

McKees Rocks Borough
Public Meeting
March 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President of Council, Mr. Paul Krisby. President Krisby requested roll call. Present were Council Shallegra Moye, Council Elizabeth Delgado, Council Maribeth Taylor, Vice-President Kathleen Evich, Council Craig Myers, Council Sarah Harvey, and Council Joe Mixter. Also present were Mayor John “Jack” Muhr, Controller Kimberly Bosetti, Borough Manager Ruth A. Pompey and Administrative Assistant LeeAnn Wozniak. Mr. Douglas Evans from NIRA Consulting Engineers and Borough Solicitor Ms. Megan Turnbull, of Goehring Rutter & Boehm was present. Council Leslie Gee was absent.

Agenda Comments/Changes: None

Guest Speaker:

Ms. Gabrielle Slaughaupt, of Mockenhaupt Benefits Group was present to give a brief overview of the Police Pension Plan evaluation. Ms. Slaughaupt commented that review of calculations show positive results that our plan is ahead of funding, by 104% meaning assets meet liability. A negative result of evaluation shows MMO’s will increase for 2019. A detailed evaluation report is available at the Borough Manager’s office for review.

Ms. Jennifer Davison, of Focus on Renewal was present to discuss the idea of a Community Beautification Project, which would utilize abandon/vacant properties by decorating broken window and door spaces with large art work in place of the typical wooden boards seen on vacant houses in communities. An example of this art work can be seen in South Braddock community. Ideas of the art work could include positive affirmations, town themes. Ms. Davison is asking the community for ideas of what they would like to see. This project would be part of an after-school program working with 30-40 children, which is in the early stages of screen printing services for other projects such as t-shirts, banners, etc. Council made a few positive and negative comments about the idea and advised Ms. Davison that the idea would be further discussed for consideration and Council will follow-up with her team at a later date.

Ms. Tracy LaCock, a resident of 23 Singer Avenue was present to address lack of parking on Singer Avenue. She states that the 2 multi-unit apartment buildings among other houses are sharing 7 street parking spaces, which are not nearly enough spaces to accommodate the amount of cars belonging to the multiple home owners/tenants. Ms. LaCock did offer suggestions to Council that possibly the parking spaces in the alley that was previously closed approximately 10 years ago be opened back up, or create parking in the green area near Windgap Bridge. Council Taylor commended Ms. LaCock for bringing suggestions to Council how to remedy the parking problem. Ms. LaCock also commented concern of over-sized trucks getting stuck on Singer Avenue from turning off of Windgap Bridge, being a safety concern. She is suggesting putting signs up in the area for “no turn” zone. Mayor Muhr advised signs being a good possibility.

Ms. Kate O'Brien, was present and commented she is in favor of the F.O.R.'s Community Beautification Project, and is very aware of the beautiful artwork in the South Braddock area.

Last Month's Minutes:

A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Council Myers to dispense the reading of February 13, 2018 Public Meeting minutes. The motion was adopted by acclamation.

Committee Reports:

- Vice-President Evich read the February 2018 activity report from the McKees Rocks Independent Volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Department received a total of 25 calls. There were 9 false alarms, 1 at Hays Manor in Buildings 17 & 18. Response also included 3 motor vehicle accidents and 4 haz mat calls. 3 of the haz mat calls were a gas leak, and 1 was a carbon monoxide call. There was also 1 lift assist for EMS, 3 assist police, which 2 of those assists were to light a crime scene and 1 was for a ladder to assist getting an actor off a house roof, and 1 water leak. There were 5 structure fires. No reported injuries on any calls.

Engine 189 responded to 12 incidents. Engine 189-2 responded 1 time. Truck 189 response – 3 times, Rescue 189 - 1 time, Utility 189 – 3 times. Persons in private vehicles responded directly to scene 12 times. Mutual aide provided by Presston Station 277 on all calls. In addition, Stowe Station 275 provided aid to us 1 time at an accident on the McKees Rocks Bridge, and we provided aid to them 4 times for structure fires or possible structure fires. Total person response from Station 189 to calls in February was 146, averaging 5.8 persons.

- Vice-President Evich read the monthly Activity Report from the McKees Rocks Police Department for February 2018. Chief Deliman reported a total of 712 events. There were 156 cases reported, 42 arrests, 85 citations (75 traffic, 8 non-traffic, 2 borough weight citations), and 23 impounded vehicles. Total mileage on patrol vehicles 5,621. Total money submitted to the Borough Manager was \$11,803.51.

- Council Taylor reported having an updated list of vacant/abandon properties provided to the Real Estate Committee that she will pass out to Council for review.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Muhr reported that Representative Dan Deasy met with Mayor Peduto regarding the Chartiers Creek Bridge condition, owned by City of Pittsburgh. At this time, pot holes have temporarily been restored. Another meeting will be scheduled at the City County Building to discuss restoring the bridge with concrete surface and agree to turn the bridge over to the Borough.

Mayor Muhr also reported multiple complaints received at the Borough regarding the pot holes along Creek Road. Complaints mainly received were school buses couldn't pass through and

emergency vehicles would have trouble accessing any residence or business. Street Department has temporarily restored the majority of pot holes, and traveling along Creek Road is much better. Permanent patching cannot be done until weather conditions improve and materials are available, potentially the month of May.

Mayor Muhr also received a complaint about a dumpster in Hays Manor filled with possibly 30 TV's. This dumpster is not the Borough's responsibility, but Mayor Muhr reached out to Mr. Vogel at Community Housing, and requested the dumpster to be cleaned out. Mayor Muhr reminded our residents in attendance that the Borough of McKees Rocks has a contract with Waste Management for free TV pick-up service and the customer service number is available at the Borough office.

Mayor Muhr lastly reported about a manhole on Washington Street, caving in with bricks continuing to fall, which will need repaired as soon as weather permits. President Krisby advised that the Street Department will assess the problem.

Borough Manager's Report: None

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Douglas Evans provided a written capsule report last evening to Council and there are no additional action items to discuss this evening.

Solicitor's Report: None

Controller's Report:

As of February 28, 2018 General Fund, both income and expenses have annual budget of \$3,781,218.00. Expenses totaled \$429,972.44; approximately 11.37% of annual budget. Balance in the General Fund Checking Account is \$184,050.32.

As of February 28, 2018 Sewer Fund, both income and expenses have an annual budget of \$1,694,243.00. Expenses totaled \$96,323.99; approximately 5.69% of the annual budget. Balance in the Sewer Fund Savings Account is \$457,349.39.

Upon President Krisby's request for a motion to accept the Controller's Report for February 2018, Council Delgado questioned if the contract payment for Cohen & Grigsby was included in the expenses, as Council Delgado thought Council voted in February meeting's not to pay the Cohen & Grigsby bill until Council received documentation for the work completed by Ms. Hileman. Upon discussion with Borough Manager, it was clarified that the Cohen & Grigsby payment was made, and the Borough Manager gave documentation requested by Council during February's meeting to Council Taylor. Borough Manager also confirmed speaking with Ms. Hileman, who will be sending requested documentation to the Borough for review. A motion was made by Council Myers and seconded by Council Mixter to accept the Controller's Report. The motion was adopted by acclamation.

Bills:

A motion was made by Council Myers and seconded by Council Mixter to pay the bills. The motion was adopted by acclamation.

Agenda:

1. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Council Harvey authorize Borough Engineer to get bids for step repair contact, starting bottom working upward based upon GEDF \$100,000.00 grant. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
2. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Vice-President Evich to approve Boyd Roll-Off Subdivision/Consolidation Plan, as recommended by NIRA Engineering. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
3. A motion was made by Council Myers and seconded by Council Mixter to approve Pilla Lot Consolidation, as recommended by NIRA Engineering. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
4. A motion was made by Vice-President Evich and seconded by Council Taylor to approve Borough Ordinance 1747 Regulating Use of Fireworks. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
5. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Vice-President Evich to approve Borough Ordinance 1748 Property and Fire Insurance Requirement for rental dwelling units. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
6. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Vice-President Evich to authorize Borough Solicitor to create a Resolution, requiring a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 to apply for a Borough park alcohol permit. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
7. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Council Harvey to approve Borough Resolution No. 6094 requiring a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 to apply for a Borough park alcohol permit. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
8. A motion to authorize Borough Solicitor to create a Resolution to increase the Zoning Hearing Board Application fee was requested by Council Taylor to be tabled until April 2018 meeting pending further discussion. Council Delgado seconded. Motion tabled.
9. A motion was made by Council Mixter and seconded by Vice-President Evich to hire a Full-Time Building Inspector, pending an executive session to discuss further details. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
10. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Vice-President Evich to change the deadline for Council agenda item requests to two (2) Fridays before scheduled monthly meeting. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
11. A motion was made by Council Harvey and seconded by Council Delgado to change the deadline of emailing Caucus Meeting Agenda to Council one (1) week before scheduled monthly meeting. The motion was adopted by acclamation.

12. A motion was made by Council Mixter and seconded by Council Taylor to accept summer intern help offered through the 2018 My Work Initiative Program, OVR Pittsburgh. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
13. A motion was made by Council Harvey and seconded by Council Mixter to approve the use of Council Chambers for April 28, 2018 Community Clean-up, waiving the rental/cleaning fee. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
14. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Council Delgado to authorize Borough Administrative Assistant to notify all Council Members via email, when Zoning and/or Planning Hearings are scheduled. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
15. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Vice-President to hire Ms. Sara Westerman, as a Part-Time Office Clerk at \$10.00 hour, 20 hours per week with a 90 day probationary period, effective hire date of February 26, 2018. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
16. A motion was made by Council Mixter and seconded by Vice-President Evich to hire Mr. Michael Stepek, Jr as a Full-Time Street Department Laborer, under the Street Department Union Contract, 90 day probationary period, effective hire date of February 26, 2018. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
17. A motion was made by Council Harvey and seconded by Council Myers to seek DCNR grants for playground equipment, pending insurance review. The motion was adopted by acclamation.

New Business: Council Taylor suggested inviting the newly hired employees to the April 2018 meeting to be introduced to all Council members and other parties in attendance.

Mayor Muhr requested an executive session to be held to discuss legal and personnel issues.

Old Business: Borough Solicitor advised that Borough Ordinance No. 1746 Commercial Vehicle Parking formally adopted by Council on December 12, 2017, has the additional language added regarding vehicle permit parking. Ordinance No. 1746 will be executed/enacted into law effective March 13, 2018 signed by President Krisby.

Council Taylor requested a motion to dissolve the resident request to address Council sign-up timeframe of Thursday prior to meeting date. Council Taylor feels that all residents/business owners of McKees Rocks should be permitted to address Council for 3 minutes at the public meeting if in attendance, even if they did not request to speak. Council Myers seconded the motion, also suggesting a same day sign-up sheet be available at the evening meeting. The motion was adopted by acclamation.

A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Vice-President Evich to adjourn the public meeting and break for an executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues. Meeting adjourned.