

McKees Rocks Borough
Virtual Public Meeting
May 12, 2020
7:00 PM

The virtual public meeting was called to order by President of Council, Mr. Paul Krisby. President Krisby requested roll call. Participating by phone included Vice-President Kathy Evich, Councilman Joe Mixter, Councilman Archie Brinza, Councilwoman Elizabeth Delgado, Councilwoman Leslie Walker, Councilman Maritz, and Mayor John “Jack” Muhr.

Also present for this meeting were Borough Manager Ruth A. Pompey, Assistant Borough Secretary LeeAnn Wozniak, Controller Julie Chambers (by phone), Borough Solicitor Ms. Megan Turnbull, of Weiss Burkhardt Kramer, LLC, and Borough Engineer Mr. Douglas Evans, of NIRA Consulting Engineers, Inc. (by phone).

Councilman Craig Myers was absent.

Agenda Comments/Changes: None

Guest Speaker: None

Reading of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Mixter and seconded by and seconded by Vice-President Evich to accept the April 14, 2020 Public meeting minutes. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

Committee Reports:

- McKees Rocks Police Department April 2020 Activity Report (Attached)
- McKees Rocks Independent Volunteer Fire Department – No Report
- Council Committees –Councilwoman Delgado commented that the Real Estate Committee has been requesting a meeting with the Code Enforcement Officer and Building Code Official since the beginning of the year and would be open to a virtual meeting if Administration would pass the request on after tonight’s meeting.
- Council of Government (COG) – Councilwoman Delgado reported that COG hosted a webinar regarding public greenspace in Western PA counties. COG will be meeting via ZOOM this month.

Dentons Cohen & Grigsby, P.C.: A written summary was provided by Ms. Kim Hileman for Council to review for recent work between the Dentons Cohen & Grigsby Public Affairs Group (Dentons C&G) and McKees Rocks Borough for May 2020.

Mayors Report: Mayor Muhr reported illegal weed dumping down near Chambers Street/Ella Street and is trying to get a portable security camera down there. There is also a private lot on Adrian street where cars continue to park illegally that Mayor has been getting towed for the owner, and the owner is interested in donating the property to the Borough. Mayor Muhr also briefly commented about the homicide incident that happened at 96 Helen Street apartments, as well as illegal business operations at an establishment called “Speak Easy” that has been open during Governor Wolf’s shut-down orders serving alcohol.

Communications:

- Borough Manager – Borough Manager Pompey provided Council with a 2019 vs 2020 Year-to-Date comparison of January 1st through May 12th of the Budget Vs Actual for review.
- Borough Engineer – Mr. Douglas Evans read the Capsule Engineer's Report and is requesting Council consideration to authorize the bidding of the 2020 Sewer Cleaning and Televising Program.
- Borough Solicitor – Ms. Megan Turnbull has been working with the Borough regarding personnel matters, Right to Know Requests, Giant Eagle, Inc. planning/zoning meeting preparation, Street Department collective bargaining agreement finalization, as well as recently being contacted on May 1st by the Sto-Rox School District Solicitor regarding early discussion of starting to identify properties that could be turned over for tax forgiveness.
- Building Code Official Monthly Activity Report (Attached)
- Code Enforcement Officer Monthly Activity Report (Attached)

Controllers Report: As of April 30, 2020, General Fund, both income and expenses have an annual budget of \$ 4,648,048.00. Expenses totaled \$ 1,275,157.79 or approximately 27.43 % of annual budget. Balance remaining of the annual budget is \$ 3,372,890.21.

Balance remaining in the General Fund Checking Account is \$ 475,178.56 as of April 30, 2020.

As of April 30, 2020, Sewer Fund, both income and expenses have an annual budget of \$ 1,958,446.00. Expenses totaled \$ 560,825.41 or approximately 28.64 % of the annual budget. Balance remaining of the annual budget is \$ 1,397,620.59.

Balance remaining in the Sewer Fund Savings Account is \$ 390,691.60 as of April 30, 2020.

A motion was made by Councilman Maritz and seconded by Vice-President Evich to accept the Controllers Report. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

Bills:

A motion was made by Councilman Maritz and seconded by Councilman Mixter to accept the bills. Motion was adopted by acclamation

Agenda:

1. A motion was made by Councilwoman Walker and seconded by Vice-President Evich to authorize Borough Engineer to develop and bid the 2020 Sewer Cleaning and Televising Program. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
2. A motion was made by Councilwoman Walker and seconded by Councilman Mixter to accept the 2020 Emergency Operations Plan. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
3. A motion was made by Councilman Maritz and seconded by Vice-President Evich to adopt the Resolution, accepting the 2020 Emergency Operations Plan. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
4. President Krisby requested a motion to adopt the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC) Grant Resolution in the amount of \$500,000.00. After Council discussion regarding if the Borough would be applying matching funds and pointing out the Resolution does not specifically say it would be used for parks and recreation, Councilwoman Delgado requested to amend the original motion, "Motion to adopt Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC) Grant Resolution in the amount of \$500,000, **for parks and recreation use only**. A motion was made by Councilwoman Walker and seconded by Councilman Mixter. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
5. Borough Solicitor Turnbull presented the Local 1058 Bargaining Agreement to Council that is ready for Council consideration. Ms. Turnbull briefly explained that the Local 1058 Bargaining Agreement Street Department Contract is a 5-year agreement retro active to January 1, 2020 with a

- breakdown of 3 % increase in years 1 – 4 with a freeze at year 5 and explained in detail other changes of legal language dealing with healthcare and pension. A motion was made by Councilman Mixer and seconded by Councilwoman Harvey to approve the Local 1058 Bargaining Agreement. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
6. Borough Manager Pompey presented a West View Water Non-Disclosure & Use Agreement to Council for review, which allows the water authority and the Borough share and disclose information, as it pertains to 911 emergency planning. A motion was made by Councilman Maritz and seconded by Vice-President Evich to approve the West View Water Non-Disclosure & Use Agreement. Motion was adopted by Agreement.
 7. Borough Engineer Douglas Evans requested payment for geotechnical engineering services to Earth, Inc. in the sum of \$11,000.00 for services at West Caron Street Ext. of sub soiling infiltration testing. A motion was made by Councilwoman Walker and seconded by Councilman Brinza to approve payment to Earth, Inc. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
 8. Borough Manager Pompey presented a letter from the Sto-Rox Little Vikings requesting use of Ranger's Field Monday-Friday evenings and some Saturdays starting June through December, which may be extended due to COVID-19. With Gov. Wolf's current orders to maintain social distancing, as we are currently in the YELLOW, Borough Manager Pompey recommends tabling the request. Councilman Mixer commented that he remembers the Superintendent of Sto-Rox mentioning the Little Vikings could use the high school field. Councilwoman Harvey responded saying they must still want to use Ranger's Field if they sent in a request. A motion was made by Councilman Maritz and seconded by Vice-Present Evich to table the Little Vikings request to use Ranger's Field for football. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
 9. Councilwoman Delgado proposed to Council the idea of passing a Resolution to forego interim tax collection (Ordinance No. 1765), as this is not a time to raise taxes on anybody with COVID-19 going on possibly for a period of one (1) year once the county is declared green to give businesses a chance to recuperate from the pandemic. President Krisby doesn't want to pass any new Resolution placing a time restriction on anything, he would rather just put a "halt" on things and see how the next few months for businesses go. A motion was made by Councilwoman Delgado and seconded by Vice-President Evich to temporarily suspend (active) Ordinance No. 1765 Interim Tax Assessment, until further redirection of Borough Solicitor/Tax Collector/Borough Manager. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

New Business:

None

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None

Councilman Maritz shared that flags will be placed on graves at St. Mary's Cemetery on Saturday, May 16th at 9:00 AM. Coffee and Doughnuts will be available and Borough representation would be appreciated. A motion was made by Councilman Maritz and seconded by Councilwoman Harvey to adjourn the business portion of the public meeting. Meeting was adjourned, by President Krisby.