

The Borough of Speers Council met on August 4, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Mr. Rice, Mayor Herd, Ms. DeCooman, Mrs. Barcelona, Mrs. Spina, Mr. Daylong, and Mr. Hepple; absent was Mr. McCorkle.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read; a motion to accept was made by Mr. Daylong and seconded by Ms. DeCooman.

Secretary read the correspondence: KLH Golfing outing, Tri-County Borough meeting schedule, LSA – 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter payment - \$29,333.

**POLICE**: 19 calls for the month of July, **Fire**: 7 calls; the Dept. responds to calls for Monessen as well; the injured fire fighter is doing much better and should return in November.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Streets & Sewers: Will comment under Dennis's report.

Finance: Mr. McCorkle completed the July report; income = \$165,401.46; expenses = \$56,094.15. Mrs. Spina applied for a grant; we received the first payment of \$56,000.

Borough Improvements: Mr. Daylong – Nothing at this time.

Streetlights: Mr. Hepple stated Dennis met with the property owner where a new pole will be installed at the IDC Park; still waiting for the contract from WPP. He will start calling them again.

Parks: Mrs. Barcelona – Nothing at this time.

Grants: Mrs. Spina – looking into more grants to apply for.

Transit Authority: Mr. Hepple – Nothing at this time.

Mayor Herd: spoke regarding the Little Great Race; they are requesting support by making a donation. He will forward paperwork regarding grant applications when he receives more information. Mayor Herd thanked Mrs. Spina for working on securing grants for the Borough. Mayor Herd asked if any Council members are interested in having elected officials, county commissioners, state representatives come speak with us – not at this time.

Dennis Carson's report: met with Conspec/Valley Tire to sign off on new streetlight pole placement, cut grass, weed whack, trim shrubs, had blade sharpened and greased on Kubota, looked at purchasing new mower, met with WPP at IDC Park regarding streetlights, clean park for rentals, planted grass and filled in ruts from truck driving in the grass at the park, worked with Insight Pipe – pipe lined at IDC Park, spoke with Kerry Krider about doing routine inspections to monitor the grease traps to make sure they are cleaned and maintained before problems arise; worked on clearing tree roots in sewers on Davidson Dr., 4 downspout inspections and 7 One Calls.

**ENGINEER/CODE ENFORCEMENT**: Not present at the meeting.

**SOLICITOR:** Nothing at this time.

**CITIZENS:** No comment.

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:** Deposit of \$80,671.80.

**OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Mr. Rice – questioned the status of the digital signs – Mrs. Spina reported that Mr. Bassi mailed the signed agreement this morning; WPP needs to turn the power on to the sign; need to decide where the placement for the second sign will be.

Dennis recommended verifying where the state will be putting the new ramps before we install the sign. We will contact Barry Lyons. Dennis is also requesting to put a message on the sign stating “No Tractor Trailers.”

Ms. DeCooman reported that the bird deaths and illnesses are still not identified; do not feed the birds and clean the birdbaths with 10% bleach solution.

Mr. Daylong questioned Dennis on cleaning the pipes, at the IDC Park, if it was caused by Fourth Street BBQ – yes, working with Mr. Lint to bill them for the cleaning.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Rice stated Mrs. Lee made a donation (\$100) to the park fund. He spoke about ordering a bench to honor Mayor Lee. Dennis and Jody contacted ARC for information on who they used for the bench for Mr. Grandy. We will research more and order as soon as possible.

Ms. DeCooman asked if any Council members are interested in a “Meet & Greet” before elections? She is working with Dr. Zelich at the Charleroi School District in organizing a drive to provide hygiene products to the students in need.

Mr. Hepple reported that Bud Cook held a party/cook out at the park.

Mayor Herd spoke on the Little Great Race donation, \$350 block sponsor; Mrs. Spina stated the funds support EMS, the Fire Dept. and Police Dept. A motion to donate \$350 for a block sponsor was made by Mr. Daylong and seconded by Mr. Hepple; all in favor. Pay Insight Pipe invoice from the Sewer Fund.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Hepple and seconded by Mr. Daylong; all in favor.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. was made by Mrs. Barcelona and seconded by Mrs. Spina.