

The Borough of Speers Council met on December 3, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Mr. Rice, Mr. McCorkle, Ms. Hartley, Mr. McDonough, Ms. Barcelona, Mr. Sauer, Mrs. Devine and Mayor Herd.

A motion to approve the previous meeting minutes as read was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mr. McDonough.

Correspondence: KLH re-appointment letter. Council will speak with KLH to confirm fees and coverage with Mr. Rizzo as the engineer as Mr. Creagh is no longer with KLH. Council will also look into other firms for availability.

Reports for November: Police - 173; Fire - 8; EMS – 13.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Mr. McCorkle – Income = \$11,057.60; Expenses = \$66,953.94. YTD (-) \$20,082.51.

Parks: Jody reported that all requested documents have been submitted to DCNR and accepted; final payment was requested. Project is closed.

Borough Improvement: Mr. Sauer – no updates at this time.

Grants: Ms. Hartley – waiting for the Multimodal grant decision with approval or denial. She will submit bids for the truck and Bobcat equipment with the LSA grant applications. Resolutions will need to be signed as well.

Streetlights: No new outages. Jody reported to WPP an outage on Anne Ave.

Transit Authority: Mayor Herd reported that there is a MVTA survey available. The bus turnaround project at the Industrial Park is on hold for now. Phase 3 (Farebox System) soft launched on November 18th.

Mayor Herd report: stated that 2025 was a very challenging year that had many obstacles. Thanked Council for all their work on the budget, grants, MS4 issues, and bridge project. He suggested inviting business owners to the meetings and also bringing attention to our Community Parks. A few topics will need addressed in the new year (bridge upgrades, more security cameras). The most important is to show respect to each other and acknowledge the work that is being done.

Tim Anthony report: 4 downspout inspections, 7 One Calls, picked-up leaves from streets and park, maintenance on the Bobcat, cleaned catch basins and drains after storms, filled potholes, cleaned up broken limbs at the park, leveled back lot and landscaped by the salt shed, cleaned garage. Tim reported that the wiring needs replaced at the park, suggested underground instead of hanging on the tree limbs. Council will discuss possible increase in pavilion rental fee.

Engineer Report: Mr. Creagh finished submitting all requested documents for the bridge project. Jody submitted remaining correspondence and payout request to RAWC to close out the APC contract. Mr. Creagh and Jody submitted all requested paperwork for the Lower Speers Park Project. Project is completed and accepted for final payment to close contract.

Solicitor: Mr. Lint reminded Council that remote participation for meetings is not allowed. He provided the millage ordinance for 2026. A motion to accept the millage increase at 4.1 mils for 2026 was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Ms. Barcelona. **Council needs to submit their affidavit of residency to the Borough office.**

Citizens: Mr. Kinney complained about a trailer parked on the street diagonal from this house. Mr. Peck (Lock 4 Restaurant) spoke regarding damage to a rope around his parking lot. He claimed he has video showing our borough road crew caused the damage. He stated the road crew sucked up the rope while they were cleaning up leaves. It is not possible for the machine to suck up the rope. He wants the rope to be repaired/replaced. The entire rope is frayed and falling apart. He will submit a quote for a section of rope. Council will discuss at the next meeting.

Old/Unfinished Business: A motion to continue with CourseVector for the website was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Ms. Barcelona. Mr. McDonough will look into charging a fee to run advertisements on the website for local businesses. A motion to adopt the 2026 budget was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mr. McDonough; available to review.

New Business: Ms. Hartley presented two LSA (state) grant resolutions that are required for the applications. One in the amount of \$300,000 for purchase of construction equipment for snow plowing and municipal infrastructure maintenance; one in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the Arentzen/Speers Borough Bridge Improvement Project. A motion to approve the resolutions was made by Mr. Sauer and seconded by Ms. Barcelona.

Santa will be driving around the Borough on December 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 pm. Lights contest?

Council discussed options with the limited parking on Schafer Ave. The Solicitor stated it is a public street and we cannot enforce where people park.

A motion to pay the bills, including a donation (\$2,593) to the fire dept, was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Ms. Barcelona.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mr. McDonough.

**\*\*NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> \*\***