

The Borough of Speers Council met on January 3, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

In attendance were Mr. Rice, Mr. McCorkle, Mrs. Barcelona, Mr. Daylong, Mr. Hepple, Ms. DeCooman, Mrs. Spina and Mayor Herd.

Mayor Herd welcomed and congratulated the members that were elected to Council. Judge Porter swore in Jeremy Hepple and Richard Daylong.

Mayor Herd started the Re-organization meeting with nominations for President. Mr. Rice was nominated for President by Mr. Daylong and seconded by Mr. Hepple; all in favor. Mr. McCorkle was nominated for Vice President by Mr. Rice and seconded by Mr. Daylong; all in favor.

Mr. Rice continued with the re-organization of the committee chairs:

Finance – Mr. McCorkle

Streets – Mr. Rice

Borough Improvement – Mr. Daylong

Parks – Mrs. Barcelona & Ms. DeCooman

Grants – Mrs. Spina

Code Enforcement – Mr. Hepple

Mr. Daylong wishes to step down from the Police Board. Mrs. Spina was nominated by Mr. Rice and seconded by Mrs. Barcelona to fill the vacancy. Civil Service Board – Mr. Daylong will continue as President and Mayor Herd will join the Board.

Borough Solicitor – Mr. Lint was nominated by Mr. Corkle and seconded by Mr. Daylong.

Zoning Hearing Board – Mr. Makel was nominated by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mrs. Barcelona.

Engineer/Code – KLH was nominated by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mr. Daylong. Once projects are complete, Council will discuss other options.

Animal Control – Patsy Vince was nominated by Mr. Daylong and seconded by Mrs. Barcelona.

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

Secretary read the correspondence: TCBA meeting 1/18/2024 at Cokeburg Croation Club.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets: Mr. Rice – report under Dennis's report.

Finance: Mr. McCorkle – Income = \$14, 719.56; Expenses = \$51,108.39. YTD (-) \$10,659.76.

Borough Improvement: Mr. Daylong – Nothing to report.

Parks: Mrs. Barcelona – Nothing to update. She has not received a response from Mr. Krider regarding the Lower Speers Park project. Mr. Krider was supposed to submit the proposal to Ashley so the specs can be advertised for bids.

Grants: Mrs. Spina – reported the DCED site is not working. She was not able to look into the grants available that were discussed at the last meeting.

Streetlights: No outages to report. Mr. Daylong passed along the number for emergency outages.

Transit Authority: Mayor Herd stated the MVTA will no longer stop at the Greyhound Station in Pittsburgh. MVTA is looking into using Access Cards.

Mayor Herd spoke on a few topics – he hopes to see work begin on the bridge project and the Lower Speers Park project; the road crew contract will need negotiated this year; possible sale of the sewer lines to the water authority; please clean up after your dogs – put reminder on the digital sign.

Dennis Carson's Report – pick up leaves, worked on leaf machine, cold-patched potholes, washed trucks, attached snowplows on both trucks, cleaned catch basins, ordered salt, salted streets, cleaned streets, 7 One Calls.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Lint – spoke on the Tax Millage Ordinance. A motion to adopt the tax millage at 2.9 mils was made by Mrs. Barcelona and seconded by Mr. McCorkle; all in favor.

Citizens: Al Rost – spoke on the mentioned sewage/sewer sale; any liabilities? Can the Borough be billed for their time? Nothing has been looked into or decided yet.

Calls for December: Police = 103; Fire = 8; EMS = 20.

Tax Collector's Report: No report.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: Mr. McCorkle – inquired on the status of the KLH invoices. Secretary will reach out to ask for more clarification on the invoices and who authorized the work done.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Herd suggested having Council start gathering information on the possible sewage sale. Mr. Rice, Mrs. Barcelona and Ms. DeCooman will work together on this. Who represents Speers on the Water Authority Board?

A motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Daylong and seconded by Mr. McCorkle. Chamber of Commerce membership will not be renewed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. was made by Mrs. Barcelona and seconded by Ms. DeCooman.