The Borough of Speers Council met on October 12, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

In attendance were Mr. Rice, Mr. McCorkle, Mrs. Devine and Dr. Hartley. Absent were Mayor Herd, Mrs. Reinhard and Ms. Barcelona (prior notification given).

Mr. McDonough submitted a letter of resignation. A motion to accept was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mrs. Devine. We will be accepting letters of interest to fill the vacant chair. Letters will be due by 10/28/2026.

A motion to approve the previous meeting minutes was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Dr. Hartley; all in favor.

Correspondence: Pension and Fire Relief allotments.

Reports: Calls for September – Police: 223 (116 patrols); EMS – 20; Fire – 15.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Mr. McCorkle: Income - $54,135.41; Expenses - $80,442.46. YTD (+) $114,603.10.

MS4: Mrs. Devine: Yearly report completed and submitted; finishing mapping to post on GIS, working on obtaining a waiver and will work on the PRP guidelines.

Grants: Dr. Hartley: Reported the 2 statewide LSA grants (DCED) that were applied for were denied. The 2027 LSA RACW grant applications are now open. She will not focus the applications on the Arentzen Bridge repairs until the inspection is completed. She has not received any updates from Senator Bartolotta's conversation with GE. We need to decide what is going to be done with the multi-modal grant. The Mapleview sign will be repaired by the end of the year. Mr. McCorkle will work on repairing the digital sign along RT 88.

Streetlights: No outages reported.

Tim Anthony street report: 11 One Calls, cut grass, weed whacked, cleaned building for meetings, bobcat serviced (approx. $4,800), cleaned park and restrooms, met with electrician for underground wiring at the park (quote of $39,500), obtained dump truck quotes, obtained quotes for plow and salter package, ordered salt, filled potholes, had garage door at the park fixed, truck inspected (new brakes), dug ditches to redirect run off water.

Engineer: Not available.

Tax Collector's report: Deposit of $8,161.95.

Solicitor: Mr. Lint reviewed 2027 budget procedures; reviewed the meeting guidelines – must have an in-person quorum before participation via phone and only specific criteria for phone

participation is accepted (will review a resolution and discuss next month); working with UCC regarding an in-home business permit.

Citizens: Questioned if there will be leaf pick-up this year? At this time, no. We do not have a dump truck. Please do not put leaves on the streets or sidewalks. The garbage company is not required to take them per the contract. Residents are not permitted to dump them at the park.

Old/Unfinished Business: A quote from Meegan Ford for a dump truck was presented - $82,765. Since they are a Costars member, no further bidding is required. 3 quotes for plow and salt spreader were obtained:

1. Smouse = $17,500.00
2. Push-n-Pull = $21,196.28
3. RS&E = $20,520.00

A motion to purchase the truck from Meegan and the plow/spreader from Smouse was made by Mr. Rice and seconded by Mr. McCorkle; all in favor.

Fire Chief Whiten spoke on the fire dept donation requests. Council and residents understand the needs of the fire dept. It was never not wanting to support or help them. Everyone agrees that all first responders are essential and important. That was never the issue. It was evaluating some of the boroughs needs as well. Some expenses arose this year that were not anticipated. Charleroi, Twilight and Dunlevy also were not able to fully commit to donations. A motion to donate $6,000 to the fire dept was made by Mr. Rice and Dr. Hartley; all in favor. It was suggested to look into more options for fundraising to help support the department. Mrs. DeSantis stated the Police and Fire dept are both important.

The road crew dug some ditches along Davidson Dr. to help with the excessive water runoff. It has helped tremendously. PennDot is also supposed to clean out a clogged drain that will help as well. At this time, we are not moving forward with the study to install more drains.

The paving project from the water company did not cover the area that was promised. Mr. McCorkle will look into.

KLH will review the quote for the wiring project at the park and prepare bid specs for advertising.

New Business: The digital sign along RT 88 needs repaired. Mr. McCorkle will replace a panel. We will look for a grant to upgrade/replace the entire sign.

Council will review the Block grant guidelines and decide on a project to present for approval.

Mr. McCorkle reported that Mr. & Mrs. Riley voiced concerns regarding the bus stop on Davidson Dr. They would like the bus stop to be moved. Secretary will contact the school first to see what can be done.

Halloween parade will line up at the church at 5 pm and trick or treat will be 6 pm – 8 pm on October 31st.

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mrs. Devine.