

Borough of McKees Rocks
Public Meeting
September 12, 2023

7:00 PM Public Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: President Archie Brinza, Vice-President Joe Mixter, Councilman Craig Myers, Councilman Frank McQuillan, Councilman Ralph Gallagher, Councilman Vincent Corrie, Councilwoman Michele Arlott, Councilwoman Maryann Holland, and Councilman Malesnick

Also present for this meeting were Mayor David Flick, Borough Manager LeeAnn Wozniak, 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:

Solicitor Turnbull stated for meeting minute recording purposes that an executive session was held prior to the public meeting to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

Guest Speaker:

1. ACTION Housing – Lena Andrews, Geoff Campbell, Joseph Costa – Development of 708/712 Chartiers Avenue
2. Mr. Bob Coward, Jr – Community Concerns

Reports:

- Borough Engineer – The monthly capsule report was presented by Borough Engineer on 09/05/2023 during caucus meeting.

Action Items:

- a.) A motion was made by Vice-President Mixter and second by Councilman Malesnick to accept Engineer's recommendation to emergency repair two sewer line locations at Bruce Street and near Bouquet Street, total cost estimate \$22,000.00 payable from the borough's sewer fund. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- b.) A motion was made by Councilman McQuillan and second by Councilwoman Arlott to accept Siegal Excavating as apparent low bidder for PH 1 demolition project 768 Frederick Street (base bid) plus 331 Broadway (alt bid) in the amount of \$63,500.00. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- c.) A motion was made by Vice-President Mixter and second by Councilman Holland to approve GEDTF Grant Resolution for Furnace Street Stormwater Separation, amount \$428,338.00. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- d.) A motion was made by Councilman Corrie and second by Councilwoman Arlott to approve progress pay app #1 to Pride Masonry for 2023 Catch Basin Replacements, in the amount of \$39,510.00. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

- McKees Rocks Police Department – Chief Deliman provided a written monthly activity report for August 2023. A copy is on file at the Borough Manager office.

- McKees Rocks Code Enforcement Officer – Borough Manager Wozniak read the monthly August 2023 Code Enforcement Activity Report. A copy is on file at the Borough Manager office.

- Volunteer Fire Department – Independent Hose Co. # 5 Presston Fire Chief Stepek provided a written monthly August 2023 activity report. A copy is on file at the Borough Manager office.

- Mayors Report: Mayor Flick thanked residents for participation. Mayor Flick discussed the following topics: 22nd Anniversary of 911 attacks, moment of silence, find ways to teach the generation after what it was like before the attacks, and keep memory.

- Borough Solicitor:

- A motion was made by Councilman McQuillan and second by Councilwoman Arlott to approve an additional 30-day unpaid leave of absence, effective 9/12/23 for employee 269. Roll Call requested, resulting in 7 Yes, 2 No (Holland, Gallagher). Motion carries.

- A motion was made by Vice-President Mixter and second by Councilwoman Holland to accept the preliminary land development plans of Dayton Freight, consistent with the recommendations and conditions of the Planning Commission letter dated 08/23/23 and execution of Developer's Agreement. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

- A motion was made by Councilman Corrie and second by Vice-President Mixter to approve Borough Ordinance No. 1780, Vacation of Bradley Street. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

- A motion was made by Councilman McQuillan and second by Vice-President Mixter to authorize Solicitor to draft and advertise an Ordinance to vacation a portion of Herbest Way, per Frank Bryan request contingent Frank Bryan Group agrees to pay the fees associated with the process. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

- ACTION Housing Request relative to stairs and project support: Solicitor Turnbull discussed with Council she will work with ACTION Housing to draft an acceptable agreement regarding the relocation of borough stairs that will be presented to Council at later date for approval.

- Borough Manager:

- A motion was made by Councilman Gallagher and second by Councilman McQuillan to approve the 3 Rivers Fire Equipment quote \$872.77 for repair of the VFD's bottle refill compressor. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

Reading of the Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Malesnick and second by Councilman McQuillan to approve the meeting minutes from August 08, 2023 public meeting minutes. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

Controllers Report:

GENERAL FUND: Income and Expenses have an annual budget of \$4,612,200.00
As of August 31, Income was \$4,072,335.40 or 88.3% of the budgeted Income.
Expenses were \$3,326,535.17 or 72.1% of the budgeted Expenses.
Balance in the General Fund as of August 31, was \$1,488,257.91.

SEWER FUND: Income and Expenses have an annual budget of \$2,146,000.00
As of August 31, Income was \$1,365,513.35 or 63.6% of the budgeted Income.
Expenses were \$1,426,423.33 or 66.5% of the budgeted Expenses.
Balance in the Sewer Fund as of August 31, was \$850,694.10.

CSX ACCOUNT: \$554,829.29

ARPA RECOVERY: \$105,220.36

LIQUID FUELS: \$170,803.60

A motion was made by Councilman McQuillan and second by Vice-President Mixter to accept the Controllers report for August 31, 2023. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

Bills: A motion was made by Councilman Myers and second by Councilwoman Holland to pay the bills. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

Agenda Voting:

1. **Public Safety Committee (Chair – Archie Brinza):** No Report
2. **Finance and Administration Committee (Ralph Gallagher)**
 - A motion was made by Councilman Gallagher and second by Councilman Myers to approve the 2024 MMO’s for Police, Street, and Non-Union Pension Plans for the Borough. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
3. **Real Estate Committee (Archie Brinza, Chair) –** No Report
4. **Public Works Committee (Archie Brinza, Chair) –** President Brinza reported the Street Department conducted street cleaning in the McKees Rocks Bottoms area.
5. **Borough Association (Craig Myers, Chair) –** No Report
6. **Char-West COG (Joseph Myers, Chair) –** Vice-President Mixter reported the next COG meeting is Thursday, October 19, 2023.
7. **Borough Development (Craig Myers, Chair) –** No Report

8. Codification Committee (Vince Corrie, Chair) – No Report

9. Parks and Recreation Committee (Joseph Mixer, Chair) – No Report

New Business: President Brinza advised a new Council Committee has been created for the CHOICE Neighborhoods consisting of Councilwoman Arlott, Councilman Myers, and Councilman Malesnick. These individuals were chosen to represent the Borough of McKees Rocks in any future CHOICE Neighborhood meetings.

Business Meeting Adjourned