

Borough of McKees Rocks  
Public Meeting  
January 10, 2023

**7:00 PM Public Meeting**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Moment of Silence** – Passing of Ms. Mary Ann Finerty, mother of Captain David Finerty

**Roll Call:**

Present: President Archie Brinza, Councilman Nicholas Radoycis, Jr., Councilman Craig Myers, Councilman Vincent Corrie, Vice-President Joe Mixter, Councilwoman MaryAnn Holland, and Councilman Frank McQuillan

Also present for this meeting were Mayor David Flick, Borough Manager LeeAnn Wozniak, Controller William Beck, Administrative Assistant Amantha Schoen, Solicitor Megan Turnbull and Assistant Solicitor Michelle Gannon, of Weiss Burkhardt Kramer, LLC, and Borough Engineer Mr. Douglas Evans, of NIRA Consulting Engineers, Inc.

**Agenda Comments/Changes:** None

**Guest Speaker:** Ms. Natalie Brown – Future of Miles Bryan School – Ms. Brown presented to Council that she feels the borough is in a residential crisis right now regarding affordable housing and doesn't support the current occupancy plans of Miles Bryan being used for art centers, etc.

**Reports**

- Borough Engineer Capsule Report – Borough Engineer monthly capsule report was reviewed during the January 3, 2023 Caucus Workshop.

**Action Items:**

- A Motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Councilman McQuillan to approve Pay Application No 1 to Myers Demolition in the amount of \$18,938.73 for demolition project of 203 Island Avenue, which is reimbursable through grant funds. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

- McKees Rocks Police Department – Chief of Police Deliman read the monthly activity report for December 2022. A copy of the report is on file at the Borough Manager office.

Code Enforcement Report – Borough Manager Wozniak read the monthly Code Enforcement Monthly activity report for December 2022, on behalf of Bobby Thompson. A copy of the report is on file at the Borough Manager office.

- Independent Volunteer Fire Department – Presston VFD Lt. Joe DeFazio presented an annual activity report for the year of 2022. A written report is on file at the Borough Manager office. McKees Rocks VFD Fire Chief Don Baird presented a verbal annual activity report for the year of 2022, no written report

provided. Chief Baird also provided comments to Council regarding the expired Fire Service Agreement and is asking for clarification of “confusion” of letters were sent to the McKees Rocks VFD from the Borough. Solicitor Turnbull provided feedback and indicated to Chief Baird that continued communication is welcome through the attorney that McKees Rocks VFD has recently retained.

- **Mayors Report:** Mayor David Flick first thanked all the residents in attendance for attending the meeting and encourage residents to invite more residents to get involved. Mayor Flick briefly commented that the Borough (Council) should really examine our Public Private Partnership(s) we currently have to see if the Borough is really getting what we should, mentioning the Brownfield property. Mayor Flick proclaimed that starting 2023, January 9<sup>th</sup> will be “Damar Hamlin Day” – a day of Giving. Lastly, Mayor Flick commented that during this time of transition with fire service departments there has not been any break in fire protection coverage, and residents are safe.

- **Borough Manager Report:** Borough Manager Wozniak provided Council with a brief update that end of year procedures are being wrapped up and reports currently show the Borough’s YTD for 2022 is in the positive, revenue exceeding expenses.

- **Borough Solicitor:** Solicitor Turnbull stated for meeting minutes recording purposes an executive session was held prior to this public meeting to discuss attorney client privilege matters. Solicitor Turnbull also presented a drafted Fire Service Protection Agreement with Independent Hose Co No 5 (known as Presston VFD) for Council consideration. A motion was made by Councilman McQuillan and second by Councilman Myers to approve the Fire Services Protection Agreement with Independent Hose Co No 5. Roll Call requested, resulting in 7 yes – 0 no. Motion carries.

**Reading of the Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Vice-President Mixer to approve the voting meeting minutes from December 13, 2022. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

**Controllers Report:**

**GENERAL FUND:** Both Income and Expenses had an annual budget of \$4,741,650.00. As of December 31, 2022 income was \$5,067,940.60 or 106.9% of budgeted income. Expenses were \$4,800,469.90 or 101.2% of the budgeted expenses. Balance in the General fund as of December 31, 2022 was \$833,657.95

**SEWER FUND:** Both Income and Expenses had an annual budget of \$2,209,000.00  
As of December 31, 2022 income was \$ 2,347,941.59 or 106.3% of the budgeted Income.  
Expenses were \$1,827,017.28 or 82.7% of the budgeted Expenses.  
Balance in the Sewer Fund as of December 31, 2022 was \$941,788.32

**LIQUID FUELS FUND:** As of December 31, 2022, there was a balance of \$1,654.61 in the Liquid Fuels account. Out of \$568,122,84 available funds: \$70,000 was spent on a fully equipped dump truck for Street Dept, \$382,468.00 was spent on a road paving program, \$114,000 was transferred to the General Fund to reimburse for street lighting payments.

**APRA COVID-19 RECOVERY FUND:** As of December 31, 2022, there was a balance of \$111,326.22

A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Councilman Corrie to accept the Controllers Report for December 2022. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

**Bills:** A motion was made by Councilman Myers and second by Vice-President Mixer to pay the bills. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

**Agenda Voting:**

1. **Public Safety Committee (Archie Brinza, Chair)** – No Action Item, No Report
2. **Finance and Administration Committee (Nick Radoycis, Chair)** – No Action Item – Next Finance Committee Meeting will be held in February 2023.
3. **Parks and Recreation Committee (Joseph Mixer, Chair)** – No Action Item - Boys & Girls Club Playset to be relocated to Ranger’s Field by volunteers in the Spring 2023
4. **Real Estate Committee (Nick Radoycis, Chair)** – No Action Item – No Report
5. **Public Works Committee (Archie Brinza, Chair)** – No Action Item – Speedbumps are removed until Spring, for snowplowing.
6. **Borough Association (Craig Myers, Chair)** – No Action Item - No Report
7. **Char-West COG (Joseph Mixer, Chair)** – Next COG Meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Information is available for the Dirt/Gravel Road Grant application.
8. **Borough Development (Craig Myers, Chair)** – No Action Item - No Report
9. **Codification Committee (Nick Radoycis, Chair)** – No Action Item - Progress noted

**New Business:**

- a.) Council Vacancy Seats – 1 Vacancy Seat in Ward 2 and Ward 3

Ward 2 Letters of Interest: Mr. John Malesnick, Mr. Tristen Yoder

A motion was made by Vice-President Mixer and second by Councilwoman Holland to nominate/appoint Mr. John Malesnick as Ward 2 Councilman, to fill the term through December 31, 2023. Roll Call requested, resulting in 7 Yes – 0 No. Motion carries.

Ward 3 Letters of Interest: Mr. Ralph Gallagher, Mr. Brandon Pataky, and Mr. Robert Coward Jr

A motion was made by Councilman McQuillan and second by Councilman Myers to nominate/appoint Mr. Ralph Gallagher as Ward 3 Councilman, to fill the term through December 31, 2023. Roll Call requested, resulting in 6 Yes, 1 abstain (Mixer). Motion carries.

New Councilmembers sworn in by Mayor Flick.

Meeting adjourned, by President Brinza.