

Borough of McKees Rocks  
Public Meeting  
September 13, 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, Vice-President Joe Mixter, Councilwoman MaryAnn Holland, Councilman Frank McQuillan, and Councilman Jeffrey Dusch

Also present for this meeting were Mayor David Flick, Borough Manager LeeAnn Wozniak, Administrative Assistant Amantha Schoen, 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. Ms. Maribeth Taylor – 114 Sarah Street and other community concerns including bringing rental owners in compliance
2. Ms. Tracey Pedersen, Tax Collector – August 2022 tax collection updates, discussion of Roxian Theatre reassessment, and phone calls regarding the old Saint France DeSales property (Chartiers Ave) currently for sale

**Reports:**

- Borough Engineer – The monthly capsule report was discussed during the September 6, 2022 Council workshop meeting.

**Action Items:**

- a.) A motion was made by Councilman McQuillan and second by Councilman Myers to approve the Dollar General land developments plans contingent upon completion of a Developer's Agreement and revision of photometric and lighting plans. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- b.) A motion was made by Councilman Myers and second by Vice-President Mixter to move forward with geotechnical investigation of West Carson Street Ext, Phase 3. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- c.) A motion was made by Councilman McQuillan and second by Vice-President Mixter to approve Pay Application No 2 in the amount of \$63,017.85 to Insight Pipe Contracting for 2022 Sewer Cleaning and Televising. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
- d.) A motion was made by Councilman Myers and second by Councilman McQuillan to approve Pay Application No 2 in the amount of \$35,511.99 to Pride Masonry for Locust Street sewer repair, payable from COVID-19 ARPA funds. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

e.) A motion was made by Councilman Corrie and second by Vice-President Mixer to approve Pay Application No 3 in the amount of \$46,963.49 to CTM Construction for West Carson Street Ext, Phase 1. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

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

- McKees Rocks Code Enforcement Officer – Code Enforcement Officer Bobby Thompson read the monthly August 2022 activity report. A copy is on file at the Borough Manager office.

- Volunteer Fire Department - Fire Chief Donald Baird was present to give Council a verbal monthly report for the month of August 2022 for the McKees Rocks VFD. Lt. Joseph DeFazio was present to give Council a verbal monthly report for the month of August 2022 for Independent Hose Co # 5. Both written reports are on file at the Borough Manager office.

- Mayors Report: Mayor Flick first thanked all workers, as Labor Day was recently observed. Choice Neighborhoods recently did a poll asking what residents would like to see in the community such as parks, landscaping, mentioning a green space as part of the grant. Mayor Flick thanked McKees Rocks Womens Alliance and the McKees Rocks Event Committee for working so hard for positive community change. Mayor Flick also commended the McKees Rocks Police Department and encourages Council to approve the actions items on agenda.

- Borough Solicitor:

- a.) A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Councilwoman Holland to approve Borough Resolution 1682, for the property donation of 840 Frank Street. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

- Borough Manager:

- a.) A motion was made by Councilman McQuillan and second by Councilman Radoycis to approve 3-year Jackson Computer Consulting IT Services Agreement for the borough and police department, effective October 1, 2022. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

- b.) A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Councilman Corrie to approve Portnoff Law Associates Fee Schedule Ordinance Amendment, contingent upon receiving written clarification of “services not covered above” line item. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

Informational Items: Borough Manager Wozniak provided Council with updates regarding 2021 Traveler’s Insurance Audit rescheduled for October 3, 2022, the 2021 audited financials are complete, and Auditor will present at the upcoming October 2022 meeting, and Creditech delinquent sewage postings will include rental properties for the last round of postings in October 2022.

**Controllers Report:**

GENERAL FUND: Both Income and Expenses have an annual budget of \$4,741,650.00. As of August 31, 2022 the Income was \$3,780,131.15 or 79.7% of the budgeted Income. Expenses were \$2,694,020.30 or 56.8 % of the budgeted Expenses. Balance in the General fund accounts as of August 31, 2022 was \$1,635,609.25

SEWER FUND: Both Income and Expenses have an annual budget of \$2,209,000.00. As of August 31, 2022, the Income was \$1,446,664.76 or 65.5 % of the budgeted Income. Expenses were \$940,189.17 or 42.5 % of the budgeted Expenses. Balance in the Sewer Fund accounts as of August 31, 2022 was \$927,687.41.

LIQUID FUELS FUND: As of August 31, 2022 balance in the Liquid Fuels Account \$483,626.97

COVID-19 ARPA Recovery Fund (2021): As of August 31, 2022 balance in the COVID-19 ARPA Recovery Fund (2021) is \$82,693.51.

CSX Account: As of August 31, 2022 balance in the CSX Account was \$739,153.75.

A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Vice-President Mixter to accept the Controllers report for August 2022. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

**Reading of the Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Councilman McQuillan to approve the meeting minutes from August 9, 2022 public meeting minutes. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

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

**Agenda Voting:**

1. Public Safety Committee (Chair – Archie Brinza)
  - a.) A motion was made by Vice-President Mixter and second by Councilman Corrie to approve the McKees Rocks Police Department to work with the Allegheny County Dept. of Human Services for a community pilot program providing behavioral health and mental health services as an alternative response to police response for appropriate 911 calls. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
  - b.) A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Councilwoman Holland to authorize the McKees Rocks Police Department (Chief and other authorized staff) to move forward in obtaining a 501 C account for K9 fundraising efforts, as well as gather all pertinent information to writing a K9 handling policy, applying for grants, et al. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
  - c.) A motion was made by Vice-President Mixter and second by Councilwoman Holland to authorize the Chief of Police to continue working with Allegheny County for a \$22,000.00 grant to purchase 11 body cameras, with the understanding the borough will be responsible for a balance of \$11,500.00 per Motorola quote. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

d.) A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by President Brinza to approve handicap parking application for 305 Linton Street. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

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

a.) A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Councilman Corrie to approve the 2023 MMO for Police Dept, Street Dept, and Non-Uniform Pension Plans. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

**3. Parks and Recreation Committee (Joseph Mixer, Chair)** – Councilman Mixer confirmed unable to purchase bench covers through the grant. President Brinza mentioned he is working with external contacts to donate time to move the playground equipment from Boys & Girls Club to Rangers Field (for free).

**4. Real Estate Committee (Archie Brinza, Chair)** – No report

**5. Public Works Committee (Archie Brinza, Chair)** – President Brinza advised street paving is delayed, and tentatively scheduled to start week of September 19-23.

**6. Borough Association (Craig Myers, Chair)** – No Report

**7. Char-West COG (Joseph Myers, Chair)** – Councilman Mixer confirmed the next COG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2022.

**8. Borough Development (Craig Myers, Chair)** – No Report

**9. Codification Committee (Nick Radoycis, Chair)** – Councilman Radoycis confirmed the Codification Committee will meet on Friday, September 16 to continue working on the codification process.

**Old Business:**

Vacant Property Recovery Program Application 112 Helen Street (Revised): Council still had some reservations regarding information presented on application, and a motion was made by Councilman Radoycis to table approval until all Council concerns were answered. President Brinza requested roll call – resulting in 8 Yes, 1 No (Brinza). Motion to table carries.

Mural Painting at 707 Chartiers Ave – TT's Toy Box: A motion was made by Councilman Radoycis and second by Councilman McQuillan to approve the mural painting request as presented in the zoning application by size of 276 Sq Ft. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

**Business Meeting Adjourned:**

Business meeting adjourned, per President Brinza.