

McKees Rocks Borough  
Public Meeting  
September 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President of Council, Mr. Paul Krisby. President Krisby requested roll call. Present were Council Shallegra Moye, Council Elizabeth Delgado, Council Maribeth Taylor, Council Leslie Gee, Council Craig Myers, Council Sarah Harvey, and Council Joe Mixter. Also present were Mayor John "Jack" Muhr, Borough Manager Ruth A. Pompey, Controller Julie Chambers, and Administrative Assistant LeeAnn Wozniak. Mr. Douglas Evans from NIRA Consulting Engineers and Borough Solicitor Ms. Megan Turnbull, of Weiss Burkhardt Kramer, LLC was present. Vice-President Kathy Evich participated by phone.

**Agenda Comments/Changes:** None

**Guest Speaker:**

Ms. Kathy Olsen, resident of O'Donovan Street was present to address Council. Ms. Olsen was under the impression that the dispute with West View Water Authority has been resolved regarding Adrian Street and was questioning when repairs would be made. President Krisby confirmed that litigation is still in process and West View Water Authority has not agreed to make repairs. Mr. Olsen requested if a no left turn sign could be placed at the intersection of Harriet/O'Donovan to prevent on street parking vehicle damage (resident car has been side-swiped). President Krisby will send Street Department Supervisor to location for follow-up. Ms. Olsen also asked Council if there was a main stream process to be approved for a handicap parking permit, as she attempted to complete application in past and felt the amount of information requested was too lengthy and failed to apply. Council Taylor and President Krisby both advised Ms. Olsen that all applicants must follow procedure and complete all necessary paperwork (including doctor portion) to be considered for review. Another resident in attendance suggested Ms. Olsen contact Rep. Deasy's office to assist in completion of application.

Ms. Irene Sparks, member of CORO Leadership was present to ask Council how the community can have more access to resources of the Borough, such as viewing links online or a website. Council Delgado confirmed that the borough website will be live tentatively September 28, 2018 with information and links to borough related information. Ms. Sparks also commented that some community members felt they don't have a voice and suggested Council possibly having an open house. President Krisby advised that any member of our community is welcome to come to the monthly meetings and request to speak if interested. Council Taylor also wanted to clarify with Ms. Sparks that there is no policy prohibiting a renter of the borough to sit on Council, as the agenda noted that to be a discussion item requested by CORO. Any resident of the borough for at least 1 year can run for a Council seat in their residing ward, regardless if homeowner or renter.

**Last Month's Minutes:**

A motion was made by Council Mixter and seconded by Council Taylor to dispense the reading of August 14, 2018 Public Meeting minutes. The motion was adopted by acclamation.

**Committee Reports:**

- Council Moye read the August 2018 activity report from the McKees Rocks Independent Volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Department received a total of 21 calls. There were 5 false alarms, none at Hays

Manor. Response also included 2 motor vehicle accidents and 4 gas leaks or smell of gas, 1 carbon monoxide alarm, 1 wire down, and 1 tree down. There were 2 brush fires and 5 structure fires. One of the structure fires was the four alarm on Boquet Street. Two firefighters were injured at the Boquet Street structure fire.

Engine 189 responded to 12 incidents. Engine 189-2 responded 2 times. Rescue 189 1 time, Truck 189 no response, as out of service, Utility 189 no response and persons in private vehicles responded directly to scene 10 times. VFD cancelled enroute 10 times. Mutual aid provided by Presston Station 277 on all calls. In addition, Stowe Station 275 provided aid to us 1 time, Kennedy Station 181, provided mutual aid 1 time, Seville Station 251 provided mutual aid 2 times, Fairview Station 250 1 time, Emsworth Station 148 1 time, and Moon Run Station 245 1 time. They were all for the fire on Boquet. Seville Station 251 is on all first alarm structure fires as is Presston Station 277. VFD provided mutual aid to Stowe Station 275 2 times. Total person response from Station 189 to calls in August was 119 averaging 5.7 persons per call.

- Council Moyer read the monthly Activity Report from the McKees Rocks Police Department for August 2018. Chief Deliman reported a total of 841 events. There were 152 cases reported, 34 arrests, 38 citations (34 traffic, 2 non-traffic), and 16 impounded vehicles. Total mileage on patrol vehicles 4,546. Total money submitted to the Borough Manager was \$8,381.13.

**Council Committee Reports:** None

**Mayors Report:**

Mayor Muhr reported that he has been issuing a lot of violations for high grass/weeds and garbage via mail, and residents are being held accountable for the lack of property upkeep. Mayor also recently spoke to Mr. Novak, owner of 108-110 Greydon Avenue advising owner that he has thirty days to repair the sidewalk/curb that was damaged during property demolition in previous months. Mayor believes Mr. Novak will comply.

**Borough Manager's Report:** A written Borough Manager's Report was included in the Council packet for Council review regarding financial reports for general fund and sewer account as of end August 2018, plans of scheduling a meeting with Finance Committee members in September to discuss 2019 operating and sewer budgets, and information regarding First National Bank preparing two new accounts for the borough to increase the borough's interest generation capacity and provide an easier way to make payments on the leased Street Department vehicles.

**Engineer's Report:** A written report was provided to Council during last evening's Caucus meeting and there are no additional items to report at this time.

**Solicitor's Report:** Borough Solicitor reported that the drafted changes of the residential rental licensing ordinance has been emailed to the Building Code Official and Code Enforcement Officer for review, and Borough Solicitor will continue to work with borough staff and Council to finalize a draft for review during the October meeting in efforts for ordinance adoption in November 2018.

**Controller's Report:**

As of August 31, 2018 General Fund, both income and expenses have annual budget of \$3,839,218.00. Expenses totaled \$2,440,395.81; approximately 63.57% of annual budget. Balance remaining in the annual budget is \$1,398,822.19. Balance in the General Fund Checking Account is \$242,102.67.

As of August 31, 2018 Sewer Fund, both income and expenses have an annual budget of \$1,694,243.00. Expenses totaled \$893,592.31; approximately 52.75 % of the annual budget. Balance remaining in the annual budget is \$800,450.69. Balance in the Sewer Fund Savings Account is \$326,734.56.

A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Council Myers to accept the Controller's Report. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

**Bills:** A motion was made by Council Myers and seconded by Council Gee to pay the bills. Council Myers briefly asked Borough Manager if paying the Travelers Insurance (line item 27224) in full was a requirement or if Borough could pay the premium in multiple payments. Borough Manager advised that the borough receives majority of income during spring/summer months and funds were available to pay in full. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

**Agenda:**

1. A motion was made by Council Myers and seconded by Council Mixer to change the McKees Rocks Historical Society address to 340 Bell Avenue McKees Rocks, PA 15136. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
2. A motion was made by Council Moye and seconded by Council Gee to permit insurance coverage on the veteran/military banners being displayed on utility poles in the Borough. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
3. A motion was made by Council Myers and seconded by Council Mixer to permit the Historical Society to display historical photos on borough building walls, which will be maintained by Historical Society members. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
4. A motion was made by Council Harvey and seconded by Council Taylor to approve flow monitoring by Drnach Environmental at 4 locations for the Ella Street Interceptor Study, in the amount of \$4,532.00/month for three months. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
5. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Council Mixer to accept U& S Construction as lowest bidder for the CD YR 44 Chartiers Ave. Curb Ramps in full project amount \$30,950.00 subject to Allegheny County receiving their HUD funding and Allegheny County confirming a contract with Char-West COG. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
6. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Council Myers to approve the Rock Industrial Plan of Lots # 2 Consolidation and Subdivision Plan subject to the condition of satisfying the Borough Engineer's comment letter dated 7/27/2018. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
7. A motion was made by Council Myers and seconded by Council Mixer to approve the preliminary and final Speedway Land Development Plan subject to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineer's comment letter dated 7/27/2018, execution of developer's agreement and final review on and by the Planning Commission relating to lighting, glare, fencing, adequate visual screening, and landscaping. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
8. A motion was made by Council Mixer and seconded by Council Myers to approve the preliminary and final Rocks Intermodal Way Building # 1 Land Development Plan subject to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineers comment letter dated 7/27/2018, execution of developer's agreement, and final review on and by the Planning Commission relating to fencing and adequate visual screening, and landscaping. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

9. A motion was made by Council Mixer and seconded by Council Taylor to approve Resolution No 6097 accepting the Angelina Way Dedication. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
10. A motion was made by Council Myers and seconded by Council Moyer to accept the Deed of Dedication for the Angelina Way Right-of-Way between the Borough and CSX Transportation, Inc. Motion was made by acclamation.
11. A motion was made by President Krisby and seconded by Council Taylor to approve the Angelina Way Right-of-Way License Agreement with CSX for use of the sign that exists in the Right-of-Way. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
12. A motion was made by Council Myers and seconded by Council Taylor to approve Resolution No 6098 Real Property Donation 751 Boquet Street. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
13. A motion was made by Council Harvey and seconded by Council Myers to purchase a used fire truck pending Borough Manager's review of resources. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
14. A motion was made by Council Delgado and seconded by Council Gee to authorize Chief Deliman to create a list of potential candidate for future hiring of PT/FT Police Officers pending Civil Service updates. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
15. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Council Moyer to approve dumpster placement on the Municipal Lot on 9/29/18 for Allegheny Cleanways' cleanup, pending receipt of completed dumpster permit application with application fee waived. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
16. A motion was made by Council Myers and seconded by Council Mixer to approve duct work cleaning project not to exceed \$5,000.00 after receiving three quotes. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
17. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Council Gee to approve Halloween Trick-or-Treat for October 31, 2018 from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
18. A motion was made by Council Harvey and seconded by Council Delgado to place "No Trucks" signs on Greydon Avenue. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
19. A motion was made by Council Taylor and seconded by Council Gee to authorize Borough Solicitor to make adjustments to Borough Ordinance 1662, to include bond agreement amounts for demolitions. Motion was adopted by acclamation.
20. A motion was made by Council Mixer and seconded by Council Harvey to approve police car technology upgrades pending final review of quote(s). Motion was adopted by acclamation.

**New Business:**

President Krisby advised Council that someone hit and damaged the fence at the Street Department location, and 1 repair quote has been received by Watt Fencing. The Street Department is obtaining additional repair quote(s).

**Old Business:**

Property Owner of 830 Railroad Street was present and continued to voice her concern of the water run-off problem at her property, blaming Meyers Ridge Townhomes as the responsible party and stating the Borough still hasn't done anything to help resolve the problem. President Krisby reassured property owner that he will meet with the Street Department Supervisor and troubleshoot the water problem as soon as possible.

President Krisby advised all in attendance that the public portion of the Council meeting is adjourned, and Council will be participating in an Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel issues. Meeting adjourned.