

The Borough of Speers Council held the monthly meeting on May 6, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Mr. Rice, Mayor Herd, Mrs. Reinhard, Mr. McCorkle, Mrs. Devine, Ms. Barcelona and Mr. McDonough. Dr. Hartley was absent with prior notice.

Andrew Levin stated that he would like to volunteer at our park for his Eagle Scout project. Council will gather a list of options for him to submit for approval.

A motion to approve the previous meeting minutes as read was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mrs. Devine.

CORRESPONDENCE: LSA 1st quarter deposit was \$8,542.95

REPORTS: Speers for April: Police - 192 calls; Fire - 7 calls; EMS - 10 calls for March, 13 calls for April.

Mayor Herd spoke on a bill in the PA legislature where communities could be charged a \$250 fee per resident to use the State Police for coverage. Mrs. Reinhard asked what Speers pays for police protection? For 2026, Speers pays \$287,016.20. Mr. McDonough and Mrs. Reinhard asked what are other opportunities for police coverage? Should we look into bidding out with certain criteria? From a financial aspect, isn't it worth looking at all of our options? What is the harm in entertaining the possibility that there is another option? It is financially responsible to check into all options. It might be that we are already with the best option, but until we look into, we don't know. Also, it is requested that the Police start attending Council meetings again to give an update and be available for any questions that the taxpayers have. Mr. Rice and Mayor Herd will contact them to relay the request.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Mr. McCorkle – February: Income = \$70,938.39; Expenses = \$73,327.47; YTD (+) \$3,825.76. March: Income = \$37,747.30; Expenses = \$64,130.33; YTD (-) \$22,557.27. April: Income = \$13,807.50; Expenses = \$62,545.15; YTD (-) \$71,294.92.

Mrs. Reinhard asked if we are confident with the budget projections or should we consider making cuts to balance the budget?

Borough Improvement: Mrs. Reinhard has no specific concerns. Council will review with her as to what her chair consists of.

Parks: Ms. Barcelona would like the discussion of dumping at the park re-opened. Are we allowing ABC to dump in the same location or further up the hill by the basketball court? We want the park to continue looking nice and not worry about push-off going onto the neighboring property. Mrs. Reinhard asked what is the benefit of allowing anyone to dump at the park? Are we getting anything in return? Mr. McCorkle stated that we sometimes receive

stone, cold-patch, and/or help when there is a paving project. Is this considered a quid pro quo? No. We do not expect anything in return. There is no agreement. Is there a DEP liability? No, because it is only clean fill (dirt, cement, asphalt), but it must be free of contaminants (paint, rebar). Do we need a permit from the county stating this is a dump site? Per Mr. Lint – there is no requirement, no liability for Speers. Since ABC is in another municipality, should we be letting them dump on our property if the clean fill is from somewhere outside of our borough? If the dump site is moved up the hill to the landing, eventually trees will need to be cut down to have enough room to dump if it is not being pushed over the hill. Will ABC repair and/or replace the stones to the road going up to the new dump site if their trucks cause damage? Mr. McCorkle suggested Council go to the new proposed dump site so everyone is on the same page to make an informed decision instead of trying to follow a paper map of the area. After the contentious arguments at the last meeting, it is best to clarify where the dump site will be, who will be allowed to dump and what materials will be dumped.

Grants: Dr. Hartley submitted an update that she received the contract and payment request form for the Multi-modal grant. She will follow up with Alyssa. Council needs to determine who is taking responsibility for the bridge repairs. Are we using the grant funds or is Penn Dot taking this over? Mr. Rice will contact Penn Dot to clarify.

MS4: Mrs. Devine is working with Andrew, Tim and Chad to complete the mapping for the outfalls and inlets. She will check to see if we are eligible to apply for the waiver.

Supplies: Mr. McDonough has not received any requests.

Streetlights: No outages to report.

Transit Authority: Mayor Herd asked for Council to reconsider the Local Match donation request of \$1,968 for July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. Council previously voted no at the March meeting.

Mayor Herd report: He is a little embarrassed that this needs to be brought up but the issues need addressed. He stressed the importance of showing respect to each other. We can disagree and discuss without yelling and insulting. We need to use decorum.

Tim Anthony street report: removed salter, repaired stop sign on Oak Street that was damaged from tractor trailer, cleaned out sewer on Lewis Ave, received a tri-axle load of stone for the pathway to the basketball court, fixed guard rail by the borough building that was hit, cold-patched potholes, cleaned drains, had the water turned back on at the park and checked the lines, cut grass, weed whacked, cut brush back along roads, 2 downspout inspections and 23 One Calls. Tim is meeting with the gas company next week regarding the paving in Lower Speers.

Tax Collector's Report: Deposit of \$3,229.83.

Engineer: Mr. Rizzo joined via phone. APC needs to submit an invoice to review before the final payment is sent.

Solicitor: Mr. Lint provided an ordinance draft to review pertaining to rental property registration. He was not able to complete the draft for the nuisance property ordinance. We will add to the agenda for next month and possibly adopt at the July meeting.

Citizens: John Brouzakis questioned the cost for police protection. He would like to see the monthly break down of the budget.

A resident relayed concerns on property maintenance bringing down the value of other properties. Please report any ordinance violations to the borough office. Police need to ticket cars that are parked illegally.

Mr. Rost spoke on cars that have expired tags and flat tires parked on private property and on streets. This needs to be addressed.

Trailers attached to a vehicle are permitted to be parked on the street.

Old/Unfinished Business: Mr. McCorkle contacted Pittsburgh Bobcat to inquire on the pricing for maintenance on the skid steer. They charge \$200 per hour for labor. They will look at it and provide a diagnosis of what needs done. Those repairs/maintenance will be an additional charge on top of the \$200/hour fee. It was decided that Tim and Chad will make a list of what is needed and provide that to Mr. McCorkle so he can get quotes.

Mayor Herd will get quotes on installing additional security cameras.

After reconsideration, a motion to approve the Local Match resolution paying \$1,968 was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mr. McDonough; all in favor.

The secretary is asking to please keep side conversations to a minimum while someone else is speaking. She is trying to take accurate notes and it is hard to decipher what is being said.

Mr. McCorkle spoke with Jonna, Liquid Fuels rep, to get an estimate on tar and chipping the Industrial Park. He will meet with her next week, Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. to get measurements.

Mr. McDonough asked what should we do about the Maplevue sign. Tear down? Repair? Council will discuss further.

New Business: One of the conditions for approval of the GE variance is there has to be a written protocol agreement between the Borough and GE for emergency access in and out of Maplevue. Mr. McCorkle will start the process. The Fire Department, Police and EMS will be looped in on the procedure as well. This will be reviewed yearly.

The secretary is requesting to have copies of the Police and Fire contracts/agreements in the office. Who is the liaison for the Fire Board?

A motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mrs. Devine. Send an invoice to GE to cover attorney fees for variance hearing.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mrs. Devine.