

McKees Rocks Borough
Public Meeting
January 09, 2018

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

Agenda Comments/Changes:

A motion was made by President Krisby to accept nominations for 3rd Ward Council Seat. A motion was made by Council Delgado to nominate Ms. Shallegra Moye as 3rd Ward Council. President Krisby asked for any other persons for nominations. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Vice-President Evich to close nominations. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by President Krisby to appoint Ms. Shallegra Moye as 3rd Ward Council. The motion was adopted by acclamation. Mayor Muhr issued the Oath of Office to Ms. Shallegra Moye.

Chief Deliman presented police excellence awards to Sgt. David Finerty and Officer Steven Gilbert, for their selfless efforts during the structure fire at 708 Chartiers Avenue on December 28, 2017. They entered the multi-unit apartment building engulfed in flames and safely removed all tenants of the building, without injury. Both officers were recognized for their daily dedication in keeping the community safe.

A motion was made by Council Mixter and seconded by Council Myers to adjourn for an Executive Session requested by the Borough Solicitor to discuss West View Water Authority updates and personnel issues. The motion was adopted by acclamation. Borough Councilmembers, Borough Manager, and Borough Solicitor participated in the Executive Session held in the Caucus Room 7:10 pm until 7:56 pm.

Last Month's Minutes:

A motion was made by Council Mixter and seconded by Council Myers to dispense the reading of December 12, 2017 Public Meeting minutes. The motion was adopted by acclamation. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Council Meyers to dispense the reading of the January 2, 2018 reorganization minutes. The motion was adopted by acclamation.

Committee Reports:

- Vice-President Evich read the December 2017 activity report from the McKees Rocks Independent Volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Department received a total of 22 calls. There were 4 false alarms, 3 at Hays Manor, 2 at Buildings 11 & 14 and 1 at Buildings 20 & 21. Response also included 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 carbon monoxide call, 3 smells of gas, 3 list assists for EMS, 1 trash fire and 6 structure fires. 1 of the structure fires was a 6 alarm fire at 708 Chartiers Avenue where one victim was rescued from the 3rd floor via a ground ladder. Three fire fighters were injured at that fire from falling on ice, one resulting in an emergency room visit for an injured shoulder. Engine 189 responded to 10 incidents. Engine 189-2 responded 4 times. Truck 189 response – 4 times, Rescue 189 - 1 time, Utility 189 – 1 time. Persons in private vehicles responded directly to scene 14 times, canceled in route 2 times. Mutual aid provided by Presston Station 277 on all calls. We gave mutual aid to Kennedy and Stowe Township on structure fires. At 708 Chartiers Avenue structure fire, we received mutual aid from Stowe, Kennedy, Fairview, and Ross Township. We also had 4 RIT teams there, from Emsworth, Seville in Ross, Moon Run, and Crafton. Total person response from Station 189 to calls in December was 149, averaging 7 persons.

- Vice-President Evich read the Annual 2017 Alarm Activity Report from the McKees Rocks Independent Volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Department received a total of 224 calls in 2017. A full report with details regarding the calls is available for review at the Borough Office.

- Vice-President Evich read the monthly Activity Report from the McKees Rocks Police Department for December 2017. Chief Deliman reported a total of 700 events. There were 143 cases reported, 44 arrests, 74 citations (62 traffic, 8 non-traffic), and 12 impounded vehicles. Total mileage on patrol vehicles 6,852. Total money submitted to the Borough Manager was \$19,274.19.

Mayors Report: Mayor Muhr commented about the recent loss of properties the Borough has incurred as a result of multiple structure fires. Mayor Muhr wanted to thank the Fire Department for their work in keeping the community safe. Mayor Muhr also noted that the Borough Office has LIHEAP applications available for any resident who may qualify.

Borough Manager's Report: A 2018 Preliminary Sewer Fund Budget has been prepared with details for review and Council vote. ALCOSAN has increased their fees for 2018 as follows: waste water treatment has increased from \$6.91 to \$7.42 per 1,000 gallons used and customer service charge has increased from \$14.51 to \$15.60 per bill issued. The Borough did not increase fees for 2018.

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 December 31, 2017 General Fund, both income and expenses have annual budget of \$3,634,736.18. Expenses totaled \$3,590,978.04 approximately 98.8 % of annual budget. Balance remaining in annual budget is \$43,758.14 short of collections. Balance in the General Fund Checking Account is \$360,723.68.

As of December 31, 2017 Sewer Fund, both income and expenses have an annual budget of \$1,788,359.00. Expenses totaled \$1,535,265.52 approximately 85.8 % of the annual budget. Balance remaining in the annual budget is \$253,093.48 short of collections. Balance in the Sewer Fund Checking Account is \$297,820.99.

A motion was made by Council Taylor 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 as they are. The motion was adopted by acclamation.

Agenda:

1. A motion was made by Council Delgado and seconded by Council Harvey to accept ComDoc as Borough's copier/printer service provider starting 2018. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
2. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Vice-President Evich to authorize Borough Manager to advertise the Part-Time Office Clerk position. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
3. A motion was made by Council Moyer and seconded by Council Taylor to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise the Full-Time Street Department Laborer, upon final review of job description. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
4. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Council Gee to purchase and replace the HVAC unit for the borough building. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
5. A motion was made by Council Delgado and seconded by Council Taylor to repost the Sealed Vehicle Bid Advertisement of the Chevy Impala to include language "Borough employees, Borough officials, Vendors, and immediate family members are not permitted to apply." The motion was adopted by acclamation.
6. A motion was made by Council Myers and seconded by Council Harvey to add MLK Jr Day, Veteran's Day, and Election Day (if voting is held in Borough Building) to the 2018 Holiday Schedule for administrative staff. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
7. A motion was made by Council Myers and seconded by Council Mixter to authorize Borough Engineer to apply for the PA Small Water and Sewer Grant, which includes

adopting Appendix II-Authorized Official Resolution. The motion was adopted by acclamation.

8. A motion was made by Council Moyer and seconded by Council Delgado to authorize Borough Solicitor to investigate an Ordinance requiring property owners to have insurance on commercial/rental properties. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
9. A motion was made by Council Delgado and seconded by Vice-President Evich to authorize Borough Solicitor to investigate a fireworks Ordinance. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
10. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by President Krisby to accept the 2018 Council Committees List. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
11. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Vice-President Evich to add the following members to the Planning Commission: Kenneth Perl 2 year term, James Levondosky 2 year term, Tracey Pedersen 4 year term, Daniel Priddy 4 year term, and President Krisby 4 year term. The motion was adopted by acclamation.

New Business:

Ruth A. Pompey, Borough Manager presented the 2018 Preliminary Sewer Fund Budget, with total expenses \$1,694,043.00 and total income \$1,694,043.00. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Vice-President Evich to accept the 2018 Preliminary Sewer Fund Budget. The motion was adopted by acclamation.

Council Taylor announced that F.O.R. and Community Resource Center is holding an Opioid Crisis Summit on January 31, 2018 to continue discussion on the opioid crisis. FBI/DEA will be present as well as families that have been affected by opioid addiction. Shuttle service will be provided for community members who would like to sign up/attend and also dinner is being served during the event. Flyers with details are in the Borough Building.

Council Mixer announced the Sto-Rox School District Marching Band is holding a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for new band uniforms on January 28, 2018 at the VFW starting 12:00 pm. All are invited to attend.

Ms. Tracey Pedersen announced the next Council of Government (COG) meeting is on January 18, 2018 at Ingram Borough. Ms. Pedersen is attending the COG meeting with the new COG members to introduce the new members, as Ms. Pedersen has recently transitioned to Tax Collector.

A resident in the audience asked why executive sessions have to be during the public meeting, with frustration that the residents in attendance have to sit and wait. Borough Solicitor commented that the structure of the meeting can be changed at Councils' discretion and can be discussed for future agenda planning.

A resident challenged the Council's vote on re-posting the Sealed Vehicle Bid Advertisement to include the additional language that Borough employees/officials, vendors, and family members are not permitted to apply. Resident is upset that her immediate family member, who is also an elected Borough official, turned in a sealed bid that should have been accepted. It was discussed to be a conflict of interest, which resident did not want to accept.

Old Business: None

A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by President Krisby to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned, by President Krisby.

