

The Borough of Speers Council met on June 5, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Mr. Rice, Mr. McCorkle, Mr. Hepple, Mrs. Barcelona, Mr. Daylong, Ms. DeCooman and Mayor Herd. Absent was Mrs. Spina (prior notification was given).

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as read; a motion to accept was made by Mr. Daylong and seconded by Mr. Hepple.

Correspondence: Little Great Race donation request; proceeds will go to local first responders: Charleroi Regional Police Dept, Charleroi Volunteer Fire Dept, Rostraver EMS; Donations will also be made to Charleroi Area School District and Washington City Mission. A motion to be a block sponsor and donate \$400 was made by Ms. DeCooman and seconded by Mrs. Barcelona; all in favor.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

May calls: Police – 152 calls, Fire – 2 calls, EMS – 11 (April had 8 calls).

Finance: Mr. McCorkle = Income - \$106,150.52; Expenses - \$52,926.60. YTD (-) \$11,015.16.

Borough Improvement: Mr. Daylong – Nothing to report.

Parks: Mrs. Barcelona – moving forward with ordering equipment for the Lower Speers Park.

Grants: Mrs. Spina – Absent

Streetlights: No outages reported.

Transit Authority: Mayor Herd – they had their 5-year review today and he will provide more information at the next meeting. They are having a re-organization meeting at the end of the month to appoint a new chairman and committees.

Mayor Herd: reported the website is unavailable for a couple of days due to a billing issue that is being resolved. A new third-party biller is involved that we were not informed of. Mayor Herd thanked Dennis and Tim for how nice the Honor Roll looked for Memorial Day. He followed up on Mr. Hepple's idea of having activities at the park, such as movie night and food trucks. The meeting with MVA and Steve Morgan was cancelled. He also suggested looking into CD's for Borough bank accounts.

Dennis Carson's street report – cut grass, weed whack, fill potholes at IDC Park and Borough, plant flowers at the Honor Roll, rotate tires on truck, clean park for rentals, bobcat tire fixed, PUC meeting regarding streetlights, clean drains, wash trucks and mowers, trim shrubs at Borough building, trim trees at park, spoke on paving at the IDC park - still needs done, 5 One calls. Dennis also spoke on the issues with tractor trailers causing damage to Borough property and not being able to collect payment on the damages which means the Borough and taxpayers are paying for it. We will contact the Police to get more insurance information.

**Engineer:** Park Project (same as May) Mr. Creagh is in contact with Ashley Schultz, DCNR, for Lower Speers Bridge Project. We are able to use Costars for equipment and fence. Asphalt will need to be bid out separately. He will move forward on ordering equipment (\$77,000) with Park & Play. No expending funds until September at the earliest.

Bridge Project – (same as May) Mr. Creagh attended via phone call. He has been in contact with Todd Fleissner WCRA on the bridge project; submitted agreement to WLER Railroad. Mr. Lint reviewed agreement and made no changes. Mr. Creagh will prepare to put out for bid again in a few weeks.

**Solicitor:** Mr. Lint – reviewed KLH Terms & Agreement; approved to sign as is. Available for review.

**Citizens:** Sheryl Reinhard questioned why the website was down. She is curious how this could happen and concerned with the Sunshine Law. Per Mr. Lint, we did not violate any laws with the website being down. Mayor Herd previously explained the reason. She stated it is an inconvenience for the residents. It is not down permanently, just a few days. The issue is being resolved. Any concerns or questions can always be called into the Borough office. Mrs. Reinhard also asked about an ordinance on cats (feeding stray cats). Contact animal control with issues.

John McDonogh thanked Council for researching the yellow line situation on Grandview Way regardless of the outcome and decision.

**Tax Collector's Report** - Deposit of \$64,883.37.

**OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Several Council members and Mayor Herd drove and reviewed the driving and parking situation along Grandview Way if some of the yellow line is removed. Mr. Daylong questioned if we will be responsible for any legal issues if there is an accident after the yellow line is shortened? Per Mr. Lint - we will only be responsible if we create a dangerous situation. He recommended to confirm with the Borough Engineer, we did that and was told that we would not be acting negligent if we remove a partial part of the line. Council will also have Dennis paint "Slow" on the road as well. Unfortunately, speeding and parking is an issue in Mapleview. A motion to reduce the yellow line and open 2 parking spaces, total of 36 feet, was made by Mrs. Barcelona and seconded by Ms. DeCooman; roll call vote – all in favor, no votes against.

Mrs. Barcelona will confirm plans with Mr. Creagh and move forward with playground equipment.

Ms. DeCooman presented the updated Civic Club Room Rental Agreement. Mr. Daylong questioned who attended the Civic Club spaghetti dinner? Several people bought tickets and provided support. There are times when Council is unavailable.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. DeCooman spoke on MS 4, stormwater and run off. Things we can do to reduce issues that are caused by debris that gets in the storm drains and waterways. Such as grass clippings and illicit discharge causing harm in the water to other living things. She is planning a public meeting in August to educate on the process and problems. She would also like to coordinate with other Boroughs to have a "Clean Up" day.

Mr. Hepple reported on proposing a possible ordinance relating to grass clippings on the roads. Mr. Lint will review current ordinances and report on at the next meeting. Mr. Hepple provided a sample copy of an ordinance for Mr. Lint to review. Residents have to be caught committing the violation and others have to step up to testify if it goes to court. Council will give specific dates for leaf pickup.

Messages can be posted on the Facebook page and digital sign as pertaining to ordinance numbers and sections. We cannot put a condensed version of an ordinance up.

Back the Blue fundraiser will take place at the Riverhouse on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 11 am to 9 pm. CRPD will receive 10% of food sales. Dine in or carry out.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mr. Daylong.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mrs. Barcelona.