

McKees Rocks Borough
Virtual Public Meeting
June 09, 2020
7:00 PM

Borough Solicitor Megan Turnbull, of Weiss Burkhardt Kramer LLC began the public meeting with knowledge President Paul Krisby would not be in attendance due to an emergency, requesting roll call to see if Vice-President Kathy Evich was present to run the meeting. Present by phone was Councilman Joe Mixter and Councilwoman Sarah Harvey. Present at the borough building was Councilman Charles Maritz, Councilman Archie Brinza, and Councilman Craig Myers.

Vice-President Kathy Evich, Councilwoman Elizabeth Delgado, Councilwoman Leslie Walker, (and President Paul Krisby) were absent.

After it was confirmed that Vice-President Evich was not present for the meeting, and other Councilmembers declined to take charge of facilitating the meeting, Councilman Brinza offered to become the facilitator as long as there were no objections to move forward with the agenda. No objections were made.

Also present for this meeting were Mayor John R. Muhr, Borough Manager Ruth A. Pompey, Assistant Borough Secretary LeeAnn Wozniak, Controller Julie Chambers (by phone), and Borough Engineer Mr. Douglas Evans, of NIRA Consulting Engineers, Inc. (by phone).

Agenda Comments/Changes: Councilman Brinza read into record public comment received by Ms. Maribeth Taylor, resident of 1215 Holmes Street (public comment attached).

Guest Speaker: Ms. Cynthia Haynes, Executive Director of Focus on Renewal was present on the phone conference to discuss an upcoming drive-up produce distribution drive being planned by 412 Rescue. Ms. Haynes explained that 412 Rescue has scheduled a date/time of June 16th at 11:00 am with enough food for 450 cars, but is in need of space because the original plan of using the Crivelli lot is no longer an option for insurance liability reasons. Ms. Haynes is asking for Council approval to use the Municipal Lot (behind Hollowood) and will also use the grass area owned by McKees Rocks CDC for a walk-up service (for people who don't drive). Chief Deliman is concerned about the possibility of traffic backing up along Chartiers Avenue and doesn't think this location is a good idea. Mayor Muhr suggested contacting Mr. Craig Rippole again about use of the Crivelli lot (near the Creek side) to line cars up for loading purposes. Mr. Rippole was present on phone to confirm that the Crivelli lot is not an option but suggested utilizing the long stretch of CSX Intermodal Way behind Speedway if the Police Department is willing to help with traffic control. Chief Deliman OK'd. Ms. Haynes mentioned the only concern is 40% people doesn't have a vehicle, and this area doesn't have a safe pedestrian walk-up area. Councilman Brinza suggested having a pedestrian walk-up food box pick-up area at the McKees Rocks Fire Station or the grass area by McDonalds Way as a 2nd location. Ms. Haynes agrees, as long as 412 Rescue agrees to have 2 drops. Ms. Haynes is going to call 412 Rescue and confirm the drop site(s) details, etc and will let Council know details as soon as possible. Ms. Haynes also wants to meet with Chief Deliman at Intermodal Way to confirm the location of site where cars will be loading, etc.

Reading of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Maritz and seconded by Councilman Mixer to accept the March 12, 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 Harvey, Real Estate Committee Member discussed concerns regarding constant litter and hazardous cement parking barriers at the Family Dollar on Chartiers Avenue that are not acceptable and request minimum a phone meeting between the Borough and store owner. (Photos and email were previously sent to Code Enforcement and Council)
- Council of Government (COG) – Councilman Mixer reported that grant funding has been received for 407-408-411 Island Avenue, 207 Jane Street, 243 Marion Demolitions.

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 June 2020.

Jackson Computer Consulting Executive Summary Report: (Attached)

Mayors Report: Mayor Muhr reported being in contact with a supervisor at Landmark Court regarding mattresses reportedly being dumped, that needed removed immediately. Landmark Court's response was to send maintenance to check on the problem. Mayor Muhr also reported multiple police calls to property address 322 Washington for loud music, which is a Section 8 property. Mayor Muhr sent a violation notice and contacted Section 8 housing and is requesting the voucher removal on this tenant, as the tenant is becoming a nuisance. This property also has violations for high grass and garbage issues as well, which Section 8 is notified for as well but for COVID-19 restrictions will not enter property. There have also been complaints of drug dealing activity between the houses of 216-218-220 Ella Street from residents, which Mayor Muhr is going to request placement of a gate to block off access to the walkway from the property owner(s).

Communications:

- Borough Manager – Borough Manager Pompey informed Council that the Borough is in process of applying for insurance renewals and will be receiving emails in upcoming weeks regarding renewal information.
- Borough Engineer – Mr. Douglas Evans read the Capsule Engineer's Report and is recommending Council approval on two payments to State Pipe Service, Inc, for services rendered in the borough.
- Borough Solicitor – Ms. Megan Turnbull stated for public meeting minutes purposes that the State Ethics Commission State of Financial Interests deadline originally due by May 1st has now been extended to July 15th. If any Councilmember has not completed a form, to please do so and return to the Borough Manager's office no later than July 15th. Councilman Maritz briefly commented the he reviewed the drafted vehicle accident employee procedure policy Solicitor Turnbull created for the police department, indicating that the policy was written well. Solicitor Turnbull commented that the Personnel Committee and Chief Deliman were currently reviewing the draft and making any suggestions to the revision, and the draft would possibly be ready for Council consideration for approval at the upcoming Council meeting next month.
- Building Code Official Monthly Activity Report (Attached)

- Code Enforcement Officer Monthly Activity Report (Attached)

Controllers Report: As of May 31, 2020, General Fund, both income and expenses have an annual budget of \$ 4,648,048.00. Expenses totaled \$ 1, 545,704.66 or approximately 33.26 % of annual budget. Balance remaining of the annual budget is \$ 3,102,343.34.
Balance remaining in the General Fund Checking Account is \$ 496,138.06 as of May 31, 2020.

As of May 31, 202, Sewer Fund, both income and expenses have an annual budget of \$ 1,958,446.00. Expenses totaled \$ 582,043.61 or approximately 29.72 % of the annual budget. Balance remaining of the annual budget is \$ 1,376,402.39.
Balance remaining in the Sewer Fund Savings Account is \$ 672,115.88 as of May 31, 2020.

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

Bills:

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

Agenda:

1. Councilman Brinza is requesting Council to reconsider the handicap parking application of resident Ms. Debra Tobin, 202 Amelia Street. Ms. Tobin was originally denied by Council in 2017/2018, as she had a parking pad in the back with an enclosed breezeway. At the present time her medical condition continues to regress, and her physician feels a reserved parking space permitting the shortest walking distance to a main entrance door is needed. Roll Call Requested, 4 Yes (Mixter, Myers, Maritz, Brinza), 1 No (Harvey). Motion Carries.
2. Councilwoman Harvey presented (resident) concerns regarding the unacceptable hours of time fireworks are being set off in the community and phone calls to 911 and suggested putting a time limit in the Ordinance, such as 10:00 PM. Council agreed to the time. Solicitor Turnbull advised Council would have to motion to amend Ordinance 1747 and legally advertise for the July meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilwoman Harvey to authorize legal advertisement of Borough Ordinance, Amending Ordinance 1747 Consumer Fireworks. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
3. Councilwoman Harvey is requesting Council to authorize Borough Engineer to check into public sewer lines of a paper alley that runs behind Clever Alley for a resident who is interested in possibly acquiring additional land. A motion was made by Councilman Mixter and seconded by Councilman Myers. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
4. A motion was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilman Mixter to approve Payment Application No. 2 (Final) in the amount of \$24,677.46 to State Pipe Services, Inc for 2019 Sewer Cleaning and Televising. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
5. A motion was made by Councilman Mixter and seconded by Councilman Myers to authorize payment in the amount of \$2,005.00 to State Pipe Services, Inc for emergency sewage back-up work on Leonard Street. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

New Business:

Councilwoman Harvey addressed Council that Mr. Dalynn Liddell, of the Sto-Rox Little Vikings contacted her regarding attempting to send an updated request letter to the Borough via email (prior to tonight's

meeting) about requesting Council's approval to open Ranger's Field for football practice immediately (or at the latest July 1st) since going green and the organization would do what's necessary (social distancing, parents sitting in cars) putting COVID-19 restrictions in place. Councilman Maritz had concerns who's responsible for field's clean-up and what days the team would be using the field for practice. Councilwoman Harvey confirmed the field would be cleaned up nightly and Councilman Brinza confirmed there wouldn't be as many practice days as originally planned, possibly 3 days. Solicitor Turnbull had to intervene in Council's discussion that due to the virtual platform setting and the Sunshine Law, no new business can be added at this time since this matter was not originally on the agenda for review in advance for public comment. Solicitor Turnbull recommended this item be discussed between the Parks and Recreation Committee and Borough Manager during the next week or two and come up with a resolution, Council can ratify at the meeting in July.

Councilwoman Harvey also asked when the borough was going to reopen the borough's parks, as she checked with Councilwoman Delgado through COG that Crafton and Carnegie parks are opening in June as well as the City of Pittsburgh parks are opening. Borough Manager confirmed the borough is following Governor Wolf's orders for the reopening of parks. Solicitor Turnbull mentioned that the borough would also need to hang COVID-19 safety precaution signs at the parks, prior to opening the parks.

Old Business:

None

A motion was made by Councilman Mixter and seconded by Councilman Myers to adjourn the business portion of the meeting. Meeting adjourned, by Councilman Brinza.