

The Borough of Speers Council met on February 4, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

In attendance were Mr. Rice, Mayor Herd, Mr. Sauer, Mr. McCorkle, Mrs. Devine, Ms. Hartley, and Ms. Barcelona.

Mayor Herd swore in Mr. McDonough to occupy the vacant Council chair.

A motion to approve the January meeting minutes was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Ms. Barcelona.

Correspondence: TCBA meeting hosts for the year was relayed.

Call reports for January: Police = 202; Fire = 15; EMS= 17.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Mr. McCorkle – Income: \$79,396.96; Expenses: \$73,182.12. YTD (+) \$6,214.84.

Parks: Ms. Barcelona looked into increasing pavilion rental fee; will discuss further at next meeting.

Borough Improvement: Mr. Sauer spoke with Mr. DeSantis regarding repairs and possibly moving the Maplevue sign. Mr. Sauer will contact the Vo-tech to see if they can help with repairs or a new sign.

Grants: Ms. Hartley reported that Mr. Rice and Mayor Herd attended a meeting with the state representatives regarding grants. They were told that Penn Dot will be taking over and handling the repairs to the Arentzen Bridge. She also reported that we were approved for the Multi-modal grant. We are still waiting for responses on the (2) LSA state grants we applied for. Ms. Hartley did a presentation for the county LSA grant; still waiting for a response. Council will start looking into a paving project for the entire IDC Park.

Streetlights: Secretary reported an outage on Anne Ave.

Supplies and Equipment: Mr. McDonough will be in charge of.

Transit Authority: Mayor Herd reported the bus turnaround at the IDC Park is on hold for now. He stated the Local Match will increase for this year due to the MMVTA not receiving state funding. The signed resolution will need to be submitted by April. Council will discuss at the next meeting after receiving more information.

MS4: Mrs. Devine reported that we need to update our MS4 mapping for the DEP showing the outfalls and sewers. We can do ArcGIS mapping for \$700 a year. This would be the best way to show the connectivity of the storm sewer system.

Mayor Herd thanked the road crew for their hard work handling the snow removal. He attended a grant meeting for the bridge project. He was told that if an engineering group helps with the grant application, they cannot be the engineer on the project. He encourages Council to write letters to the county commissioners. He is trying to set up a meeting with Commissioner Janis to come to the Borough to see the bridge issues.

Tim Anthony street report: painted, changed lighting, filled potholes, received multiple deliveries of salt, cleared fallen branches at the park, plowed snow from storms, cleaned building for meeting, cleaned streets in the IDC Park, working on removing snow piles, 5 routine one calls, 1 emergency call for a waterline break. He stated that we need a new dump truck with a plow.

Engineer: Mr. Rizzo attended the meeting to introduce himself as our new KLH representative.

Solicitor: Mr. Lint reviewed the bidding requirements for 2026. He also stated that he will be absent for the March meeting.

Tax Collector's report: Deposit of \$68,854.10.

Citizens: John Brouzakis questioned the repair work on the Arentzen Bridge and why taxes were raised again.

Al Rost spoke on a letter regarding the I-70 expansion project. Penn Dot may be on personal property to do soil testing and core drilling pertaining to the project. Mr. Rost is asking who is responsible if property is damaged during these procedures. He also had questions relating to property law; neighbor's retaining wall falling onto his property, what can be done and who pays for removal. Mr. Lint suggested to confirm who owns the property where the wall is located.

Old/Unfinished Business: Discussed earlier in the meeting.

New Business: Option of using a community app for communication to residents. Council will continue using digital sign, Facebook and website to relay information.

For future snowstorms, should we subcontract out for help? Council will discuss further.

A motion to pay the monthly bills was made by Mr. Sauer and seconded by Mr. McCorkle.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. was made by Ms. Barcelona and seconded by Mr. McCorkle.