

McKees Rocks Borough
Virtual Public Meeting
February 9, 2020

5:30 PM Executive Session – Litigation Updates and Personnel Matters

7:00 PM Public Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Councilmembers Present: President Archie Brinza, Councilman Joe Mixter, Vice-President Leslie Walker, Councilwoman Elizabeth Delgado, Councilman Charles Maritz, and Councilman Craig Myers

Councilmembers Absent: Councilwoman Kathleen Evich, Councilwoman Sarah Harvey

Also present for this meeting were Mayor John R. Muhr, Assistant Borough Secretary LeeAnn Wozniak, Controller William Beck, Borough Solicitor Megan Turnbull, of Weiss Burkhardt Kramer, LLC, and Borough Engineer Mr. Douglas Evans, of NIRA Consulting Engineers, Inc. Borough Manager Ruth A. Pompey was absent.

Honoring Retired McKees Rocks VFD Chief Nicholas Radoycis – President Brinza and Mayor Muhr presented Retired McKees Rocks VFD Chief Radoycis with a memory shadow box and award plaque while offering words of gratitude for Mr. Radoycis’s dedication and years of service to the McKees Rocks VFD.

Agenda Comments/Changes:

Borough Solicitor Turnbull advised the list of bills are not ready for Council approval and a special meeting will be scheduled at a later date to review and approve the bills.

Ward 2 Council Resignation/Vacancy Seat(s)

Councilwoman Evich turned in a letter of resignation from the Borough Council, Ward 2 effective February 4, 2021. A motion was made by Vice-President Walker and seconded by Councilman Maritz to accept Councilwoman Evich’s resignation from Borough Council. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

President Brinza indicated that there are now 2 vacancy seats in Ward 2 and letters of interest have been turned in by three residents of Ward 2 for Council review. A motion was made by Councilman Maritz and seconded by Vice-President Walker to appoint Mr. Nicholas Radoycis, Jr. as 1st vacancy seat for Ward 2. Roll Call requested, resulting in 6 Yes – 0 No. Motion carries.

A motion was made by Vice-President Walker and seconded by President Brinza to appoint Mr. John Malesnick as 2nd vacancy seat for Ward 2. Councilman Maritz motioned to table filling the second

vacancy until next meeting. Borough Solicitor requested a second motion to table, with no Council response. Councilwoman Delgado motioned to accept Ms. Lisa Considine as the 2nd vacancy seat, though Borough Solicitor Turnbull indicated the original motion stands regarding appointing Mr. John Malesnick. Roll Call requested to appoint Mr. John Malesnick, resulting in 5 Yes – 1 No (Delgado). Motion carries.

Guest Speaker: Ms. Kinsey Miller – TreePgh – Ms. Miller was present to speak to Council again regarding tree planting/tree adoptions in the community for positive impacts in the community such stormwater management and people’s health and wellness. Ms. Miller commented that TreePgh in non-profit and works with grants and services are free. Ms. Miller also advised TreePgh could help the municipality with any type of Ordinance regarding tree planting and maintenance.

Ms. MaryAnn Sinicrope, resident was present to speak to Council regarding her concern of additional traffic on Wayne and Greydon once Get-Go opens asking if speed checks can be put in the area. Councilman Maritz commented that a traffic study was done for Get-Go and Wayne or Greydon will not be impacted by the traffic flow. Mr. Sinicrope also expressed concern regarding gun fire/shootings in the area, specifically discussing Club Erotica. Ms. Sinicrope is asking all businesses such as Club Erotica to have metal detectors and landlords to do background checks. President Brinza responded the Police Department is active in the community when responding to gun fire/shots.

Ms. Marie McDonough, resident was present to speak to Council regarding occupancy permits and how to obtain Ordinances that would explain how businesses would get their permit revoked. Borough Solicitor Turnbull indicated that the Borough is currently working with a company to codify the borough’s Ordinances and once complete, will be available on the website. In the meantime, the best way to obtain copies of Ordinances would be to complete a RTK request with the borough office. Ms. McDonough indicated she is requesting the above information as she is collecting information for research project.

Reading of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Maritz and seconded by Councilman Myers to approve the public meeting minutes from January 12, 2021. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

A motion was made by Councilman Mixter and seconded by Vice-President Walker to approve the meeting minutes from January 21, 2021 cancelled special public meeting. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

A motion was made by Vice-President Walker and seconded by Councilman Myers to approve the meeting minutes from January 27, 2021 special public meeting. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

Committee Reports:

- McKees Rocks Police Department January 2021 Activity Report (on file at the Borough Manager Office)
- McKees Rocks Independent Volunteer Fire Department January 2021 Activity Report (on file at the Borough Manager Office)

- Council Committees: Public Safety Committee Councilmember Councilman Maritz advised there was a Public Safety Meeting on February 8, 2021 and the Police Department is doing a great job. Parks & Recreation Committee Councilmember Councilman Mixer commented that bids are out for the playground revitalization grant.
- Council of Government (COG) – Councilwoman Delgado commented that the January/February COG take back sheets have been sent to Council for review and CITF grant information is available, which was presented by Borough Engineer during previous Caucus meeting.

Dentons Cohen & Grigsby, P.C.: No report received

Mayors Report: Mayor Muhr reported that Council requested a stop sign at Union Way/Chartiers Avenue, and Meals on Wheels on Bruce Street is requesting the no parking sign to be replaced, as people have been parking in their spots on Tuesdays where Meals on Wheels loads vehicles. The Street Department will put the signs up weather permitting. There was also an issue with a retail store on Broadway Ave/3rd Street that had an ice machine outside on the sidewalk, which is against Ordinance. The owner was instructed to remove the ice machine by following Wednesday, or violation would be issued. There is also an overflowing dumpster belonging to the In & Out Store in the McKees Rocks Bottoms. Owner claims other people are dumping there. Mayor advised owner to get a locking dumpster.

Communications:

- Borough Manager – No Report
- Borough Engineer – Borough Engineer Capsule Report was discussed at the Council Caucus Meeting 2/8/2021.
- Borough Solicitor –Ms. Megan Turnbull stated for meeting minute purposes that an executive session was held before the business portion of the meeting to discuss pending litigations and personnel matters. The Ward 2 council vacancies that were filled this evening by new Council members have Borough Resolutions that will be executed post-meeting. There will also be a special public meeting scheduled for next week for approval of the bills, that Council will have to vote for legal advertisement of such meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Maritz and seconded by Councilman Myers to approve legal advertisement of upcoming special public meeting. Motion was adopted by acclamation. Borough Solicitor also commented that a zoning appeal application previously submitted by WillSTAN Holdings, LLC was appealed with Allegheny County courts and is pending approval of resolution of a conditional agreement, and Council should consider approval of this conditional agreement. A motion was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Vice-President Walker to approve the agreement. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- Building Code Official Monthly Activity Report - A written January 2021 activity report was provided to Council for review by Mr. John Stahl, and on file at the Borough Manager’s office.

Controllers Report: As of January 31, 2021, General Fund, both income and expenses have an annual budget of \$4,503,377.00. Income was \$90,112.03 or 2 % of the budgeted income. Expenses totaled \$202,339.72 or approximately 4.49 % of the budgeted expenses. Balance in the General Fund Checking Account as of January 31, 2021 was \$318,658.21.

As of January 31, 2021, Sewer Fund, both income and expenses have an annual budget of

\$1,976,085.00. Income was \$153,640.81 or 7.85% of the budgeted income. Expenses totaled \$1.12 or 0% of the budgeted expenses. Balance remaining in the Sewer Fund as of January 31, 2021 was \$323,676.05.

A motion was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilman Maritz to accept the Controllers Report. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

Bills: Not available

Agenda:

1. A motion was made by Councilman Mixter and seconded by Vice-President Walker to award Minniefield Demolition Service, LLC as low bidder of the (2) demolition projects 1145 Church Ave and 1135 Chartiers Ave in the amount of \$25,500.00, which also includes Alternate which was working with Salvaged PGH, amount \$0.00. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
2. A motion was made by Vice-President Walker and seconded by Councilman Mixter to approve use of Ranger's Field for the Sto-Rox Little Vikings with conditions of proof of liability insurance and letter re: responsibility of clean-up, damages during 2021 season, Private Organization Waiver & Rules/Regulations Agreement. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
3. A motion was made by Councilman Maritz and seconded by Councilman Mixter to accept the resignation of part-time patrolman Darryl Webb from the McKees Rocks Police Department. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
4. A motion was made by Councilman Mixter and seconded by Vice-President Walker to approve Borough Resolution No 6113 Waste Management 2021 Rate Change. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
5. A motion was made by Vice-President Walker and seconded by Councilman Myers to authorize the Borough Manager to begin the RFP process for a new garbage contract in 2022. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
6. A motion was made by Vice-President Walker and seconded by Councilman Maritz to approve the McKees Rocks Police Department to change bargaining unit representation to Local Teamsters. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
7. A motion was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Vice-President Walker to authorize the Civil Service Commission to prepare a new eligibility list (good for 1 year) to hire a full-time patrolman. The motion was adopted by acclamation.
8. A motion was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Vice-President Walker to continue discussion regarding amending Zoning Ordinance 1330, Section 5.501 Off-Street Parking. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
9. A motion was made by Vice-President Walker and seconded by Councilman Maritz to continue discussion regarding the parking/traffic issue on Mary Street. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
10. A motion was made by Councilman Maritz and seconded by Vice-President Walker to approve the CITF Grant Resolution in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the replacement of the Fourth Street Stairs. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

New Business

President Brinza read a letter titled “Join The Fight” written by Councilman Maritz regarding ALCOSAN acquiring the Crivelli property and the Borough’s tax base. This letter was provided to the local Gazette 2.0 three times for printing and has yet published the article. Council suggested putting the letter on the borough website for public view.

Old Business

None

A motion was made by Vice-President Walker and seconded by President Brinza to adjourn the business portion of the meeting. Meeting adjourned, by President Brinza.