

The Borough of Speers Council met on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

In attendance were Mr. Rice, Mr. McCorkle, Mrs. Barcelona, Mr. Sauer, Ms. Hartley, Mrs. Devine and Mayor Herd. Absent was Mr. McDonough; prior notification was given.

A motion to approve the previous meeting minutes as read was made by Ms. Hartley and seconded by Mr. Sauer.

**Correspondence:** 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter LSA allotment = \$27,602.29.

**Reports:** Calls for July – EMS: 15; Fire: 14. No police report.

**Committee Reports:**

Finance: Mr. McCorkle – July income = \$26,239.67; expenses = \$93,860.03. YTD (+) \$71,063.01.

Borough Improvement: Mr. Sauer – Working on finalizing plans for the Craft Show/Food Truck festival to be held at Speers Park.

Parks: Mrs. Barcelona – No update, will defer to Mr. Creagh.

Grants: Ms. Hartley – Submitted a grant application to the Multimodal Transportation Fund. If approved, we are responsible for 30% of the total; where are we getting that money? Council is still waiting for the donation check from GE.

Streetlights: No outages reported.

Transit Authority: Mayor Herd – Meetings discussing passing the budget; trying to get money for mass transit.

Mayor Herd Report – talked with Mr. Jason Theakston regarding the TIP Program (4 year) for the bridge repairs.

Tim Anthony Street Report – Painted curbs and “Slow” on roads, painted park benches, cleaned gravel on Arentzen Bridge, cold-patched potholes, changed breakers at the park, reattached low hanging wires at the park (the lines were not disconnected, just sagging), dead trees at the park need cut down, cut grass, sprayed weeds, trimmed shrubs at borough building, talked to GE regarding where lines are located for One Calls, 1 downspout inspection, 3 One Calls, got a bid for paving or tar & chipping the bridge (E. J Burns Construction – tar & chip = \$8,500; paving = \$14,900).

**Engineer’s Report:** Bridge project – APC finishing punch list (restore grounds and cut pipe; close contract per Council. LSP – Jody helping to close out project for final payment. Mr. Creagh provided information for the Multimodal grant.

Solicitor: Mr. Lint gave some information regarding possible funding (PennVest, Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, PA Grant Sites).

Tax Collector – Deposit of \$15,900.75.

Old Business: AC unit bids – table until next month; Mr. McDonough was checking on obtaining another quote. A motion to adopt the EOP plan was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Ms. Hartley. Mr. McCorkle attempted to obtain quotes from electricians regarding moving the electricity for when Johnny B Signs relocates the digital sign. He phoned multiple companies (Lucas Electric, Lighthouse Electric, Bring the Light LLC, Sumpman Electric and Charles Electric) but only 1 company submitted a quote. A motion to accept the quote of \$720 from Charles Electric Services was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mr. Sauer; all in favor.

New Business: Little Great donation; A motion to donate \$400 was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mrs. Barcelona; all in favor. Ms. Hartley will assist Mr. McCorkle with posting messages to the digital signs. Council is discussing the possibility of removing the digital sign at the bottom of Mapleview due to complaints of the brightness of the sign. To dim the brightness of the sign makes it difficult to read. Should we start to charge for messages posted to the sign(s)?

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. was made by Mr. McCorkle and seconded by Mr. Sauer.