

Borough of McKees Rocks
Public Meeting
May 10, 2022

7:00 PM Public Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

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

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

Agenda Comments/Changes:

None

Guest Speaker:

1. Mr. Harry Seretti/Mr. Anthony Seretti – Dangerous property conditions of 203 Island Avenue
2. Ms. Maribeth Taylor – Continuous dumpster issue at 114 Sarah Street, requesting Council to follow the Borough Garbage Ordinance regarding not blocking sidewalk
3. Sister Delores, Leo Myer Manor – Thanking Council for changing Church Avenue back to two-way traffic
4. Ms. Kate O'Brien – Concerns regarding community crime

Reports:

- Borough Engineer Capsule Report – The monthly capsule report was discussed during the May 3, 2022, Council workshop meeting.

Action Items:

- a.) A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and seconded by Councilman Mixer to approve Minniefield Demolition Services, LLC as apparent low bidder of PH 1 Demolition 1-9 Ella Street, in the amount of \$71,960.00. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
 - b.) A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and seconded by Councilman Corrie to approve Myers Demolition as apparent low bidder of 203 Island Avenue Demolition, in the amount of \$25,135,50. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- McKees Rocks Police Department – Captain David Finerty read the monthly police activity report for April 2022. A copy of the report is on file at the Borough Manager office.

- McKees Rocks Independent Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Donald Baird was present to give Council a verbal (written) monthly report for the month of April 2022. A copy of the report is on file at the Borough Manager office.

- Mayors Report: Mayor Flick first explained not being around recently, as he is recovering from illness and reassured Council and residents he will follow up on all emails/phone calls received. Mayor Flick also commented on being in contact with local business(s) regarding the upkeep of their properties, as they are just as responsible as homeowners to have a viable community. Mayor Flick last commented how well the Sto-Rox Library event went over the past weekend, saying it was positive for the community.

- Borough Manager (Asst) Report: Asst Secretary Wozniak updated Council on the following: OnFire Media confirmed receiving email notification to terminate borough website, effective date June 30, 2022. The borough office received all positive feedback from other local municipalities which use Paychex for payroll services, as Council requested office to do some more research before voting to change to a new payroll company. The 2022 TAN Loan funds have been received, and the first round of delinquent sewage/water shut-offs is scheduled for 5/11 posting, with a 6/01 shutoff date. Liquid Fuels audit is complete with no discrepancies.

A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and seconded by Councilman Corrie to authorize borough staff to move forward with contracting with Paychex for payroll services. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

- Borough Solicitor: Borough Solicitor Turnbull advised an executive session was held prior to the public meeting to discuss personnel and litigation matters. Action Item(s): Borough Solicitor Turnbull is asking Council approval to advertise an Ordinance amendment, (at the request of CEA) to update the IPMC to the 2021 version (Borough currently using 2009 version). A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and seconded by Councilman Myers to authorize Borough Solicitor to advertise the Ordinance amendment, for June 2022 Council adoption. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and seconded by Councilman Lubas to approve the property donation resolution(s) for 203 Island Avenue and 3 Ella Street. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

Informational Item: Alice Street Investments is scheduled for a hearing May 18, 2022 at Court of Common Pleas regarding failure to apply for residential rental licensing for various years. We currently have the completed applications, but fees have not been paid. Assistant Secretary Wozniak confirmed property owner also has ACT 90 liens, which possibly is a reason for nonapplication/payment.

Reading of the Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Mixer and seconded by Councilman Myers to approve the meeting minutes from April 12, 2022 public meeting. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

Controllers Report:

GENERAL FUND: Both Income and Expenses have an annual budget of \$4,741,650.00. As of April 30, 2022 the Income was \$1,804,388,26 or 38.05% of the budgeted Income. Expenses were \$1,258,249.79 or 26.54% of the budgeted Expenses. Balance in the General fund accounts as of April 30, 2022 was \$1,145,522.46.

SEWER FUND: Both Income and Expenses have an annual budget of \$2,209,000.00. As of April 30, 2022, the Income was \$868,320.33 or 39.31 % of the budgeted Income. Expenses were \$321,738.48 or 14.57 % of the budgeted Expenses. Balance in the Sewer Fund accounts as of April 30, 2022 was \$896,584.90.

LIQUID FUELS FUND: As of April 30, 2022, balance was \$481,749.51 (This figured includes the 2022 allocation of \$163,024.13 that has been received and deposited)

A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and seconded by Councilman Corrie to accept the Controllers report for April 2022. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

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

Agenda Voting:

1. Public Safety Committee (Chair – TBD)

- a.) A motion was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilman Radoycis to approve the 2022 McKees Rocks Emergency Operations Plan. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

Informational Item: President Brinza advised the Borough is applying for a grant for new police cars, body cameras, and community cameras and our grant writer is very positive the Borough will be awarded.

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

- a.) A motion was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilman Corrie to accept the resignation of Code Enforcement Officer, effective April 29, 2022. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- b.) New Business: President Brinza is requesting Council to restructure at this time, and nominate Councilman Mixer as Vice-President, replacing Mr. Charles Maritz. A motion was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by President Brinza. Motion was adopted by acclamation, appointing Councilman Mixer as Vice-President.
- c.) Letters of Interest – Council Vacancies Ward 1 and Ward 3
Ward 1 – One (1) letter received by Mr. Frank McQuillan. A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and seconded by Councilman Myers to appoint Mr. Frank McQuillan, as Ward 1 Council member. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

Ward 3 – Six (6) letters received by Mr. John Steven Vann, Ms. Anita Arguello, Ms. Maryann Holland, Ms. Jennifer McCord, Mr. Sean Evans, and Mr. Dominic Harris. Borough Solicitor advised Council letters can be considered by the first candidate to get majority Council vote. President Brinza first thanked everyone who shown interest and wants to work with everyone regardless of who is appointed. A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and seconded by Councilman Myers to appoint Ms. MaryAnn Holland as Ward 3 Council member. Roll call requested, all in favor. Motion carries.

Newly appointed Council members sworn in by Mayor Flick.

Mr. Dominic Harris, an interested candidate for Ward 3 voiced his opinion that Council handling the letter of interest this way, by voting Ms. Holland in quickly shows that people of other color really don't matter, and Council just votes "for who they know." There is no representation of other color.

President Brinza responded saying he works with everyone, regardless of color and appreciates Mr. Harris speaking up. Mr. Harris just feels he (and his people) aren't heard and it's hard bringing back information to the community in a positive manner, feeling this way.

d.) President Brinza advised a revised 2022 Council Committees List will be ready by the next Council meeting in June 2022.

3. **Parks and Recreation Committee (Joseph Mixter, Chair)** – Councilman Mixter updated Council 3rd Street Park revitalization will be starting soon, and a small portion of leftover funds from the grant are being considered to replace damaged picnic tables, at a cost of approximately \$5,000 as long as the county accepts the submission on the contract (it's all about timing). A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and seconded by Councilman Mixter that if picnic table cost is not covered by grant, the borough will cover. 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 Myers, Chair)** – No Report
8. **Borough Development (Craig Myers, Chair)** – No Report
9. **Codification Committee (Nick Radoycis, Chair)** - Progress

J. New Business

a.) Hiring of Temporary Part-time Street Department Laborers for Summer: A motion was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilman McQuillan to hire up to three (3) temporary Street Department Laborers up to 32 hrs/week at \$12/hour. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

b.) Consideration of employment termination of Employee 235, effective May 11, 2022 with any related terms: A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and seconded by Councilman Corrie to table this motion for approximately 2 weeks, for further discussion. Borough Solicitor advised the meeting can recess until May 24, 2022 at 7:00PM, and no legal advertisement is needed since date/time has been agreed upon/announced. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

Meeting recessed, per President Brinza.