

The Borough of Speers Council met on January 8, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Mr. Rice, Mr. McCorkle, Mrs. Spina, Mr. Hepple and Mrs. Barcelona. Absent were Ms. DeCooman and Mayor Herd, both gave prior notification. Dr. Daylong submitted a letter of resignation effective 1/1/2025.

A motion to accept the previous meeting minutes as read was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mrs. Barcelona.

Correspondence: Election Board notification for 2026. Mr. Daylong resignation letter.

Reports: Police – 139; Fire – 93 for the year; EMS – 17. Reports available for review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Mr. McCorkle: Income - \$30,124.55; Expenses - \$58,594.75. YTD (-) \$40,527.93.

Borough Improvement: No Report.

Grants: Mrs. Spina – Nothing to report.

Parks: Mrs. Barcelona – Lower Speers Park projects are complete.

Streetlights: 2 outages at Grandview Way and Arlington Ave were reported to West Penn Power.

Dennis Carson Street Report: Picked up leaves, cleaned leaves at park, salted and plowed streets, cleaned up fallen trees, washed trucks, cleaned catch basins, 5 downspout inspections and 3 One Calls, loaned salt to Charleroi Borough.

ENGINEER: Mr. Creagh (via phone), report available, waiting for start date for the Arentzen Bridge project. They are working with the railroad regarding the flagging services. He is working on closing out the Lower Speers Park Project so we can receive the grant funds to pay the contractors. Invoice from El Grande for paving and fencing is \$31,235.60. Mrs. Spina will also contact Ms. Pro with DCNR to see what can be done to expedite the final grant payment.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Lint provided the ordinance pertaining to violations regarding basketball hoops blocking the sidewalks. Code enforcement will send letters. The 2025 tax millage ordinance (3.6) needs to be voted on.

CITIZENS: Mr. Al Rost questioned the status of the Combined Sewage Overflow Project? Timeline? Where is the money? Financial Audit? Who is keeping track of the project? How long do the residents have to pay this fee? Ms. Spina will look into and see if they will attend a council meeting to give an update.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Deposit of \$2,928.88.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A motion to accept the 2025 Tax Millage at 3.6 was made by Mr. Hepple and seconded by Mrs. Barcelona; all in favor.

Mr. McCorkle spoke regarding possibly selling panels from the old digital sign. Somebody asked if we are willing to sell panels for \$150 per panel. Mrs. Spina will look into if that is possible since the sign was obtained through a grant. If the panels are sold, the money might have to go back to DCNR. Should we just keep the panels since we still have 2 signs that those parts could be used for?

Grants: Mayor Herd relayed that Council should consider looking into additional grants to help cover the bridge project. We still need funds to help cover the bid amount. Are businesses going to donate funds? Mrs. Spina and Mr. Rice met with GE previously. Mrs. Spina will follow up to see if they are willing to donate.

Do we know where the actual grant money is that we were already approved for? Nothing has been sent to Speers Borough. Mr. Creagh does not have it. Mrs. Spina will look into where the funds are.

Mr. McCorkle is working on resolving the issues with the digital sign across from the gas station. He is still waiting for Mr. Zahand to respond so this can be corrected. Our hands are tied until he responds.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion to accept Mr. Daylong's resignation letter was made by Mr. Hepple and seconded by Mr. McCorkle. Council will accept letters of interest for filling the chair for the remainder of 2025. Letters are due by 1/29/2025.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Mrs. Barcelona and seconded by Mr. McCorkle. The El Grande invoice (\$31,235.60) will be paid from the LSA account.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mrs. Barcelona.