

Borough of McKees Rocks  
Public Meeting  
April 12, 2022

**7:00 PM Public Meeting**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Moment of Silence** – Passing of Vice-President Chas Maritz

**Roll Call:**

Present: President Archie Brinza, Councilman Nicholas Radoycis, Jr., Councilman Joseph Lubas, Councilman Jeffrey Dusch, Councilman Craig Myers, Councilman Vincent Corrie, Councilman Joe Mixer

Councilmembers Absent: Councilwoman Leslie Walker

Also present for this meeting were Mayor David Flick, Assistant Borough Secretary (Substitute Borough Manager) LeeAnn Wozniak, Controller William Beck, Assistant Solicitor Lee Decker, of Weiss Burkhardt Kramer, LLC, and Borough Engineer Mr. Douglas Evans, of NIRA Consulting Engineers, Inc.

**Agenda Comments/Changes:**

Assistant Solicitor Decker advised there are two new items for Council consideration this evening not listed on the agenda, that would require Council to motion to amend the agenda, per the Sunshine Law Act. The two items to consider include the resignation of Councilwoman Leslie Walker and the updated 2022 Emergency Operations Plan. A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Councilman Mixer.

**Guest Speaker:**

Focus On Renewal – Ms. Cynthia Haynes, Executive Director and Ms. Marlene Banks, Board Member were present to update Council with upcoming community events May 2022 – June 2022. Focus On Renewal is requesting Council approval of small portion(s) of a road closure between the Library and Community Center as well as McDonalds Way for the events, as vendors will be set up for community sales and children’s events. A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Councilman Mixer to amend the agenda to include this voting item and approve the road closure request(s). Motion was adopted by acclamation.

Mr. Frank McQuillan resident of Frank Street was present to address Council regarding the sewer flow issue and garbage issue of the property located at 819 Boquet Street, stating it’s still an issue. President Brinza advised Code Enforcement and/or CEA will follow up with any applicable violation(s) for garbage or other code issues and the sewer issue will have to be handled through Allegheny County Health Department. Mr. McQuillan also brought up the concern of illegal parking on Margaret Street (top left), where yellow line(s) are painted but the Police Department advises not enforceable because of no borough signage. Mayor Flick is to issue emergency order to place No Parking Signs and request the yellow lines be repainted by the Street Department.

**Other Public Comment:** None

## **Reports**

- Borough Engineer Capsule Report – Borough Engineer Douglas Evans read the monthly capsule report.

### **Action Items:**

- A Motion was made by Councilman Corrie and second by Councilman Radoycis to award Locust Street Sewer Replacement Project to Pride Masonry, in the amount of \$95,396.40 base bid, payable by ARPA Grant Funds. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and seconded by Councilman Corrie to authorize payment to AAI Testing in the amount of \$6,210.00 for 1-9 Ella Street Asbestos Surveys, which is reimbursable through the \$300,000 Blight Remediation Grant. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- A motion was made by President Brinza and seconded by Councilman Mixer to approve the ACT 152 Blight Borough Resolutions, in the amount of \$91,430.00. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

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

- Independent Volunteer Fire Department – A written monthly activity report was provided to Council for the month of March 2022 by the McKees Rocks VFD. Presston VFD emailed a report after business hours.

- Mayors Report: Mayor Flick recognized the passing of Mr. Donald Gregory, a Crossing Guard for the McKees Rocks Community expressing sympathy to his family. Mayor Flick commented about the community events coming up, pointing out that June-teenth is recognized as a national holiday and all of Council should participate in the upcoming event(s). Mayor Flick also mentioned the Choice Neighborhood Grant McKees Rocks is applying for to revitalize the community. Mayor Flick confirmed Borough Council is down to 7 Councilmembers, and anyone who is interested in filling a Council seat should express their interest.

- Borough Manager (Asst) Report: Assistant Borough Manager Wozniak confirmed the borough office received the 2021 audit punch list. Liquid Fuels allocation has been received for 2022.

- Borough Solicitor: DEP Consent Order and Agreement with Exhibit D Resolution (tabled from March 2022 meeting) – Reopened for discussion/Council consideration:

After hearing Mr. Montz' presentation on April 5, 2022, and still having continued Council discussion and disagreement, a motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Councilman Mixer to table the DEP Consent Order & Agreement again. President Brinza mentioned that the Borough is going to start receiving fines if the Borough doesn't approve. Roll call requested, resulting in 5 Yes (Mixer, Lubas, Myers, Radoycis, Corrie) and 2 No (Brinza, Dusch) to table. President Brinza continued the discussion, asking Council what other concerns/questions they may have that Mr. Montz didn't answer last week. Borough Engineer Evans assisted in the discussion trying to explain the order in detail and answer Council's questions, to ease their concern. Mr. Montz also arrived mid-discussion, to answer the additional questions from Council and receive public comment from residents. Upon additional explanations provided by Mr. Montz, Borough Solicitor and Engineer – A motion was made by

Councilman Radoycis and second by Councilman Mixer to rescind the motion to table and adopt the DEP Consent Order and Agreement. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

- Code Enforcement Officer: Mr. Zac Cummings provided a written activity report for March 2022, and a copy is on file at the Borough Manager's office.

**Reading of the Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Councilman Corrie to approve the public voting meeting minutes of March 8, 2022. Motion was adopted by acclamation. A motion was made by Councilman Mixer and seconded by Councilman Myers to approve the public caucus meeting minutes of April 5, 202. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

**Controllers Report:**

GENERAL FUND: Both Income and Expenses had an annual budget of \$4,741,650.00. As of March 31, 2022 income was \$973,667.01 or 20.53% of budgeted income. Expenses were \$869,435.07 or 18.34 % of the budgeted Expenses. Balance in the General fund as of March 31, 2022 was \$765,233.45

SEWER FUND: Both Income and Expenses had an annual budget of \$2,209,000.00  
As of March 31, 2022 income was \$597,576.81 or 27.05 % of the budgeted Income.  
Expenses were 369,824.77 or 16.74% of the budgeted Expenses.  
Balance in the Sewer Fund as of March 31, 2022 was \$572,669.97.

LIQUID FUELS FUND: As of March 31, 2022, there was a balance of \$318,633.65 in the Liquid Fuels Account.

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

**Bills:** A motion was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilman Corrie to pay the bills. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

**Agenda Voting:**

**1. Public Safety Committee (TBD, Chair) – No Report**

**2. Finance and Administration Committee (Nick Radoycis, Chair)**

- a. A motion was made by Councilman Corrie and second by Councilman Radoycis to approve the Borough Building Cleaning Contract with Coverall at \$1,290/month. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- b. A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Councilman Mixer to approve the McKees Rocks Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Agreement via Resolution, retro January 1, 2022. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

- c. A motion was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilman Radoycis to approve the hiring of a part-time Office Assistant for 24 hours/week at \$15/hour. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- 3. Parks and Recreation Committee (Joseph Mixter, Chair)**
    - a. A motion was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilman Corrie to approve the Sto-Rox Little Vikings request to use Ranger’s Field for 2022 season, contingent upon receiving signed Rules & Regulations Agreement, mutually agreed upon schedule of practice days/times, and \$300.00 refundable deposit. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
  - 4. Real Estate Committee (Nick Radoycis, Chair) – No Report**
  - 5. Public Works Committee (Archie Brinza, Chair) – No Report**
  - 6. Borough Association (Craig Myers, Chair) – No Report**
  - 7. Char-West COG (Joseph Mixter, Chair) – Councilman Mixter briefly commented about a free lead testing program being offered to eligible homeowners.**
  - 8. Borough Development (Craig Myers, Chair) – No Report**
  - 9. Codification Committee (Nick Radoycis, Chair) – Progress noted**

**New Business:**

- a.) Surveyors in the Hamilton/Schoen/Rangers Field Area – Why? – Presenter: Nick Radoycis – Councilman Radoycis voiced concern that ALCOSAN was surveying property in the McKees Rocks Bottoms and questioned if proper notification was given to the community.
- b.) Borough Ordinance 1745 Street & Sidewalk Openings – Presenter: Archie Brinza: President Brinza is asking for the Ordinance to be reviewed, to make sure all contractors are following restoration requirements as there are many street/sidewalk projects going on within the community.
- c.) Employee Number 294 end of probation period Street Dept – A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Councilman Corrie to hire Employee Number 294 as full-time Street Department Laborer effective April 11, 2022. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- d.) Progress Payment Application No 1 (Final) Spring Capture @ Bouquet Street - A motion was made by Councilman Mixter and second by Councilman Corrie to approve Payment Application No 1 (Final) to El Grande Industries, in the amount of \$28,092.75, Borough responsibility \$5,092.75.
- e.) Resignation of Councilwoman Leslie Walker – A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Councilman Corrie to accept the resignation of Leslie Walker, as Councilmember, Ward 1. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

**Old Business**

Councilman Radoycis presented various items for status updates including:

- a.) Title and ownership of demolished properties
- b.) Placement of no trucks signs/no L turns on Church Avenue
- c.) Placement of speed bumps on Church Avenue

Meeting adjourned, by President Brinza.