

The Borough of Speers Council met on March 4, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

In attendance were Mayor Herd, Mr. Rice, Mrs. Devine, Ms. Barcelona, Ms. Hartley, and Mr. McDonough. Mr. McCorkle was absent with prior notification.

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

Correspondence: Mr. Sauer submitted a letter of resignation effective immediately. A motion to accept was made by Ms. Barcelona and seconded by Mrs. Devine. Letters of interest for the position will be due 3/25/2026. Liquid Fuels allotment for 2026 is \$36,371.48.

Reports for February: Police = 160 calls (106 patrol runs); Fire = 14 calls.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Income = \$70,938.39. Expenses = \$73,327.47.

Borough Improvement: No report.

Parks: Ms. Barcelona - No report.

Grants: Ms. Hartley along with Mayor Herd, Mr. Rice and Ms. Barcelona met with Senator Bartolotta and Commissioner Janis to discuss the Arentzen Bridge issues. They are sending a letter to GE is requesting additional funding. Ms. Hartley will also look into ARC grants, TIP program, Army Corps of Engineers, and PennDot to take over the project. Mr. Rice thanked everyone for all the work and calls regarding this issue.

Streetlights: Elizabeth St and alley; Anne Ave reported for the 4th time.

MS4: Mrs. Devine reported on the GIS mapping. She will speak with Andrew at KLH regarding the set-up of the account. She will see how many "credits" we need.

Supplies: Mr. McDonough reported that the roadcrew did upgrades to the garage/shop area. He also wants to ride around the borough to see what improvements can be done.

Transit Authority: Mayor Herd reported that the Local Match will be \$1,968 for our portion. Their funding was decreased which increased all the matches. Speers has no benefit for MMVTA at this time. They moved the garage out of our borough and businesses have closed which decreased ridership for our area. There is a workshop on March 18th, 5:00 p.m. at Dee's to gather more information. Mr. McDonough asked if a viability study has been done? A motion to decline the Local Match was made by Mr. Rice and seconded by Ms. Barcelona; all in favor.

Mayor Herd: Commented on the meeting with the Senator and Commissioner. His only concern is that PennDot will not look at the bridge until October when the program starts.

Unfortunately, the bridge cannot wait years to be replaced. The TIP program is 3-5 years out. We are trying to get higher on the list of priorities. He recommends to keep sending letters to State Representatives. The bridge and roads need to be bonded by the businesses at the IDC Park. They are being destroyed with the heavy equipment that is being used.

Engineer's Report: Mr. Rizzo spoke on MS4 regarding PRP reports and requirements. Mrs. Devine is moving forward on the reports and GIS mapping. Once APC is paid with the grants, the remaining and final amount due from Speers will be \$5,923.58.

Tim Anthony Report: Plowed and salted streets from snowstorms, cleared snow piles, cleaned out and remodeled the garage/shop area, replaced plow parts, 2 emergency One Calls, 1 regular One Call, filled potholes at IDC Park and marina, replaced sign that was run over by GE truck, cleaned up branches at the park. Tim reported that the dump truck is becoming too unsafe to keep on the road. We are still waiting to hear a response on the grant applications for new vehicles. If we do not get a new dump truck, we can no longer provide leaf pick-up services. Tim also suggested to start putting weight limit restrictions on the roads; too much damage is being done to keep the roads in good condition; instructed to check with PennDot. He would like to get another set of tires for the pick-up trucks to alternate between summer and winter tires. He will obtain pricing. Tim and Chad would like to change their work hours for the summer to 6 am. to 2 p.m. Council approved.

Solicitor: Mr. Lint not present.

Tax Collector's Report: Deposit of \$41,235.92.

Old/Unfinished Business: A motion to keep the park rental fee at \$75 was made by Ms. Barcelona and seconded by Mr. McDonough. Council will revote in December for an increase in 2027. Council will consider moving electrical lines underground instead of in the trees. Council will look into grants for installing more security cameras around the Borough. Council also needs to decide what to do with the digital signs. Tim would like to stop any and all utility companies from dumping at the park. It is getting to be too much and risking going onto someone else's property. They are leaving the gate unlocked as well. Tim will look into pricing for hot-patch and he will need a slab of concrete to store it on.

Mayor Herd expressed his gratitude to Mr. Sauer for being a valued member of Council and wished him the best. He deserves to be recognized.

Mr. McDonough will be the alternate for the Police Board.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Ms. Barcelona and seconded by Mrs. Devine.

A motion to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. was made by Ms. Hartley and seconded by Ms. Barcelona.