

The Borough of Speers Council met on November 5, 2025. In attendance were Mr. Rice, Mr. McCorkle, Ms. Hartley Mrs. Devine and Mayor Herd. Mr. McDonough joined via telephone. Absent were Mr. Sauer and Ms. Barcelona with prior notice.

A motion to accept the previous minutes as read was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Ms. Hartley.

Mr. Ben Humble introduced himself stating he will be running next year as the PA 50th District Representative. He left his contact information for any questions or concerns.

Mr. Ron Harrington with McMillen Engineering presented plans for the next GE/Verona expansion. All permits were applied for. No concerns from our engineering, zoning or Council.

CORRESPONDENCE: LSA 3rd quarter allotment is \$733.77.

Reports: Calls for September: Police = 182; EMS = 13; Fire = 10. Reports available for review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Mr. McCorkle: Income = \$24, 733.71; Expenses = \$75,776.69. YTD (+) \$35,813.83.

Grants: Ms. Hartley: Submitted the LSA Grant application. Mr. Creagh provided the additional information that was requested. She is waiting for the presentation date for the application. She will also look into the State LSA Grant. What project(s) should be listed on the application (new trucks, bridge repairs, paving, new digital signs)? The GE donation check has been deposited.

Streetlights: No outages reported.

Transit Authority: Mayor Herd: They discussed the PA Budget and funding. The Farebox System Projects, second phase, was completed on October 13rd and is going well. The third phase, mobile ticketing, is scheduled to launch on November 17th.

Mayor Herd report: Congratulated Council members on the elections. He appreciates all their hard work. He attended a meeting with the Commissioners to discuss the Arentzen Bridge issues. He reported the fee for the website will be \$719.00 for next year. He suggested creating a newsletter for the MS4 requirements. Mr. McDonough questioned if we can charge for advertisements on the website to help cover the costs for the website fee? They will look into and discuss next month.

Tim Anthony report: Trees cut and cleaned up at the park, had new AC unit installed, installed salter on the truck, changed oil in the truck, cut grass, weed whacked, cleaned basement and garage, scrapped old metal, closed park for winter-had water shut off and winterized lines, replaced belts on dump truck, picked up leaves from residents and park, cleaned drains and road after storms, 8 One Calls and 2 downspout inspections.

Engineer's Report: Bridge Project – working with Allison Park in obtaining payroll records to submit to Todd at the RACW for final payment. Lower Speers Park – provided DCNR all the requested information to receive the final grant payment. Thanked Jody for her help in obtaining the requested documents. KLH provided assistance with submitting information for the Multimodal Grant application.

Solicitor: Mr. Lint will prepare an ordinance for the millage (tax) increase to be adopted at the December meeting. The proposed 2026 budget will be advertised for review and adopted at the December meeting.

Citizens: A resident who lives on Anne Ave has concerns with the accidents that are happening along the bend on Maple St. Vehicles are speeding and running off the road into hedges, yards and brick walls causing damage to property. Penn Dot will not install guard rails. What can be done? Lighted sign before the bend? Rumble strips? It is a state road so the Borough would not be able to add signs or strips without permission. Mr. Rice will contact Penn Dot for options.

Tax Collector's Report: Deposit of \$10,314.83.

Old/Unfinished Business: Mr. Lint reviewed the ABC resolutions. He had no concerns. A motion to join the Authority of The Borough of Charleroi Water Board and adopt the resolution for membership was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Ms. Hartley; all in favor. Mr. McCorkle explained the reasoning for the EMS yearly donation of \$5,500.

New Business: A motion to accept the 2026 proposed budget was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mrs. Devine. It will be advertised and available for review with the intention of adopting at the December Council meeting.

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mrs. Devine