

**Port Carbon Borough Council
General Meeting
September 7, 2021**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Scott Krater, President, p
Ron Zimmerman, Vice President, p
Denise Krater, a
Treasurer p
James McBreen p
Cathy Manning a
Tiffany Sullivan, a
Mary Jo Ferraro, p-call in

ANCILLARY MEMBERS

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

The meeting was called to order by President, Scott Krater with the Pledge of Allegiance. McBreen/Sullivan motioned to approve the minutes from July meetings. Motion approved.

Citizens - George Thomas, thanked council with situation with improvement to the neighborhood.

Finance - Zimmerman stated we received from 2021 The Premium Comparisons, items that need renewal, paid, so we have to reach out to Doug Werley. There is an obligation for pensions for the police department.

Zimmerman reported a change in the Real Estate Tax law that go into effect August 30, 2021 for LLC's, Bill Burke confirmed. Zimmerman received a letter from the Tax claim Bureau for 3 properties, Bidders wanted to buy they are:

234 3rd Street- JPM

631 2nd Street-MGSH LLC

215 1st Street- _MGSH LLC

Zimmerman reached out to other municipalities about JPM, nothing bad was said about them. MGSH LLC, apparently, they have a lot of code violations, we have until August 30 till this goes into effect. Private sales on the above referenced properties notices also given to the School District. If no objections to the sale are filed with the Schuylkill County Court of Common Pleas by the deadline of August 30, the sale will become final as the close of business on that date, if an objection is filed, the hearing date will be set by the court.

Code violations from MGSH LLC, not approved 631 2nd st- 215 1st st

Burke asked if there was a questionnaire.

McBreen motioned/Manning second motion approval.

Public Works - There is a fire hydrant on 2nd Street that needs repair, was advised that the water authority should take care of the repair.

Property - Manning received a call from Janet Eich about door not closing properly so Manning spoke to Kelly about commercial door closer. She also showed me a problem with the steps upstairs on top is rotted, so one fireman said it would not be safe for them to go up with all their equipment. There is no entrance from downstairs. Some safety measures should be set in place.

Recreation - Sullivan got in touch with Matt Dougherty would Donate for soccer, but nothing as yet.

Zoning - McBreen reported a shed **708 Park Ave**, Heads report as of last visit on July, 26, 2021, no movement on the property to resolve the violation on the dilapidated shed behind property, service of notice violations cannot be confirmed as both notices of certified mail has been lost, he has never seen anything like this before. McBreen said start with citations at this point.

Property owner of 3 East Washington Street had a hearing before District Magistrate on July 29th, the judge gave the property owner 20 days to bring the property to compliance.

22 Pike Street-hearing on August 4th, property owner found guilty of 1 of 4 citations, sentenced to pay fine of \$500.00 additionally if not cleaned up by September 4th

21 Pike Street- Fined earlier, did not fix issue, so second set of citations will be issued until fixed.

79 Washington Street- property owner gave full compliance.

118 Pike Street- Property owner asked for an extension until September 13th.

Zoning and enforcement Actions- 115 4th St. after the enforcement was issued, he was informed they did indeed have a permit for their fence.

219 Pike Street-August 5th zoning for variance for Ice Cream Shop.

Seigfried stated **19 Pike Street** was corrected, **21 Pike Street** was up for sheriff sale.

Sanitation - Sanitation report, - Note: Construction material will not be picked up by Sanitation, Ben Schuettler

Special - Ron Zimmerman, put an ad on Facebook for clean-up in Schuylkill County Residents.

Treasurer's - Treasurer Jespersion reported July 1st beginning balance of \$299,517.29, checks paid \$72,807.96, deposits of \$142,255.20 cleared transactions of \$69,447.24 for balance of \$368,964.53, of that 92,893.93 is an Arbor Grant which is moving to a separate account. Still have uncleared transactions of \$-13,286.89, deposits \$2,722.39 for a general fund ending balance of \$334,132.93.

Liquid fuel beginning balance \$90,029.25, cleared transactions in July \$621.73, deposits \$.76 total cleared balance \$89,407.52

Tax collector's report - Total Cash Collected \$8107.67, - 405.39(5%)= \$7,702.28

McBreen/Sullivan motioned to accept report. Report approved.

Engineer - No Report

Mayor - Harold Herndon noted on getting a ribbon/plack for Chief of Police, Joseph Ferraro for his courageous efforts on 3rd Street in the borough. He would like to Honor him in saving a life.

Unfinished business - Encounter's is down- Neighbors are happy.

Jackson Street is down - siding remains to be done.

318 N. Coal Street- soon for demolition

Executive Session - Scott Krater, Ron Zimmerman, James McBreen, Harold Herndon. Note: Meeting from 7:44 pm, to 7:49 pm.

McBreen/Ron Zimmerman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Skoufalos
Borough Secretary