

The Borough of Speers Council met on June 4, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Mr. Rice, Mr. McCorkle, Mr. McDonough, Mr. Sauer, Mrs. Barcelona, Ms. Devine, Ms. Hartley and Mayor Herd.

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

No correspondence to report.

**REPORTS:** for May: EMS - 13 calls; Fire – 4 calls; Police – 193 calls; reports available to review.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Finance: Mr. McCorkle - Income = \$111,094.33; Expenses = \$67,894.31; YTD (-)\$8,908.26.

Borough Improvement: Mr. Sauer – working on planning activities at the park (vendors, food trucks).

Parks: Mrs. Barcelona – met with Adam (DCNR) and Mr. Creagh for the final site inspection at the Lower Speers Park. She suggested moving the gate door and cut tree overhang.

Grants: Ms. Hartley – looking into LSA grants that are due in the fall.

Streetlights: - outages reported for Rebecca St. and Lewis Ave.

Transit Authority: Mayor Herd reported on the revenue miles, buses running on schedule and working on the roof of the building; meeting minutes available to review.

Mayor Herd Report – Reported that the County Commissioners are no longer willing to meet to discuss issues. They will instead just direct you to the appropriate department. He also spoke on the TIP program (Transportation Improvement Program) which covers 80% of the costs. Mr. Lint stated the TIP program is not guaranteed. It is a wish list and can take up to 5 years for acceptance. He also spoke to Mr. Theakston regarding the bridge repairs and funding that is needed. He asked if we can start to charge a maintenance fee? We cannot unless the state imposes it. Once the bridge is repaired/paved we need to look into getting it bonded.

Dennis/Tim report: filled potholes on the Arentzen Bridge, cut grass, weed whack, clean park for rentals, clean building for meetings, trim shrubs, clean drains, clean streets after storms, check 2 sewer lines, 1 downspout inspection, 2 One calls.

**ENGINEER:** via phone – did the final walk through with DCNR at the Lower Park. APC completed work on the bridge and invoice was submitted. Trying to keep the contract open to finish additional required repairs on the bridge. Hoping local businesses will contribute funds for the repairs. Does sealant on the topside of the bridge affect paving? Depends on how soon it is

done. Pave/overlay sooner than later instead of sealing. Mr. Creagh will contact Morgan Exc. for updated quote on paving.

**SOLICITOR:** Mr. Lint reported that some of the commercial businesses are not using dumpsters from the current contracted provider. The secretary previously spoke to and sent copies of the current contract and ordinance to these businesses. They are still not complying. Letters of non-compliance and fines will be sent. Mr. Lint will draft a letter. Contact code enforcement. Fayette Waste might not be able to provide certain services that these businesses require.

Council went into Executive Session 8:05 p.m. to 8:18 p.m. regarding personnel matter.

**CITIZENS:** John Brouzakis asked if the railroad is donating any money for the bridge repairs and what the weight limit is for vehicles.

Mr. Rost stated the current refuse company might not be equipped to handle certain services or accept certain materials for these businesses.

Tax Collector's Report: Deposit of \$73,445.24.

**OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Mayor Herd spoke on the security cameras. He submitted 2 quotes for 10-12 cameras (\$11,000 & \$13,600). How are we paying for this? Ms. Hartley will look into grants.

Road Crew position – 3 interviews were held. A motion to hire Chad Yerkey, conditional upon drug test results, was made by Mr. Sauer and seconded by Mrs. Barcelona.

Council is still trying to acquire funds for the Arentzen Bridge repairs from local businesses. The requested information was provided and now just waiting for a commitment response.

Mr. McCorkle submitted a quote (\$3,200) to move the digital sign. Council will get 2 more quotes.

**NEW BUSINESS:** JED submitted a quote for a new unit (\$4,950) for the back room and garage area. Council will get 2 more quotes.

Mr. McDonough submitted a list of property maintenance violations for Code Enforcement. If you see a car parked on the sidewalk, call the police.

A motion to pay the APC invoice of \$198,000 out of the LSA account was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mr. McDonough. **\*\*Update – RACW/LSA will pay APC directly\*\*** A motion to pay \$3,000 to WL&E for flagging was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mr. McDonough.

A motion to pay the remainder of the bills was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mr. McDonough. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mr. McDonough.