

The Borough of Speers Council met on October 2, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Mr. McCorkle, Hr. Hepple, Mrs. Spina, Mr. Daylong, Mrs. Barcelona and Mayor Herd. Absent were Mr. Rice and Ms. DeCooman, both gave prior notification.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read; a motion to accept was made by Mr. Hepple and Mr. Daylong.

Correspondence: Tri-County Borough meeting is October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at the Allenport Borough Municipal Building. A virtual meeting regarding the I-70 Bentleyville to Belle Vernon Bridge Project will take place on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

September: Fire - 8 calls; EMS – 20 calls.

Finance: Income = \$31,502.84; Expenses = \$71,627.45; YTD (+) \$29,704.25.

Borough Improvement: Nothing at this time.

Parks: Bids were opened for Phase II of the Lower Speers Park Project (fencing & Asphalt/Parking)

1. El Grande = \$31,235.60
2. Independent Enterprises = \$80,200.00
3. Morgan Excavating = \$39,700.00
4. Wright Asphalt & Concrete = \$35,879.80

Based on the lowest bid amount, a motion to award the project to El Grande was made by Mrs. Barcelona and seconded by Mrs. Spina. Our Engineer will review the proposal packet for all required documents.

Mr. Creagh will contact Play & Park Structures to explain the delay in payment.

Grants: The application for Speed Limit Signs is almost finalized and will be submitted by the deadline.

Streetlights: No outages to report.

Transit Authority: They are still gathering information for the FDA concerning the environmental assessment for the turn around lane in the industrial park.

Mayor Herd report – starting 2025 budget meeting soon (October 9<sup>th</sup>). Should we send a thank you letter to the companies that made donations for the Lower Speers Park? We are planning that along with a ribbon cutting and newspaper article stating their names. He appreciated the effort of the clean up day. Mayor Herd will follow up with Technip regarding a donation towards the Arentzen Bridge project. He will also contact Morgan Excavating. Mrs. Spina met with GE and answered questions and concerns regarding the finances for the bridge project.

Dennis Carson report – Cut grass, weed whack, spray weeds, took old tv's and printers to recycling, called Penn Dot about garbage spill on ramp, clean steps to RT 88, trim trees on Boltz Ave, cold patch potholes, change out "Stop Signs", install new sign and post at Lewis & Rebecca, clean park for rentals, put new lightbulbs in office, trim shrubs at Borough building, flush sewer line on Maple Terrace, got trucks inspected, pick up old digital sign across from Exxon, clean catch basins, blow leaves at park, 6 downspout inspections and 13 One Calls.

**ENGINEER:** Mr. Creagh via phone call reported that Allison Park signed off on the bridge contract. They had issues with the railroad insurance. The plans will be sent off to Washington County for execution and a Notice to Proceed will be sent. A complete signed packet will be sent to the Borough office. KLH reviewed the Tresco, Walnut Street, project. A letter will be sent to the office. Council discussed paying ½ the invoice of Play & Park until the remaining grant payment comes in.

**SOLICITOR:** Mr. Lint provided the ordinance pertaining to Prohibiting the Deposit of Materials in the Rights-of-Ways of the Borough. Violation can result in a fine. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Hepple and seconded by Mr. Daylong; all in favor.

**CITIZENS:** No comment.

Tax Collector's Report – Not available at this time.

**OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Pre-bid garbage contract meeting will be October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Wi-fi password for the digital sign is still needed; waiting for Mr. Zahand to respond.

Fire Board – Mrs. Spina will represent Speers; Mrs. Barcelona as a back-up.

Paving at the IDC Park – Liquid Fuels rep Jonna will handle the project; possibly bid out next Spring/Summer.

**October 26: Halloween Parade: Line up 4:30 at the church, start at 5:00; Trick or Treat 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Civic Club will handle treat bags. Gift cards for costume contest will be provided for by donations.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Nothing at this time.

A motion to pay ½ the invoice amount (\$38,500) to Play & Park was made by Mrs. Spina and seconded by Mrs. Barcelona.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Hepple and seconded by Mrs. Barcelona.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. was made by Mr. Daylong and seconded by Mr. Hepple.