

McKees Rocks Borough
Public Meeting
February 12, 2019
7:00 PM

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, Council Craig Myers, Council Sarah Harvey, and Council Joe Mixter. Also present were Mayor John “Jack” Muhr, Borough Manager Ruth A. Pompey, Administrative Assistant LeeAnn Wozniak, and Controller Julia Chambers. Mr. Douglas Evans from NIRA Consulting Engineers and Borough Solicitor Ms. Megan Turnbull, of Weiss Burkhardt Kramer, LLC were present. Vice-President Kathleen Evich participated via phone and Council Shallegra Moye arrived late.

Agenda Comments/Changes:

Guest Speaker:

- Mr. John Pergal, Mr. Sanj Katyal, and Mr. John Siemensi of Roxian Live, LLC were present to update Council regarding the Roxian Theatre. Construction will be complete by March and April will be considered clean-up month to tie up any loose ends. Open house is scheduled for May 10, 2019 with a free concert by New Master Sounds.
- Mr. Paul Bradis, resident of 1207 Church Avenue was present to address Council regarding parking and zoning in the Borough. Mr. Bradis feels that vehicles are being parked illegally on 1210 Church Avenue. Mr. Bradis continues to bring this concern to Council, as he feels nothing is being done by the Borough. Mr. Bradis was advised by President Krisby that the Building Code Official will investigate this complaint and respond accordingly.

Last Month’s Minutes:

A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Council Gee to dispense the reading of January 15, 2019 public meeting minutes. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

Committee Reports:

- Council Moye read the January 2019 activity report from the McKees Rocks Independent Volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Department received a total of 19 calls. There were 10 false alarms, 5 at Hays Manor, 2 in Buildings 7 & 8, 1 in Buildings 17&18 and 2 in Buildings 22&23. Response also included 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 haz mat call, 3 carbon monoxide calls, 1 smell of smoke, and 1 police assist. There was 1 structure fire, a chimney fire and assisted Kennedy VFD with evacuation of the assisted living residence home after a water line break. No injuries at any calls.
Engine 189 responded to 10 incidents. Engine 189-2 one time, Truck 189 – two times, Rescue 189 – two times, Utility 189 1 time, and persons in private vehicles responded directly to scene 13 times. VFD cancelled enroute 4 times. Mutual aid provided by Presston Station 277 on all calls. In addition, Kennedy Station 181, Seville Station 251 provided mutual aid at the chimney fire. Total person response from Station 189 to calls in January was 131 persons averaging 6.9 persons per call.
Council Taylor commented that she has noticed the amount of false alarms increasing at Hays Manor recently, and wanted to know if Hays Manor is being charged as in the past (they were held accountable for the high number of alarms). Mayor Muhr replied saying he doesn’t believe they are being charged, possibly because the Fire Department isn’t turning them over to the county.

- Council Moye read the monthly Activity Report from the McKees Rocks Police Department for January 2019. Chief Deliman reported a total of 655 events. There were 93 cases reported, 39 arrests, and 73 citations (61 traffic, 4 non-traffic, and 2 borough weight citations). Total mileage on patrol vehicles 5,139. Total money submitted to the Borough Manager was \$3,279.65.

Council Committee Reports:

None

Council of Government (COG):

Council Delgado reminded Council that Borough of McKees Rocks will be hosting the COG meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 6:30 PM. Catered dinner will be provided and state representatives and guest speaker(s) will be in attendance.

Mayors Report: January 2019 Code Enforcement Report reported by Mayor Muhr included 7 notices of violations, 3 citations, 1 vehicle towed, and 3 truck escorts (Gordon Oil 1/18/19 and 1/22/19 and Rox Industrial Plaza 1/31/19). Mayor Muhr also reported that he has been in contact with Gordon Oil and other local businesses regarding the plate reader fund we are currently accepting donations for the McKees Rocks Police Department. Gordon Oil confirmed they will be sending in a donation.

Borough Manager's Report: none

Engineer's Report: A written report was provided to Council during last evening's Caucus meeting and all actions items are included on the Agenda for voting.

Solicitor's Report: Civil Service Rules and Regulations have been drafted. The next step in process would be to verify the Civil Service Commission members and current terms, prior to scheduling a public meeting. At the public meeting, the Commission would reorganize and make any changes if needed to the draft. Council then would be able to review the draft at the next scheduled Council meeting and adopt by motion, with the Civil Service Commission being the recommending body. Borough Solicitor is scheduled to meet with Ms. Carolyn Yagle regarding the Borough's rezoning. The David E. Taylor property deed has been recorded with the county, and the Borough is officially the owner of property. Another property donation has recently been sent to the Borough for review, and Borough Solicitor will meet with the Building Code Official and Borough Manager for discussion.

Controller's Report:

As of January 31, 2019 General Fund, both income and expenses have annual budget of \$3,883,598.00 Expenses totaled \$183,584.35 approximately 4.73 % of annual budget. Balance remaining in the annual budget is \$3,700,013.65 Balance in the General Fund Checking Account is \$304,908.71.

As of January 31, 2019 Sewer Fund, both income and expenses have an annual budget of \$1,773,996.00. Expenses totaled \$ 42,885.44 approximately 2.42 % of the annual budget. Balance remaining in the annual budget is \$ 1,731,110.56. Balance in the Sewer Fund Savings Account is \$ 272,585.41.

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

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

Agenda:

1. A motion was made by Council Mixter and seconded by Council Gee to approve use of Rangers Field for a public safety community event on June 22, 2019 sponsored by NorthWest EMS. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
2. A motion was made by Council Moyer and seconded by Council Delgado to approve Payment Application No. 2 to A. Merrante Contracting, which exceeds \$100,000.00 Phase I grant by \$4,186.50 and apply to upcoming Phase II grant. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
3. A motion was made by Council Moyer and seconded by Council Myers to advertise an Ordinance amending No. 1552, implementing the Fire Insurance Law. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
4. A motion was made by Council Gee and seconded by Council Mixter to advertise an Ordinance requiring property owners obtain a certificate of compliance pursuant to Borough's lien letter policy prior to property sale. Motion adopted by acclamation.
5. A motion was made by Council Gee and seconded by Council Myers to advertise for a special hearing on March 12, 2019 7:00 PM regarding adoption of Resolution permitting transfer of liquor license to Roxian Theatre. Motion adopted by acclamation.
6. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Council Gee to approve Borough Ordinance No. 1756 setting the due date for gaming/electronic licensing fees to April 1st. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
7. A motion was made by Council Harvey and seconded by Council Gee to advertise "No U-Turn" Ordinance, prohibiting trucks making right turns near the McKees Rocks Bridge in the Bottoms going towards Route 65. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
8. A motion was made by Council Myers and seconded by Council Gee to approve Borough Manager attend the 2019 GFOA PA Annual Conference at State College, PA 4/28/19-5/1-19. Motion adopted by acclamation.
9. A motion was made by Council Gee and seconded by President Krisby to authorize Borough Solicitor to explore options for Borough garbage and recycling collection contract. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
10. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by President Krisby to approve use of Council Chambers on 4/27/19 for Community Clean-Up, waiving rental/cleaning fee. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
11. A motion was made by Council Mixter and seconded by Council Gee to authorize Borough Manager purchase office supplies at Costco. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
12. A motion was made by Council Myers and seconded by Council Harvey to authorize Borough Solicitor to accept the drafted agreement and amount of \$17,500.00 for Adrian Street repairs from West View Water Authority. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

New Business:

Council Harvey suggested that the Cohen & Grigsby report(s) sent by Ms. Kimberly Hileman be read aloud during Council meetings so all in attendance can be informed. Council Harvey pointed out that item # 1 on this month's report discussed a \$2,500,000.00 grant application that was applied for recently to construct a new building that would house the Borough office and police department. Council Harvey questioned why Council was not made aware of this application nor any discussions were held prior to applying. President Krisby commented that this topic was previously discussed six months ago, and Council was made aware.

Council Myers and Council Gee agreed. Council Delgado commented that Council never voted to apply for this grant to construct a new building to house the Borough and police, and the state website already has detailed information regarding the size and placement of building. President Krisby advised that preliminary information needed submitted in order to apply, but nothing is set in stone. Council Taylor suggested that Council hold ongoing meetings in future regarding this grant application and discussion of building development.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Council Myers and seconded by Council Gee to advertise an Ordinance, prohibiting vehicles making a left turn on O'Donovan Street. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

A motion was made by Council Harvey and seconded by President Krisby to approve payment in the amount of \$4,532.00 to Drnach Environmental for services 10/27/18 – 11/25/18. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Council Harvey to adjourn the business portion of the meeting. Meeting adjourned by President Krisby.