

Borough of McKees Rocks  
Public Meeting  
January 9, 2024

**7:00 PM Public Meeting**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

Present: President Archie Brinza, Vice-President Joe Mixter, Councilman Craig Myers, Councilwoman Barbara Vojtecky, Councilman Ralph Gallagher, Councilwoman Maryann Holland, Councilwoman Michele Arlott, Councilman Vince Corrie

Absent: 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:** None

**Guest Speaker**

1. McKees Rocks Community Development Cooperation – Monthly Activity Report- Informed Council and residents that the Choice Neighborhood Meetings are monthly, anyone is invited to attend. Spoke about the vacant property task force. 115 Helen Street conservatorship.
2. Tracey Pederson – 2023 Tax Collector Report, 2024 Budget Concerns
3. Kathleen Richardson- Community Concerns regarding RV on Greydon Ave.
4. Joann Michels- Smaller garbage can inquiry
5. Stacey Richardson- Community Concerns regarding public safety of residents
6. Brittany- In need of smaller garbage cans for grandmother, cans to be available March 2024
7. Kelly Wagner- Borough Code concerns regarding RV.

**Reports:**

● Borough Engineer – The monthly capsule report was presented by Borough Engineer on 1/02/2024 during caucus meeting.

**Action Items:**

- a.) A motion was made by Councilman Myers and second by Vice-President Mixter to approve Pay App No 4 to CTM Construction in the amount of \$183,339.00 for West Carson St Project, PH 3, which is reimbursable through grant funds. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- b.) A motion was made by Vice-President Mixter and second by Councilwoman Holland, all approved the CD YR 49 Grant BASE Bid in the amount of \$83,996.00 for Fruit Way Sidewalk and Wall Replacement Project, with borough share cost of \$60,647.00.

● McKees Rocks Police Department – Chief Deliman provided a written monthly activity report for December 2023. A copy is on file at the Borough Manager office. Additional information added: River Road pending re-opening 1-10-2024

- McKees Rocks Code Enforcement Officer – Mr. Bobby Thompson provided a written monthly Code Enforcement/BCO Activity Report for December 2023. A copy is on file at the Borough Manager office.

- Volunteer Fire Department – Mr. Michael Stepek, Sr – Chief of Independent Hose Co # 5 (Presston) provided a monthly VFD report for December 2023. A copy is on file at the Borough Manager office.

- Mayors Report: - Thanked the residents that voiced their concerns regarding trash, the RV and public safety. Addressed Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Spoke about it being a little over a year since Damar Hamlin’s incident.

- Borough Solicitor:

New Business: A motion was made by Vice- President Mixter and second by Councilman Myers to approve the 2-year Employment Agreement for Employee No. 234 Effective January 1, 2024. Motion adopted by acclamation.

A motion was made by Councilman Corrie and second by Councilwoman Arlott to authorize the Amendment of the Zoning Ordinance. Motion adopted by acclamation.

\* An executive session was held prior to voting meeting to discuss personnel matters and pending litigation.

- Borough Manager:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Arlott and second by Councilwoman Holland to approve the sale of 2017 Ford Taurus to Kennedy Township Municipality as-is condition for the sale price of \$8,000.00.

The Year-to-Date report for the 2023 Budget was in the positive.

Mayor of Kingstown pending filming in area on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Reading of the Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilman Myers and second by Vice-President Mixter to approve Voting Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2023 and December 12, 2023. Motion adopted by acclamation.

**Controllers Report:**

GENERAL FUND: Income and Expenses have an annual budget of \$4,612,200.00.

As of December 31, Income was \$5,170,703.24 or 112.1 % of the budgeted Income.

Expenses were \$5,070,620.63 or 109.9% of the budgeted Expenses.

Balance in the General Fund as of December 31, 2023, \$839,367.11.

SEWER FUND: Income and Expenses have an annual budget of \$2,146,000.00.

As of December 31, Income was \$2,215,729.52 or 103.3% of the budgeted Income.

Expenses were \$2,058,266.98 or 95.9% of the budgeted Expenses.

Balance in the Sewer Fund as of December 31, 2023, \$1,070,237.08.

CSX ACCOUNT: \$692,743.05

LIQUID FUELS: \$7536.55

A motion was made by Councilwoman Arlott and second by Councilman Myers to accept the Controllers report for December 31, 2023. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

**Bills:** A motion was made by Councilman Myers and second by Councilwoman Arlott 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)**
  - 2024 Revised Council Committees. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
  - A motion was made by Councilman Myers and second by Councilman Corrie to accept resignation of Bobby Thompson as a member of CSC, retroactive January 2, 2024. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
  - A motion was made by Councilman Corrie and second by Councilwoman Arlott to appoint Mike Vattimo for the Civil Service Board Vacancy 1 Seat. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
  - A motion was made by Councilwoman Holland and second by Councilman Myers to appoint Frank McQuillan for the Zoning Hearing Board Vacancy seats until 2027. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
3. **Real Estate Committee (Archie Brinza, Chair) –** President Brinza spoke about the recent house demolitions in the Borough.
4. **Public Works Committee (Archie Brinza, Chair) –** President Brinza confirmed the Street Dept salted on Saturday to help the conditions on the roads.
5. **Borough Association (Craig Myers, Chair) –** No Report
6. **Char-West COG (Joseph Mixter, Chair) –** No Report
7. **Borough Development (Craig Myers, Chair) –** No Report
8. **Codification Committee (Vince Corrie, Chair) –** No Report
9. **Parks and Recreation Committee (Joseph Mixter, Chair) –** No Report
10. **Contacts/Negotiations (Archie Brinza) –** 2-year contract with the Borough Manager.

**New Business:** Council and Borough Solicitor generally agreed to review RV ordinance and amend as appropriate for Council adoption in February 2024 Meeting.

**Business Meeting Adjourned**