

Borough of McKees Rocks
Public Meeting
February 14, 2023

7:00 PM Public Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: President Archie Brinza, Councilman Craig Myers, Vice-President Joe Mixter, Councilman Frank McQuillan, Councilman Vincent Corrie, Councilwoman MaryAnn Holland, Councilman Nick Radoycis, Councilman Ralph Gallagher, and Councilman Malesnick

Also present for this meeting were Mayor David Flick, Borough Manager LeeAnn Wozniak, Assistant Manager Jennifer Slavicek, Controller William Beck, 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: A motion was made by Vice-President Mixter and second by Councilman Myers to amend the agenda, and add an additional voting item regarding a pay application to Pride Masonry for Locust Street sewer work. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

Guest Speaker:

1. Annette Jackson, Shekinah House of Prayers Ministries Outreach – community services
2. Ms. Nancy Rees, Women’s Alliance – April Fool’s Day Parade/Community event
3. Ms. Tracey Pedersen, Tax Collector – 2022 Tax collection data
4. Ms. Samantha L. Wright – Sheridan Footbridge, Boys & Girls Club
5. Mr. Bob Coward – Public transportation, need more routes, additional bus shelter
5. Ms. Delores Cousins – Michael’s Lounge dumpster, Parking in yards and on yellow lines
6. Ms. Liz Pitassi – Drug activity on Jane Street

Reports:

● Borough Engineer – The monthly capsule report was discussed during the February 7, 2023 Council workshop meeting.

Action Items:

- a.) A motion was made by Councilman Myers and second by Councilman McQuillan to award GEMM Demolition LLC as apparent low bidder for 847 Railroad Street demo, in amount \$13,650.00. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- b.) A motion was made by Vice-President Mixter and second by Councilman Malesnick to approve pay app no 1, amount \$32,566.50 to Myers Demolition for Churchill demolitions project, payable by COG. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

- c.) A motion was made by Councilman Malesnick and second by Councilman Myers to approve pay app 1, amount \$197,264.70 to Independent Enterprises for storm water construction work West Carson Street, PH 2 project, which is grant reimbursable. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- d.) A motion was made by Councilman Malesnick and second by Vice-President Mixter to apply CDBG YR 49 grant funds in amount \$23,348.00 to Fruit Way Sidewalk/Wall Repair Project, which is estimated total cost \$56,000.00, leaving Borough responsible for payment excess of grant funds. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- e.) A motion was made by Vice-President Mixter and second by Councilman McQuillan to approve pay app 3 (final), amount \$42,891.52 to Pride Masonry Inc, for Locust Street sewer work. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

- McKees Rocks Police Department – Police Chief Richard Deliman read the monthly January 2023 activity report. A copy is on file at the Borough Manager office.

- McKees Rocks Code Enforcement Officer –A written monthly January 2023 Code Enforcement Activity Report was provided to Council for review and read aloud by Borough Manager Wozniak. A copy is on file at the Borough Manager office.

- Volunteer Fire Department – Presston VFD provided a written monthly activity report for the month of January 2023 and read by Lt. DeFazio. McKees Rocks VFD was not present.

- Mayors Report: Mayor David Flick briefly mentioned that February is Black History month and discussed various community issues.

- Borough Solicitor:

Borough Solicitor Turnbull stated for meeting minutes recording purposes an executive session was held immediately prior to the public meeting to discuss client attorney privilege matters.

Borough Solicitor Turnbull suggested to Council now would be appropriate time to consider nominations to appoint a new Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough. Councilman Radoycis made a motion to nominate Mr. Michael Stepek, Jr. Councilman McQuillan second the motion. All in favor, Motion adopted by acclamation.

- Borough Manager:

- a.) A motion was made by Councilman Corrie and second by Councilman Radoycis to approve Borough Resolution 1689, Dumpster Permit Fees. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

- b.) A motion was made by Councilman Malesnick and second by Councilman Corrie to approve the Cohen Law Group Verizon Franchise Agreement and Resolution 1690. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

- c.) A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Councilman Corrie to approve Borough Ordinances as follows: Ordinance 1775 Licensing Fees of Outdoor Sales, Ordinance 1776 Use of Borough Sidewalks, Ordinance 1777 Fee Schedule for Lien Letter Policy, Ordinance 1778 Licensing Fees for Gaming Devices, Ordinance 1779 Licensing Fees for Door-to-Door Solicitation. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

Reading of the Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman McQuillan and second by Councilman Myers to approve the meeting minutes from January 10, 2023 public meeting minutes. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

Controllers Report:

GENERAL FUND: Both Income and Expenses have an annual budget of \$4,612,200. As of January 31, 2023 the Income was \$212,700.18 or 4.6 % of the budgeted Income. Expenses were \$265,713.88 or 5.8% of the budgeted Expenses. Balance in the General fund accounts as of January 31, 2023 was \$ 767,957.74.

SEWER FUND: Both Income and Expenses have an annual budget of \$2,146,000.00 As of January 31, 2023, the Income was \$187,474.59 or 8.8 % of the budgeted Income. Expenses were \$5,545.68 or .25 % of the budgeted Expenses. Balance in the Sewer Fund accounts as of January 31, 2023 was \$1,090,705.25.

COVID-19 ARPA Recovery Fund: As of January 31, 2023 balance in the COVID-19 ARPA Recovery Fund is \$111,560.46

CSX Account: As of January 31, 2023 balance in the CSX Account was \$743,023.12.

A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Councilman Malesnick to accept the Controllers report for January 31, 2023. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

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

Agenda Voting:

1. Public Safety Committee (Chair – Archie Brinza)
 - a.) A motion was made by Councilman Myers and second by Councilman Malesnick to send Code Enforcement Officer to BCO 101 4-day training/exam in Harrisburg at borough expense, not to exceed \$1500.00 Motion was adopted by acclamation.
 - b.) A motion was made by Councilman McQuillan and second by Councilman Myers to purchase a drone for the Code Enforcement/BCO Dept, not to exceed \$500/\$600. Motion adopted by acclamation.
 - c.) A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Vice-President Mixter to approve payment to Tom Sipes Demolition, amount \$19,500.00 for emergency demolitions of 309, 311 ½, 313 Olivia Street, payable from borough general fund . Motion was adopted by acclamation.
2. Finance and Administration Committee (Nick Radoycis, Chair) – No Report
3. Parks and Recreation Committee (Joseph Mixter, Chair) – Vice-President Mixter mentioned wanting to get a park bench with coverage for Ranger’s Field near play area..

4. **Real Estate Committee (Archie Brinza, Chair)** – No Report
5. **Public Works Committee (Archie Brinza, Chair)**
President Brinza reminded audience to bring any public works complaints to the Public Works Dept (Foreman).
6. **Borough Association (Craig Myers, Chair)** – No Report
7. **Char-West COG (Joseph Myers, Chair)** – Vice-President Mixter confirmed the borough is interested in applying for the dirt, gravel, road grant.
8. **Borough Development (Craig Myers, Chair)** – No Report
9. **Codification Committee (Nick Radoycis, Chair)** – Progress noted

New Business:

Discussion of Sheridan Park Footbridge – Presenter: Nick Radoycis

A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Vice-President Mixter to send a letter to the City of Pittsburgh, opposing the Sheridan Park footbridge plans/development. President Brinza opposed. Motion carries.

Business Meeting Adjourned