

Regular Council Meeting
April 11 , 2016
7:00 PM

The Regular monthly meeting of Shamokin City Council was held this evening with Mayor William Milbrand presiding.

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: All

PRAYER: Silent

ROLL CALL: Moyer, Verano, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Absent: None

A Motion by Verano to approve previous Council Meeting Minutes of

March 14, 2016 (Regular Council Meeting)

Second by Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

VISITORS: Mike Catino expressed his concern about our Zoning Codes. He stated that building use is terribly important and it gives us the opportunity to say no we do not or yes we do want this in the City of Shamokin. Shamokin's Zoning book is 34 pages long while Coal Townships book is 197 pages. He gave Robert M Slaby a list of zoning that needs to be addressed.

Stephen Drunkinmiller from 7th Street questioned how we enforce the zoning ordinances. He talked about properties on his block that are falling down, and that Rick has done all that has been asked of him but it is not enough.

Larry Wagner of Willow Street stated that he is still waiting for his property to be water tight. The property that was next to him was - torn down by the city and has yet to get his property fixed. Mayor Milbrand stated that he will call Mr. Gusick, the person that tore down the property for the city and have him get up to Mr. Wagner's property right away and fix this issue.

Cathy Vetovich is one of the owners of 25 N Market Street. She agreed that they will get whatever permits necessary to get their property correctly fixed.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

ACCOUNTS & FINANCE:

General Fund \$ 286,751.34

Motor License \$ 206,830.85

Library \$ 14,104.21

Debt Service \$ 206,474.62

Recreation \$ 141,695.18
FEMA \$ 6039.37
Capital Projects \$ 2428.05
Street Lights \$ 7376.72
Total All Accounts \$ 871,700.34

Fund balances as of April 1, 2016 submitted by Brenda Scandle, City Treasurer.

PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS: We are working on the Pool, It is drained and getting ready for the upcoming season. Youth Basketball is done at the Legion for the season. Shamokin White Football League asked permission to hang banners on public playgrounds.

STREET & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS: Nothing to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Brown read the Code office report for the month of March which the office revenue collected was \$13,304.65 with a total calls of 46.

Police Department reported 1003 calls for the month of March

Fire Department thanked all who donated food and water while they were fighting the fire on Sunbury Street. All apparatus in working condition.

Mayor reported that the creek bed project is underway. They started at Kehler park and they are going to carbon run into the 5th ward. He issued a big thank you to our Police Department for all the drug arrests.

PETITIONS:

COMMUNICATION:

MOTION BY: Brown to grant authorization for the West End Fire Company to hold their annual block part on June 3rd and 4th, 2016.0

SECOND BY: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

MOTION BY: Verano to grant authorization for the VFW to hold their annual poppy sale. Sale is on 5/7/16 from 7:30A.M. To 12:00 Noon.

SECOND BY: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

MOTION BY: Verano to grant authorization to the City Administrator to send a letter of support for the Shamokin Coal Township Joint Sewer Authority to Great Valley Consultations for a water quality management permit that they are applying for.

SECOND BY: Brown

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

BIDS:

MOTION BY: Verano to award to the lowest qualified bidder of the conservatorship demolition Bid to Fredinand Dimincik Contracting for properties located at 603 and 607 W. Mulberry, 440-442 W Mulberry, and 524 N 2nd Street, Shamokin PA.

SECOND BY: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

MOTION BY: Verano to approve the sale of the Lot located on 133-135 S Shamokin Street to the highest bidder Bill Gheen in the amount of \$759.00

SECOND BY: Brown

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Brown, Milbrand
Abstain: McGaw
Nays: None

CONTRACTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BOARDS & COMMITTEES:

MOTION BY: Verano to reappoint Timonthy Cincent to the Planning commission for an additional term of four years, effective 2016 and expiring 2020.

SECOND BY: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION BY: Brown to commit CDBG Funding during the next four years to assist the Shamokin City Emergency Squad to purchase a Rescue Vehicle. The Vote of commitment is contingent on the City

of Shamokin Continuing to receive the Grant Allotment from the state under the Community Development Block Grant.

Second by: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

MOTION BY: Verano to approve a contract with Turnkey Taxes out of McKeesport, PA. They will provide data conversion information and analysis for collections of municipal delinquent taxes along with other revenues as the city so desires.

Second by: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

MOTION BY: Moyer to allow the City Treasurer, Brenda Scandle to close the Lock Box account, which was previously used for the 2015 "TRAN" payments and transfer remaining funds of \$3.51 to the General Fund.

Second by: Brown

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

MOTION BY: Verano to Grant Approval for the Chief of Police Darwin Tobias to apply for the 2016 COPS Grant through the U.S. Department of Justice. This Grant would cover cost incurred to employ additional Police Officers.

Second by: Brown

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

MOTION BY: Verano to allow the Shamokin Youth Football League to hang banners on the City's playgrounds.

SECOND BY: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

MOTION BY: McGaw to hire James Catino to assist the city on a grant application, fees contingent on the grant being received.

SECOND BY: Milbrand

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

Executive Session for Personnel Matters was held from 8:25-8:42

SOLICITORS REPORT:

MOTION BY: Brown to adopt Resolution 16-01 which establishes the fee for a driveway permit in the City of Shamokin in the amount of \$150.

Second by: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

BILL LIST:

MOTION BY: Verano to approve the bill list for March 2016.

Second by: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

ADJORN:

Minutes taken by Doreen Annis, Administrative Accountant
Meeting ended at 8:42 PM