

Borough of McKees Rocks  
Public Meeting  
March 11, 2025, 7:00 PM

**7:00 PM Public Meeting**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

Present: President Archie Brinza, Councilman Ralph Gallagher, Councilwoman Maryann Holland, Councilwoman Michele Arlott, Councilman John Malesnick, Councilwoman Barbara Vojtecky, Councilman Craig Myers and Vice-President Joe Mixer

Absent: Councilman Vince Corrie

Also present at this meeting, Bill Beck, Borough Manager LeeAnn Wozniak, Assistant Solicitor Michelle Gannon of Weiss Burkhardt Kramer, LLC, and Borough Engineer Mr. Matt Kneidel, of NIRA Consulting Engineers, Inc.

**Agenda Comments/Changes:**

None

**Guest Speaker**

- McKees Rocks CDC Monthly Update – CDC is aware of and actively problem-solving unsightly dumpsters.
- Dr. Ron Sofo, Sto-Rox Interim Superintendent: Addressed safety concerns in and around the school district
- Mr. Thomas Stacy – Addressed issues with Berkheimer
- Mr. Robert Brazell/Mr. Mark DeRobio: Addressed water drain problem from alley at Clinton and College
- Mr. Rob Feldbuaer – Needs to obtain an occupancy permit for at-home business

**Reports:**

- Borough Engineer – The monthly capsule report was presented by Borough Engineer on 03/04/2025 during caucus meeting.

**Action Items:**

A motion was made by Councilwomen Arlott and second by Councilman Malesnick to approve pay app (final) to Ben Kramer Construction in the amount of \$7,307.16 for 2024 Catch Basin Replacements project. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

A motion was made by Councilman Malesnick and second by Councilman Myers to approve pay app (final) to State Pipe Services in the amount of \$7,165.32 for 2024 Sewer & Televising. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

A motion was made by Councilman Malesnick and second by Councilwomen Arlott to approve pay app (final) to Bosetti Lawn Care in the amount of \$12,495.00 for slope restoration

along Thompson Ave, which is reimbursable through grant funds. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

**NEW BUSINESS: West Carson St Bridge Rehab Project – Borough Responsibility 5 %**

(Informational): Borough Engineer preliminarily discussed the project with Council, advising of the 5 % cost borough responsibility. The Council is seeking additional information of the project i.e project cost/plans/scope of work, before making any motion to accept the cost responsibility.

- McKees Rocks Police Department – Chief Deliman provided a written monthly activity report for February 2025. A copy is on file at the Borough Manager office.

- McKees Rocks Code Enforcement Officer – Borough Manager LeeAnn Wozniak provided a written monthly Code Enforcement/BCO Activity Report for February 2025. A copy is on file at the Borough Manager office.

- Volunteer Fire Department – Mr. Michael Stepek, Sr – Chief of Independent Hose Co # 5 (Preston) provided a monthly VFD report for February 2025. A copy is on file at the Borough Manager office.

- McKees Rocks Public Works Department – Borough Manager LeeAnn Wozniak provided a written monthly Activity Report for February 2025. A copy is on file at the Borough Manager office.

- Mayors Report: - The mayor welcomed and thanked the residents for coming. The mayor paid respect to the recent loss of Denise Zellous. The mayor referenced multiple events, first is the WQED “Won’t you be my neighbor” day on March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11am to 1pm. Next, a community basketball tournament is being held at Pleasant Ridge on March 29<sup>th</sup>. On the morning of April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 am Athletes of action is sponsoring a scholarship luncheon. Also, on April 5<sup>th</sup> from 2-6 the 5<sup>th</sup> annual April fool’s day parade is being held in the McDonalds parking lot. This is being sponsored by Level Equity housing who is also opening a brick motor in the old PNC bank. The mayor urged everyone to stop if they are interested in purchasing a home here in the borough. Lastly, tickets for the Easter K9 event on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm are on sale.

- Borough Manager: - A motion was made by Vice-President Mixer and second by Councilwoman Arlott to approve temporary traffic flow restrictions on 4/05/25 for April Fool’s Parade from Island Ave to McDonalds Way for approximately 20-30 minutes (starting 2pm), hosted by the MRWomen’s Alliance. Motion adopted by acclamation.

A Motion to consider approval to purchase radar speed signs failed. Roll call resulted: 1 Abstain (Mixer), 2 Yes (Holland & Arlott), 4 No (Malesnick, Gallagher, Vojtecky, & Myers).

● **Borough Solicitor:**

1. A motion was made by Councilwoman Arlott and second by Councilman Malesnick to approve legal advertisement of Borough Ordinance regulating park rental fees. Motion adopted.
2. A Motion was made by Councilman Malesnick and second by Councilwoman Arlott to approve legal advertisement of Borough Ordinance officially naming the new road as West Carson Street Extension. Motion adopted.

**Reading of the Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilwoman Arlott and second by Councilman Malesnick to approve Voting Meeting Minutes for February 11, 2025. Motion adopted.

**Controllers Report:**

GENERAL FUND: Income and Expenses have an annual budget of \$5,132,848. As of February 28, Income was \$575,276.94 or 11.2% of the budgeted Income. Expenses were \$667,475.65 or 13% of the budgeted Expenses. Balance in the General Fund as of February 28, was \$1,135,766.69 (includes a \$300K CD).

SEWER FUND: Income and Expenses have an annual budget of \$2,422,000. As of February 28, Income was \$196,752.56 or 8.1% of the budgeted Income. Expenses were \$40,264.30 or 1.7% of the budgeted Expenses. Balance in the Sewer Fund as of February 28, was \$1,315,754.51 (includes a \$400K CD)

CSX ACCOUNT: \$626,614.41

LIQUID FUELS: \$22,001.97

A motion was made by Councilman Myers and second by Councilman Malesnick to accept the Controllers report for February 28, 2025. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

**Bills:** A motion was made by Councilman Malesnick and second by Councilwomen Arlott to pay the bills. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

**Agenda Voting:**

- **Public Safety Committee (Chair – Archie Brinza, Chair):** – President Brinza would like to schedule a meeting with school district superintendent to continue discussion of public safety in the community.
- **Finance and Administration Committee (Ralph Gallagher, Chair)** – Councilman Gallagher would like to review the current contracts with Jordan Tax Service and Berkheimer regarding collection services.

- **Real Estate Committee (Archie Brinza, Chair)** – Property donations of 1133 Chartiers Avenue and 316 Campbell Street are tabled for the second time and will be discussed at April 2025 meeting.
- **Public Works Committee (Archie Brinza, Chair)** – President Brinza noted that the department has started working on filling potholes, weather permitting.
- **Borough Association (Craig Myers, Chair)** – No Report - Absent
- **Char-West COG (Maryann Holland, Chair)** – Councilwoman Holland noted that Allegheny County Council Pat Catena voted no for county property tax increase.
- **Borough Development (Maryann Holland, Chair)** – No Report
- **Codification Committee (Vince Corrie, Chair)** – No Report
- **Parks and Recreation Committee (Joseph Mixter, Chair)** – No Report

**Business Meeting Adjourned**