

McKees Rocks Borough
Public Meeting
April 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President of Council, Mr. Paul Krisby. President Krisby requested roll call. Present were Council Shallegra Moyer, Council Maribeth Taylor, Council Leslie Gee, 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 Elizabeth Delgado was absent.

Agenda Comments/Changes: None

New Employee Introduction:

President Krisby introduced two new employees of the Borough of McKees Rocks. Ms. Sara Westerman was recently hired as a part-time Office Clerk and Mr. Michael Stepek, Jr. was recently hired as a full-time Street Department Laborer.

Guest Speaker:

- Mr. Lou Weiss, a local businessman addressed Council with a proposal of opening a medical marijuana growing facility in the area, such as the facility he and his wife run in McKeesport. Mr. Weiss' highlighted the two main reasons of opening another local growing facility included pain management for medically ill persons and economic growth, as Mr. Weiss stated the jobs created would be secured positions with benefits. Council and Mayor had many questions and concerns about this type of facility, and Mr. Weiss did not reply back with detailed information and answers. Mr. Weiss advised he had an application deadline of May 26, 2018 to have the Council's approval to move forward, but Council decided to not accept his proposal at this time.

- Ms. Dianne Keating, resident of Washington Street addressed Council how she feels the Bottoms have changed over the years. Ms. Keating feels the town is not being held accountable for their actions, and police need to be more visually present walking the streets to see who is in our town. Ms. Keating mentioned the amount of garbage she has picked up in passing, such as broken glass and litter. Also, Becker's Café recent shooting is a major concern for residents as the crime and violence has significantly increased. Mayor Muhr commented that a letter regarding the shooting at Becker's Café was recently submitted to the District Attorney requesting Becker's Café to be shut down for the safety of our community. Mayor Muhr also agreed with Ms. Keating that the town is in need of a “clean-up” and he has been citing owners for trash violations.

- Ms. Kate O'Brien was present, and agreed with Ms. Dianne Keating that the town has changed drastically over the years. Ms. O'Brien wants to know why we are tolerating behaviors such as drug dealings at all times of the day, the multiple shootings that have occurred, the constant garbage being thrown around the town. Ms. O'Brien feels we need to hold these people accountable by Ordinances and create a new system that alerts these people that they can't just keep doing what they do. Council Taylor commented that as a community, we need to hold our peers accountable for their actions and anytime a resident sees something

- Mr. Taris Vrcek, McKees Rocks CDC, was present to give brief updates. Phantom Robotix closed on commercial property 524 Island Avenue, formerly known as Island Studios, and are officially new owners. Phantom Robotix was one of many interest buyers on this property. The streetscape project for lower

Chartiers Avenue to do sidewalks, lighting, landscaping, etc is approximately 40% funded and a grant has been applied for with PennDOT to fund the remaining amount. Mr. Vrcek commented that he was excited to hear about the RACP and Housing Authority plan including constructing a new building for office space. Mr. Vrcek thanked Vice-President Evich for attending the preview of the "Making it in the Rocks" film series that is set up for public viewing April 11, 2018.

Last Month's Minutes:

A motion was made by Council Myers and seconded by Council Taylor to dispense the reading of March 12, 2018 Public Meeting minutes. The motion was adopted by acclamation.

Committee Reports:

- Vice-President Evich read the March 2018 activity report from the McKees Rocks Independent Volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Department received a total of 29 calls. There were 12 false alarms, 4 at Hays Manor, 2 at Buildings 15 & 16, and 2 at Buildings 24. There were also 2 at Xavier Personal Care Home. Response also included 2 motor vehicle accidents and 2 carbon monoxide calls. There was also 1 lift assist for EMS and 1 wires down call. There were 5 structure fires and 2 illegals burns. No reported injuries on any calls.

Engine 189 responded to 14 incidents. Engine 189-2 responded 2 times. Rescue 189 response – 1 time, Truck 189, 3 times, Utility 189 – 1 time and persons in private vehicles responded directly to scene 15 times. VFD cancelled in route 9 times. Mutual aid provided by Presston Station 277 on all calls. In addition, Stowe Station 275 provided aid to us 2 times, Kennedy Station 181, provided mutual aid 2 times, Seville Station 251 provided mutual aid 3 times all for possible structure fires. VFD provided mutual aid to Stowe Station 275 6 times and to Kennedy Station 181 1 time for structure fires or possible structure fires. Total person response from Station 189 to calls in March was 180, averaging 6.6 persons.

- Vice-President Evich read the monthly Activity Report from the McKees Rocks Police Department for March 2018. Chief Deliman reported a total of 732 events. There were 194 cases reported, 43 arrests, 78 citations (67 traffic, 9 non-traffic, 2 borough weight citations), and 16 impounded vehicles. Total mileage on patrol vehicles 5,087. Total money submitted to the Borough Manager was \$9,951.58.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Muhr reported that the residents' complaints of the dumpster filled with TV's, etc in Hays Manor has been resolved since last month's meeting.

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: Ms. Megan Turnbull stated for meeting minutes recording purposes that a closed executive session was held on March 27, 2018 to discuss legal and personnel issues. Ms. Turnbull also reminded Council the deadline to turn in the State Ethics Financial Statement is May 1, 2018.

Controller's Report:

As of March 30, 2018 General Fund, both income and expenses have annual budget of \$3,781,218.00. Expenses totaled \$653,392.26; approximately 17.28% of annual budget. Balance remaining in the annual budget is \$3,127,825.74. Balance in the General Fund Checking Account is \$568,773.03.

As of March 30, 2018 Sewer Fund, both income and expenses have an annual budget of \$1,694,243.00. Expenses totaled \$366,621.59; approximately 21.64% of the annual budget. Balance remaining in the annual budget is \$1,327,421.41. Balance in the Sewer Fund Savings Account is \$261,854.26.

A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Council Myers to accept the Controller's Report. The motion was adopted by acclamation.

Bills:

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

Agenda:

1. A motion was made by Council Mixter and seconded by Council Myers to accept State Pipe Services, Inc service to line the root-compromised sewer pipe section of Cherry Alley, in the amount of \$2,200.00. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
2. A motion was made by Council Moye and seconded by Council Myers to accept Borough Engineer's recommendation of bidding Year Two CCTV/cleaning of sewers anticipated to cost \$30,000.00
3. A motion was by Council Taylor and seconded by Council Mixter to approve Borough Ordinance No. 1749 Tax Mill for the fiscal year 2018. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
4. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Vice-President Evich to authorize Borough Solicitor to amend Borough Ordinance No. 1680 Residential Rental Operating Licensing citation amount up to \$1,000.00. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
5. A motion was made by Council Moye and seconded by Vice-President Evich to discuss reconfiguration of the Zoning Hearing Board Application Fee and Zoning Hearing Board membership. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
6. A motion was made by Council Myers and seconded by Council Gee to purchase vibratory roller equipment for the Street Department, in the amount of \$9,590.00. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
7. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Vice-President Evich to accept Ms. Kimberly Hileman as a guest speaker every other month for Cohen & Grigsby updates. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
8. A motion was made by Council Myers and seconded by Council Gee to authorize Borough Manager to write a formal letter to PIRMA alerting them prior to the 90 day requirement of their exploration of other insurance opportunities to leave the government pool. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
9. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Vice-President Evich to authorize Borough Solicitor to advertise Borough meeting date changes as following: May 2018 meetings are now May 7th Caucus and May 8th Public, due to Primary Elections held May 15th and November 2018 meeting, both Caucus and Public will be held on November 13th, as November 12th is a reserved holiday. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
10. A motion was made by Council Harvey and seconded by Council Gee to put up a Low Speed/Child Safety Sign to notify large trucks of children in area in Hays Manor. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
11. A motion was made by Vice-President Evich and seconded by Council Taylor to authorize agreement and any related forms between the Borough and the FBI to allow inter-agency workforce sharing and assistance. The motion was adopted by acclamation.

New Business:

Father Ryan suggested that the No Right Turn sign near St. John Street onto Chartiers Avenue be removed, as the large building that used to block view is no longer an issue, so sign is no longer needed. President Krisby advised the Street Department would look into the street sign removal.

Ms. Dianne Keating requested an update on the Chartiers Creek Bridge condition. President Krisby commented that the bridge is City of Pittsburgh's responsibility and we are currently trying to get the City of Pittsburgh to repair the bridge correctly and release ownership to Borough in future. Mayor Muhr commented that Ms. Anita Kulik's office recently called the Borough regarding the bridge's condition and possibly involving Ms. Kulik may help resolve the repair issue.

Old Business: None.

A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Council Gee to adjourn the public meeting and break for an executive session to discuss personnel issues. Meeting adjourned, by President Krisby.