

The Borough of Speers Council met on December 1, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. In attendance was Mr. Rice, Mayor Herd – via phone, Mr. McCorkle, Ms. DeCooman, Mrs. Barcelona, Mrs. Spina, Mr. Daylong, and Mr. Hepple.

Secretary was absent from the meeting.

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

Correspondence was read by Mr. Rice: MV Chamber of Commerce open house invitation; Library open house invitation.

POLICE: reported 20 calls for the month of November; report available for review. Fire Dept. – 6 calls

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Mr. McCorkle – November budget complete; income = \$32,428.27, expenses = \$98,847.44, (including a payment to repair sidewalks, road, hydrant – an insurance payment (\$35,444) was already received to cover this); (-) \$66,409.17. YTD (+) \$65,066.48.

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

Streetlights: Dennis - installation on the new streetlights at the IDC Park has started this week.

Parks: Mrs. Barcelona – Nothing at this time. Mr. Rice stated the memorial bench for Mayor Lee is completed and placed at the park. Mr. McCorkle commented the landscape around the bench looks phenomenal; thanked Dennis and Timmy for doing it. Mr. Rice will contact Mrs. Lee to see when she is available for the dedication.

Transit Authority: Mayor Herd – Nothing new at this time; still in discussion on adding another bus stop at the Industrial Park in the Spring, nothing finalized yet.

Grants: Mrs. Spina – Nothing at this time.

Mayor Herd: Thanked Council on the outstanding job they have done. He suggests that Council provide some information during each committee report, even if it is just a recap. Mayor Herd spoke on residents leaving garbage cans on the sidewalk all week; remind residents to remove cans after a reasonable amount of time.

Dennis Carson's report: cut grass, week whack, blowing leaves at the park, constructed and installed the memorial bench at the park, had the water shut off at the park, closed up restrooms for the winter season, installed "No Parking" sign by Columbia Gas, clean up leaves at the park, attached salt spreader to truck, 15 One Calls and 4 downspout inspections, cleaned steps down to RT 88, removed 2 dead deer from the borough. Dennis spoke with the Vo-tech, they will send a picture of the students who built the bench so we can acknowledge their work and our appreciation. We will put it on the website, Facebook page and digital signs.

ENGINEER/CODE ENFORCEMENT: Report was emailed; available for review.

Engineer: Park project - pushed until Spring; bridge project – Stahl Sheaffer will perform field view.

Code Enforcement: updates on violations.

Zoning: list of permits approved.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Lint – Millage will stay the same at 2.4; he will prepare the resolution for the January meeting. The re-organizational meeting will need to be held on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. with the regular Council meeting to follow. Mr. Lint stated it would be beneficial for Council to grant the handicap parking space for Mrs. Synder. Mr. Daylong does not agree with where the handicap space will be located. Mr. McCorkle and Mr. Rice stated the space will be where it needs to be for Mrs. Snyder. A motion to approve the handicap space was made by Ms. DeCooman and seconded by Mr. McCorkle; all in favor. Mr. Lint recommends that Council not change or amend the ordinance at this time.

CITIZENS: Mrs. Synder is happy with the result of the vote.

Kenny – spoke regarding the junk in the alley and other things not related to the alley or borough business.

Karen – stated a trailer is blocking the alley. She said Council is supposed to tell the Police what to do. She stated the alley is her property but has no paperwork to prove that. Karen wants Council to control the people and businesses in the Borough. She thinks Council is afraid. Mr. Rice stated that the issues Karen and Kenny have with neighbors are a civil matter, not a borough issue. Mr. Hepple stated there is an alley behind her house; she states she had it abandoned. Mr. Hepple asked Karen if she had a driveway? She said no, not really; but she has a boat sitting in the driveway. She claims there is a foundation for a garage in her back yard.

Mr. Rost wishes everyone a nice Christmas.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Deposit of \$7,677.46

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mr. McCorkle spoke on the Christmas/Santa parade and decorating contest. It will be held on December 11 at 6 p.m. Line up at the Vo-tech and travel through Upper Speers, Lower Speers and Mapleview. The decorating contest will only be for Speers Borough and include most festive, most elegant and most creative. Winners will receive a \$25 gift card to either Speer St. Grill or Kodiak or Serendipity Tea Room.

Mrs. Spina – the digital sign is installed across from Exxon, just waiting for the electricity to be turned on. She spoke with Mr. Bassi and he stated the property is being turned over to the Municipal Water Authority and we can leave the sign there. Barry Lyons sent an email providing an update on utility work that will be taking place. He will keep us informed throughout the project.

Dennis will work on getting bids for remodeling the offices. Dennis and Jody will work on a wish list.

A motion to adopt the proposed 2022 budget was made by Mrs. Barcelona and seconded by Mr. Daylong; all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Hepple commented on the trucks parking at Guttman. Dennis repainted the yellow lines.

Mayor Herd asked if the newly elected Council members were in attendance today – No.

Mr. Lint stated they need to attend the January 3rd meeting to be sworn in.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mrs. Spina; all in favor.

Mr. Rice thanked Mr. Hepple and Ms. DeCooman for their time on Council.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. was made by Mr. Daylong and seconded by Mr. McCorkle.