

The Borough of Speers Council met on March 6, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Mr. Rice, Mr. McCorkle, Mrs. Barcelona, Mr. Daylong, Ms. DeCooman and Mayor Herd.

Absent were Mr. Hepple and Mrs. Spina (both gave prior notification).

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

Correspondence: TCBA meeting 3/21/24; Liquid Fuels allotment = \$38,341.09; JED agreement; MVTA Local Match; KLH letter – no longer providing code enforcement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

February: Police – 148, EMS – 21, Fire – 16

Finance: Mr. McCorkle – Income = \$47,060.87; Expenses = \$77,494.82; YTD (-) \$20,258.93. This included engineering invoices from 2023.

Borough Improvement: Mr. Daylong – Nothing to report.

Parks: Mrs. Barcelona – reported on the Lower Speers Park project. She is working with Ashley with DCNR and Mr. Creagh to get all the required documents submitted. We are hoping to put the project out for bid in April, open bids in May and have the project complete by September.

Grants: Mrs. Spina – absent; Mrs. Barcelona confirmed that Speers was approved for an additional LSA grant in the amount of \$32,367 for the Lower Speers Park.

Streetlights: Secretary and residents reported multiple lights out several times. The secretary also reached out to the PUC for help in this matter.

Transit Authority: Mayor Herd – reported that in January the service route covered 73,461 miles and generated a revenue of \$62,038. He will provide bus schedules at the next meeting. They worked on re-organization of the Boards.

Mayor Herd Report: Spoke briefly on the possible sewage sale: their finances will need to be reviewed and he will provide information as he receives updates. He thanked Mr. Lint for directing him to SPC for financial support regarding the bridge project. Mayor Herd suggested options for organizing a Planning Committee for future projects/concerns. He would like to see progress on repairing the digital sign. Check the solar lights on the flag pole.

Dennis Carson's Report: fixed sink hole in alley between Charles St and Elizabeth St, plowed and salted streets, washed both borough trucks, cold-patched potholes, worked on leaf machine (new motor), cut tree at the park, cleaned the building for Civic Club rental, worked on the snow plow, painted leaf machine and lawn mower trailer, pressure washed the Bobcat to remove salt, cleaned storm drains and catch basins, 10 One Calls and 2 downspout inspections. Mr. Daylong reported on a "bumpy" part of the road on Maple Terrace.

ENGINEER: Mr. Creagh is working on the bridge project since taking over for Mr. Krider. He will reach out (as stated in the February report) to larger companies to bid on the project and contact the railroad company for clarifications on their demands. Council questioned the specifics on what the retainer will cover. Mr. Creagh will send an email to confirm. He will re-bid the bridge project after he speaks with the railroad company. There are several businesses and medical offices that will be affected if the bridge has to be closed due to safety concerns.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Lint asked about the deed for the Lower Speers Park; secretary is handling.

CITIZENS: George Burkett – complained of two basketball hoops overhanging the road on Oak Street. He believes they are a safety issue with vehicles.

Judy Curl – Spoke on dead trees that need to be removed along State St.; that is a state road and Penn Dot would be responsible.

Musatta Carrozza – attended the meeting to represent Civic Club and discuss the few issues concerning the room rentals.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Deposit of \$17,023.72.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mr. McCorkle spoke on the digital sign and still needing repaired; Mr. Zahand was supposed to take care of it; he was given all the information. We will look into it again to move forward. Mr. Zahand stated he will meet with the insurance adjustor to discuss what he has done to the sign since it was first reported to him over a year ago. Mr. Zahand recommended to just replace the entire sign which would cost approximately \$16,000.

NEW BUSINESS: MVTA Local Match; A motion to accept the 2024-2025 Local Match Commitment Resolution for \$862 was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mrs. Barcelona.

Code Enforcement – Secretary will contact UCC for a fee schedule and process for violations. Mr. Creagh does not have an update on the outstanding liens that they were handling. He will look into further.

Civic Club – Ms. DeCooman stated they charge \$75/per day for room rental (that profit goes towards scholarships, Easter Egg Hunt, Pizza with Santa). Council is very appreciative of their involvement with the community. Council is not interested in taking their profits but some changes need to be made to resolve some issues that have come up (damage, garbage, cleaning, utility bills). Security deposit? The secretary and a Council member will meet with Civic Club members to come up with a plan.

Civic Club is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on April 13th, 1pm - 4pm.

A motion to accept the JED maintenance agreement for \$398 was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mrs. Barcelona.

MS-4 Committee chair will be assigned to Ms. DeCooman and Mr. Daylong.

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mrs. Barcelona.