thomas Schreffler, and Lee Strause, who all work for Light-Heigel & Associates. Which is the other Engineer. Basically, all said and done, Pottsville was given the option from Benesch & Light-Heigel. Pottsville has to decide which one they want to do and I guess they are going to present this on the 12th.

Mayor's Report- H Herndon reported on September 29, 2022, there is a class offered in Williamsport for Enradd & Robotic stop watch training, it's \$100.00 per Officer and 4 Officers are attending, we will take a vote on this at the next meeting.
Monday, October 31, 2022 is Our Trick or Treat night/ The Halloween Parade is still in question.

New Business- We received a letter from Pottsville Library of 4 resignations that were submitted. T Sullivan entertained a motion to approve 5 people for the library, they are: James McBreen, Karen Putt, Marie Trout, Robin Reily, and Mary Webb. IF you would like to meet them, they will be at The Senior Center on September 14, 2022 @ 6 pm.
W Devers second the motion and J McBreen abstained from vote.

Citizens Portion- N/A

Adjournment- R Zimmerman, Vice President entertained a motion for Adjournment

T Sullivan motioned to Adjourn/ M Borowski second the motion.

Meeting Adjourned.
Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Skoufalos,
Borough Secretary