

The Borough of Speers Council met on October 1, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Mr. McCorkle, Mr. Sauer, Mrs. Devine, Ms. Hartley, Ms. Barcelona, Mr. McDonough and Mayor Herd. Mr. Rice was absent with prior notification.

A motion to accept the previous meeting minutes as read was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Sauer.

Correspondence: GE donation checks – 2 checks have been returned as unpaid; waiting to see what Mr. Pearson recommends.

REPORTS: No Police report; EMS = 9 calls; Fire = 8 calls for September.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Mr. McCorkle: Income = \$65,902.07; Expenses = \$81,190.84.
YTD (+) \$86,856.81.

Borough Improvement: Mr. Sauer: Vendor show is postponed at this time due to lack of interest; will try again at a future date. Mr. Sauer and Mrs. Devine are still planning on passing out the MS4 educational materials.

Parks: Ms. Barcelona: Spoke with Adam at DCNR and Mr. Creagh regarding the final steps to close the Lower Speers Park Project and receive the last installment of the grant.

Grants: Ms. Hartley: The multi-modal grant application was completed and submitted. She thanked Mr. Creagh and Jody for helping to obtain the information that was required. Applications are reviewed in November and may get a response in December/January. She is also working on an application for a County LSA grant that is due on October 26th. Apply for as much as possible, if not all is used, we can return the remaining portion.

Streetlights: No outages reported.

TRANSIT AUTHORITY: Mayor Herd reported that if the PA state budget is not passed, services and bus routes could be cut.

Mayor Herd: Suggested updating Council member names on the digital sign. He also received a call from Abby with MVA wanting information on the bridge project.

Tim Anthony street report: trimmed trees at the park, planted mums at the Honor Roll, had the truck inspected, cleaned drains, filled in potholes in the alleys, changed out/refaced stop signs, worked on sewer lid on Davidson Dr, scrapped extra materials, resurfaced gate at park, painted, stained fence at park, changed tires on bobcat, did maintenance on saw, cleaned park and restrooms for rentals, filled potholes at IDC Park, planted tree at the park that Mr. Copeland donated, tried to file a police report for vandalism at the park, ordered salt for the winter, will start picking up leaves.

If anyone sees trucks parked along the road in the IDC Park, call the Police. If the police do not respond, notify Council so they can be held accountable.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Creagh provided all the information to DCNR for the final payment for the LSP. He also recommended that Ms. Hartley look into the State LSA grant – zero match and up to one million dollars. Mr. Creagh submitted an invoice for payout #2 to Allison Park for \$22,000. Jody will send to Todd at RACW for payment. KLH is helping to complete the MS4 report. KLH will also review the GE expansion plans.

SOLICITOR: Reminded Council of the proposed/final budget process.

CITIZENS: Cindy Snyder – Civic Club will provide treat bags for Trick or Treat. Council will donate prizes for the costume contest. Parade to start 5:15-5:30 p.m. at the church with trick or treat to follow 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on October 25. Civic Club is hosting Belle Vernon's blood drive on October 8.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Deposit of \$21,668.21.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mrs. Devine submitted the MS4 report. The PRP plan needed completed and the information was not available. KLH will assist with that (why not done, timeline, plan).

Mayor Herd recommended adding additional security cameras. He will obtain updated quotes for cameras. Ms. Barcelona will contact MVI for a picture of the Lower Speers Park renovations. Jody will try to deposit the GE donation again. Mr. McDonough asked if we have any issues with absentee landlords? The office has not received any reports of problems. If there are issues, there is a process that needs to be followed. It is not an instant fix.

NEW BUSINESS: ABC resolution, application and forms to join the board. A motion to move forward was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mrs. Devine. Mr. Lint will review the paperwork and it will be added to the November agenda. Mr. Copeland donated a tree to be planted at the park. Council would like to show support and display signs and turn Speers purple for DVSSP (Domestic Violence). Ms. Barcelona questioned the protocols for calling Tim with issues around the Borough (ex: downed wires). Tim should be called but the utility company is responsible to repair. Mr. Sauer reported a vacant house that is up for sale but owner left a dirty chicken coop in the backyard. Contact code enforcement?

The Borough dump truck will probably need to be replaced within the next year or two; also consider adding a 3rd pickup truck.

Mr. McCorkle suggested looking for a grant to replace/update the digital signs that are becoming outdated.

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mr. Sauer.