

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

A motion to accept the previous meeting minutes as read was made by Mr. Daylong and seconded by Mrs. Barcelona.

Correspondence: Tri-County Borough Meeting – November 21 at Santa Barbara Club in Newell.

Calls for October: Fire = 11; EMS = 19; Police = 153.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Mr. McCorkle – Income = \$19,690.38; Expenses = \$50,904.49; YTD (-) \$1,509.86.

Borough Improvement: Mr. Daylong – Nothing to report.

Parks: Mrs. Barcelona – Nothing to report.

Grants: Mrs. Spina – Submitted LSA grant application for radar speed limit signs.

Transit Authority: Mayor Herd: reported revenue miles traveled were 64,753 miles. They are still working on the bus turnaround project at the IDC Park; winter service delivery plan has been updated and on the website. Ashley Seman received the Shining Star award.

Mayor Herd – commented that the Halloween activities went great.

Dennis Carson Report: Cut grass, weed whack, spray weeds, filled potholes in alleys, attached leaf box to truck, pick up leaves, closed park and winterized restrooms, contacted WPP to cut tree off powerlines along steps to RT 88, painted railing at borough building, finished painting steel poles, cold-patch potholes, washed trucks, fixed gate at the park, blow leaves at the park, clean bridge at the industrial park, replaced tires on bobcat, 4 One Calls, 2 downspout inspections. Traffic cone needs replaced at the corner of Arlington and Grandview Way.

ENGINEER: Mr. Creagh, via phone, reported the Lower Speers Park contract with El Grande was signed and a “Notice to Proceed” was sent on 11/4/2024; he will question when the grant funding will be released. Project (fencing & paving) will possibly start on 11/18/2024.

Bridge project – working with the railroad contractor regarding the flagger days; a second agreement could be needed. Allison Park contract needed to be corrected, waiting for contract to be returned for signatures.

Solicitor: Mr. Lint reviewed the budget process and guidelines; final budget must be adopted by 12/31/2024; proposed budget must be advertised with a 10-day review period before adoption.

TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT: Deposit of \$9,010.38.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Two sealed garbage bids were received.

(1) **Pro Waste:** 2025 = \$110,982.00

2026 = \$113,201.64

2027 = \$115,465.67

2-year optional extension 2028 = \$117,774.98

2029 = \$120,130.48

(2) **Fayette Waste:** 2025 = \$104,000.

2026 = \$107,000.

2027 = \$110,000.

2-year optional extension 2028 = \$110,000

2029 = \$113,000

Mr. Lint will review bids and provide an evaluation. Council not does have to go with the lowest bidder but you have to have justifiable reasons in doing so.

Kevin Emerick spoke on security camera maintenance. He provides service at \$85/hour. Council will discuss further and get prices on adding additional cameras.

Digital signs – waiting for a part that needed to be ordered. The signs work off of a cellular modem; new sim cards are needed to switch from Mr. Zahand to us. Mr. McCorkle proposes to look for a grant to purchase 2 new digital signs to replace the older signs that we can no longer get parts for. Mrs. Spina will look for available grants. The old signs could possibly be donated.

Budget meeting to finalize the proposed budget for 2025 will be November 13th at 6:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS: Christmas Light-up Night will be December 14th, 2024. Contest details will be finalized and posted when complete.

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mr. Hepple.