

The Borough of Speers Council met on January 5, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Mr. Rice, Ms. Hartley, Mrs. Devine, Ms. Barcelona, Mr. McCorkle, Mr. Sauer and Mayor Herd.

Mayor Herd opened the meeting with congratulations to the elected Council members and tax collector.

Judge Porter swore in the Council members and Mayor.

Mayor Herd started the re-organization meeting with nominations for President. Curtis Rice was nominated for President by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Ms. Barcelona. Kerry McCorkle was nominated for Vice President by Curtis Rice.

Mr. Rice continued with the reorganization of committee chairs:

Finance: Mr. McCorkle

Borough Improvement: John Sauer

Parks: Ms. Barcelona

MS4: Mrs. Devine

Grants: Ms. Hartley

Equipment & Supplies:

Streets & Public Safety: Mr. Rice

Council will advertise for an open Council chair. Letters of interest will be due 1/20/2026.

Borough Solicitor: Mr. Lint was nominated by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Ms. Barcelona.

Engineer: KLH was nominated by Mr. Sauer and seconded by Mr. McCorkle.

Code Enforcement: UCC was nominated by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Ms. Barcelona.

Animal Control: Patsy Vince was nominated by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mrs. Devine.

ZHB Solicitor: Makel and Associates was nominated by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Ms. Hartley.

Mayor Herd report for Transit Authority: on-time performance for 2025 was 94%. Chairman will be contacting Board Members to obtain updated Council meeting dates, locations and start times to ensure accurate schedules to improve communications. He also spoke on funding concerns and local support. PennDot indicated the MMVTA funding will increase but local matches are a concern. As a result, there will be an increase in Local Match requirements for 2027. Should we keep bus service in Speers?

Mayor Herd thanked the Street Dept. for the great job with plowing and keeping the streets clear and safe. He is writing a letter to PennDot and the County Commissioners regarding the Arentzen Bridge issues. Mayor Herd reported that the Police Dept. received a \$498,000 grant to be used for 6 new police vehicles. The Police Dept. has one opening for a new hire.

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

No correspondence at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Mr. McCorkle – Income = \$29,240.08; Expenses = \$67,25.12. YTD (-) \$57,867.55.

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

Parks: Ms. Barcelona – No update at this time. Secretary requested the final grant payment for the Lower Speers Park, still waiting for that payment.

MS4: Mrs. Devine – working with Marissa on the reports.

Grants: Ms. Hartley reported on the Statewide LSA grants – working with the assigned person to finalize the applications. She will need the Borough's financial statements or a letter committing to matching funds or revised resolutions. Regarding the Local LSA grant application, she will present the project on January 15th. No updates on the Multi-modal grant application.

Calls for December - Police: 185; Fire: 6; EMS: 13.

Tim Anthony report: finished picking up leaves, removed box from truck, prepped dump truck, met with DEP regarding MS4, cleaned drains in garage, worked on the salt shed, plowed for 3 snowstorms, ordered multiple loads of salt, washed trucks and salter, cleaned borough building, posted "No Dumping" signs down by the marina, 20 PA One Calls.

Engineer: Mr. McCorkle will contact KLH regarding the contract fees and retainer for 2026.

Solicitor: Mr. Lint – no report.

Citizens: Mr. Todaro spoke on the selling of 4th Street BBQ. He would like Council to question the new owner (Morski Foods) on the wages being paid to the employees and demand mandatory wage transparency and a parity report. He is also requesting a community impact assessment of school resources being extended to the Haitians. He feels there needs to be an implementation of a community impact premium (impact fee).

Tax Collector's Report: Deposit of \$9,644.95.

Old/Unfinished Business: A motion to discuss raising the pavilion rental fee at the next meeting was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mr. Sauer. Ms. Barcelona will gather more information. Lock 4 did not submit a quote for rope repair so nothing will be done. A motion to table charging a website fee for advertising was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Ms. Barcelona.

New Business: Council will advertise an open Council seat position. Letters of interest are due January 20th. Mr. Sauer stated the Maplevue sign along RT 88 needs repaired. He will contact Mr. DeSantis to discuss.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Sauer and seconded by Ms. Barcelona.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. was made by Ms. Barcelona and seconded by Ms. Hartley.