

McKees Rocks Borough
Public Meeting
March 8, 2022

7:00 PM Public Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Councilmembers Present: President Archie Brinza, Councilman Joe Mixter, Councilwoman Leslie Walker (by phone), Councilman Joseph Lubas, Councilman Jeffrey Dusch, Vice-President Chas Maritz (by phone), Councilman Nicholas Radoycis, Jr., Councilman Vincent Corrie, and Councilman Craig Myers

Also present for this meeting were Mayor David Flick, Assistant Borough Secretary (Substitute Borough Manager) LeeAnn Wozniak, Controller William Beck, Chief of Police Rick Deliman, Borough Solicitor Megan Turnbull, Weiss Burkhardt Kramer, LLC, and Mr. Matt Kneidel, of NIRA Consulting Engineers, Inc.

Agenda Changes/Comments:

A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and seconded by Vice-President to amend the agenda to add new business item(s): McKees Rocks Community Improvement Project Grant. Motion was adopted by acclamation

Guest Speaker: Ms. Maribeth Taylor – Ms. Maribeth Taylor, resident of Holmes Street, first thanked the Street Dept of litter cleanup, the Borough for utilizing Text MyGov, and the Police Department for creating a FB page. Ms. Taylor also expressed continued concern regarding the dumpster placement of 114 Sarah Street, suggesting the dumpster should be moved in the front of the building as there is enough room on the double-wide sidewalk. Previous discussions with the owner advised owner to place dumpster on the side of the building, though Council never voted. President Brinza advised the Code Enforcement Officer to follow up with owner regarding moving the dumpster to the front.

Mr. Steve Vann, resident of Church Avenue, was present to address Council regarding the danger of speeding on Church Avenue, in both directions. A brief video was shown to Council. Mr. Vann is asking Council to reconsider changing Church Avenue back to 1-way traffic pattern.

Ms. Nancy Rees, member of Community Women's Alliance was present to talk about the April 2nd Fools Day Parade/Event being planned to show community pride, held along Chartiers Ave/McDonalds Way starting 3:00 PM. Ideas of the event include pictures with Easter Bunny, community vendors, childrens activities, and parade. Ms. Rees requested a brief road closure for the duration of the parade. Ms. Rees also would appreciate the Borough waive any fees associated with the road closure and/or use of McDonald's Way. A motion was made by Councilwoman Walker and second by Councilman Myers to waive the fees associated with road closure and use of McDonalds Way. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

Mr. David Hamilton, resident of 3rd Street was present to express his continued concern of the sewage issue at 904 3rd Street stating that even though water utility is shut off, the occupants are using bottled water and the problem still exists off sewage run-off when it rains. Solicitor Turnbull responded saying there is a plan in place to continue troubleshooting the issue with the Street Department and our Engineering Firm.

Reports:

--- Borough Engineer: Capsule Report discussed during March 1, 2022 Council Workshop Meeting

Action Items:

- a.) A motion was made by Vice-President Maritz and second by Councilwoman Walker to approve Pay Application No. 1 to Osiris Enterprises, in the amount of \$39,700.00 for Leonard Street sewer project, from the ARPA Relief COVID Grant funds. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
 - b.) A motion was made by Councilman Myers and second by Councilman Mixter to accept Nate Brown Demolition as apparent low bidder for 114 Margaret Street Demolition, in the amount of \$12,909.00. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- McKees Rocks Police Department– Chief Deliman read the monthly activity report for February 2022. A copy of the report is on file at the Borough Manager office. President Brinza presented the Chief of Police an anonymous \$1,000 donation.
 - McKees Rocks Independent Volunteer Fire Department – VFD Chief Donald Baird read the monthly activity report for February 2022. A monthly activity report was also provided by the Presston VFD for February 2022, read by Assistant Borough Secretary Wozniak. A copy of the report is on file at the Borough Manager office.
 - Mayors Report: Mayor David Flick reminded all in attendance that March is Women’s History Month. He also discussed participating in the newly elected officials’ course/classes, commenting all newly elected officials should look into it’s a great opportunity. Lastly, Mayor Flick talked about attending a prayer service on 02/24/2022 at a local Ukrainian Church that it was a very touching experience.
 - Borough Manager: Substitute Borough Manager Wozniak reported the borough’s bank account transfers from PNC Bank to FNB is in process, the 2020 audit is complete, the 2021 Liquid Fuels reports have been submitted to PennDOT, and the 2021 audit is pending to start in April 2022.
 - Borough Solicitor: Borough Solicitor Turnbull provided Council with multiple updates: The 2020 audit is now complete and we can continue to process the paperwork and advertise for the TAN Loan if Council chooses to do so – after discussion, Council agreed to move forward and propose to close the TAN loan during April 2022. Solicitor Turnbull also discussed the CSX Easement Agreement/Invoice – part of the West Carson Ext Project, indicating the invoice would need paid once easement in complete. Solicitor Turnbull briefly mentioned a meeting will be held with the Boys and Girls Club soon to discuss future use of the property, as property has been vacant for over a year and the Borough of McKees Rocks holds title to the property.

Action Items:

- a.) A motion was made by Councilman Myers and second by Councilman Mixter to approve the CSX Easement Agreement and pay the CSX invoice in the amount of \$15,750.00 through the FNB CSX account. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- b.) A motion was made by Councilman Myers and second by Councilman Mixter to approve the Allegheny County Housing Authority Easement & Right of Way Agreement for Sanitary Sewer Facilities. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

c.) A motion was made by Councilman Myers and second by Councilman Mixter to approve the DEP Consent Order Agreement and Resolution Exhibit D. Once further discussed, Councilman Radoycis motioned to rescind his vote for approval and have Council reconsider the original motion, followed by a second by President Brinza. Roll Call requested, resulting in 9-0 to not pass the DEP Consent Agreement and Resolution Exhibit D.

- Code Enforcement Officer: Mr. Zac Cummings, Code Enforcement Officer read the monthly Code Enforcement activity report for February 2022, and a copy is on file at the Borough Manager's office.

Reading of the Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Mixter and second by Councilwoman Walker to approve the public meeting minutes of February 8, 2022. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

Controllers Report: As of February 28, 2022, General Fund, both income and expenses have an annual budget of \$4,741,650.00. Income was \$474,797.84 or 10.01% of the budgeted income. Expenses totaled \$632,216.92 or approximately 13.3% of the budgeted expenses. Balance in the General Fund Checking Account as of February 28, 2022 was \$493,790.65.

As of February 28, 2022, Sewer Fund, both income and expenses have an annual budget of \$2,209,000.00. Income was \$469,615.12 or 21.26% of the budgeted income. Expenses totaled \$43,701.98 or 1.98 % of the budgeted expenses. Balance remaining in the Sewer Fund as of February 28, 2022 was \$836,925.77

Liquid Fuels Account: Balance in the Liquid Fuels account as of February 28, 2022 was \$318,598.47.

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

Bills: A motion was made by Councilman Myers and second by Councilman Corrie to pay the bills. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

Agenda Voting:

1. Public Safety Committee (Chas Maritz, Chair)

- a.) A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Councilwoman Walker to approve the updated McKees Rocks Police Department Use of Force Policy. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- b.) A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Councilman Mixter to approve the McKees Rocks Police Department Search and Seizure Procedures Policy. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- c.) A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Councilwoman Walker to approve the handicap parking application for tenant residing at 1014 Chartiers Avenue. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- d.) New Business: Church Avenue – Change from current 2-way traffic pattern back to 1 way traffic (tabled from February 2022 meeting) President Brinza requested roll call, resulting in 8 No, 1 Yes (Walker). Motion carries to keep Church Avenue 2-ways. Councilman Radoycis

'then motioned to place stop signs on Church Avenue, to slow down the speeders. Borough Solicitor Turnbull needs to look up PennDOT laws to see if stop signs can be placed in the middle of a street. Vice-President Maritz motioned to table this vote until Solicitor Turnbull researches.

2. Finance and Administration Committee (Nick Radoycis, Chair)

- a.) A motion was made by Councilman Corrie to authorize advertisement of the part-time janitorial position at 20 hours week, increasing wage from \$15/hour (previously discussed) to \$17/hour. Councilman Mixter second the motion. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- b.) A motion was made by Councilman Corrie and second by Councilman Radoycis to approve amendment of 2022 Borough Fee Schedule, Section: Building and Construction Permit fees to reflect borough administrative fees are 10% of total CEA cost. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- c.) A motion was made by Councilman Myers and second by Councilman Mixter to authorize Creditech to process lien filings of delinquent sewage accounts, contingent upon approval of revised Creditech Agreement Addendum and Resolutions. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- d.) *** **Agenda Addition***** - A motion was made by Councilman Mixter and second by Councilman Radoycis to approve the McKees Rocks Community Improvement Project Grant Resolution in the amount of \$708,324.00. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

3. Parks and Recreation Committee (Joe Mixter, Chair)

Councilman Mixter commented that 3rd Street Park (Bottom portion) will soon be revitalized, as part of the grant received last year, weather pending.

New Business: - Sto-Rox Little Vikings Request Letter to use Ranger's Field for 2022 - Tabled until April 2022 meeting, Council needs to gather more information regarding request.

4. Real Estate Committee (Leslie Walker, Chair) – N/A

5. Public Works Committee (Archie Brinza, Chair) – President Brinza commented the Street Department is reloaded with salt supply. The Street Department will begin asphaltting pot holes once the asphalt materials are available for purchase (plant currently still closed).

6. Borough Association (Craig Myers, Chair) – N/A

7. Char-West COG (Joe Mixter, Chair) –

8. Borough Development (Craig Myers, Chair) – N/A

9. Codification Committee (Elizabeth Delgado, Chair) – N/A

Old Business

- a.) Borough Website – Follow-up to March 1, 2022 Council Workshop Discussion

A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Councilman Lubas to authorize Borough Administration to send a 90-day cancellation request to OnFire Media to cancel current borough website. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Vice-President Maritz to enter into a new contract with Mr. Kathy Then, for a proposed amount of \$5,000.00 for a new Borough website design. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

- b.) Non-uniformed Pension Plan (Draft) was presented to Council for review and will be considered for adoption at the April 2022 voting meeting. Controller Beck briefly commented that this plan would be retro-active to January 1, 2022 and the vesting is based on a staircase tier.
- c.) Demolition status of various properties were discussed including 305 Olivia Street, 1-9 Ella Street, and 237 Munson Avenue.
- d.) Councilman Radoycis briefly discussed the status of the Old Shovel Warehouse (development) indicating a section has been rented, but owner should be ordered to tear down or cited. Code Enforcement Officer is already investigating, per President Brinza.

Councilwoman Walker confirmed she does not want to be on the Char-West COG Committee. President Brinza noted.

Meeting adjourned, by President Brinza.