

Regular Council Meeting
April 14, 2014

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: Verano, Moyer, Kinder, Milbrand were all present. Rhoades Absent

MOTION BY Verano to approve the minutes of the previous Council meetings of:

March 10, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

March 31, 2014 Special Council Meeting

April 7, 2014 Special Council Meeting

Second by Kinder

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Kinder, Milbrand
Nays: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Certificate of appreciation was presented to Rosalind Kane by Mayor Milbrand for coordinating a Spring Cleanup in the City of Shamokin.

A note of thank you to the Lower Anthracite Railroad Club for their donation of \$ 1,200 to the American Legion Building.

MOTION BY Moyer to approve the Coal Township VFW Post 317 poppy sale to be held in our downtown on Saturday May 10, 2014.

Second Kinder

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Kinder, Milbrand
Nays: None

MOTION BY: Verano to approve the Shamokin Housing Authority's request to advertise on their behalf for Release of Funds for proposed improvements to the Harold E. Thomas Highrise and the Spruce St. and Harrison Street Townhouses.

Second: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Kinder, Milbrand
Nays: None

VISITORS:

Jarrold Scandle- Pine Street Coal Township representing the Shamokin Police Department, Mr. Scandle had asked Mayor Milbrand why the police have not received their second holiday pay it was agreed by previous council contractually that we would be paid in November and we haven't received that yet, also Mr. Scandle asked about the medical reimbursements and when the officers will receive them. Mayor Milbrand explained that the holiday pay was part of the unfunded debt for 2013 and we are still working on securing the loan with a few banks and when we receive the money the holiday pay will be processed. We need to be very cautious with our spending that's what got us into trouble before we used TRAN monies to pay previous bills and ran into problems at year end. The medical reimbursements will be approved at tonight's council meeting and will be processed and given to the employees, I just want to make it clear that it's not just the police that haven't received their reimbursement it's all the city employees. Also, I would like to add that the police are in jeopardy of losing a grant for their protection vests Chief Griffiths went into the system to order vests and he was flagged due to non-payment. Mayor and Council said this is the first they heard anything about this, Chief Griffiths said he just found out about this on Friday Council said they would look into this and it will be taken care of. Also, Mr. Scandle asked about the 4 police cars that aren't in working condition and said again a grant would be in jeopardy for the highway speed trap; part of the grant includes a certain number of working cars. Mayor Milbrand explained that we are following DCED's recommendation; Officer Scandle said in the meantime can we get the cars repaired? We don't have enough cars for our officers to do their jobs.

Barry Getchey-Just want to inform Council that Mr. Miller is under investigation from HUD.

DIRECTORS REPORT:**ACCOUNTS & FINANCE:**

General Fund \$ 276,197.82
Motor License \$ 110,022.28
Library \$ 5,762.33
Sinking Fund \$ 66,617.69
Recreation \$ 12,054.62
FEMA \$ 13,693.21
All Accts \$ 463,829.50

Fund balances as of April 1, 2014 Submitted by Brenda Scandle, City Treasurer.

PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Councilwoman Moyer established a price list for the Lawton Schroyer Memorial Pool and also a fee schedule for the Claude Kehler Park (See enclosed fee schedule)

STREET & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS:

Councilman Verano stated that the Street Department is cleaning up from the surprise winter snow storm where several tree limbs were down. Street sweeper will begin this week with warning tickets. Regular schedule and tickets will be issued next week.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Councilman Rhoades was absent no report given.

PETITIONS: Nothing to report

CONTRACTS:

MOTION BY Verano to approve the Vegetation Management Services for the treatment of the Creek Apron with Ehrlich at a cost of \$ 5,640.00.

Second Kinder

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Kinder, Milbrand

Nays: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing to Report

BOARDS & COMMITTEES:

MOTION BY: Verano to accept the resignation of Matthew Losiewicz from the Shamokin Planning Commission effective March 28, 2014.

Second Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Kinder, Milbrand

Nays: None

Appointment by Mayor Milbrand to the Shamokin Redevelopment Authority Amy Catino of 25 West Arch Street.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION BY: Kinder to amend engagement letter for single audit to be completed by Klacik and Associates.

Second Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Kinder, Milbrand

Nays: None

MOTION BY: Verano to establish prices for the season passes for the month of June and July and a pro-rated flat fee for August.

Second Kinder

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Kinder, Milbrand

Nays: None

MOTION BY Verano to adopt a fee schedule for the rental of the Claude Kehler Park.

Second Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Kinder, Milbrand

Nays: None

MOTION BY Verano to accept the resignation of Edward Griffiths, as the Chief of Police effective April 30, 2014

Second Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Kinder, Milbrand

Nays: None

MOTION BY Kinder to send letter to PA Museum Commission for the return of the Keystone Historic Preservation Grant (99 steps)

Second Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Kinder, Milbrand

Nays: None

MOTION BY Verano to approve budget revision for Phase II Claude Kehler Community Park (DCNR grant) with all matching funds coming from the CDBG program.

Second Kinder

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Kinder, Milbrand

Nays: None

SOLICITORS REPORT:

MOTION BY: Moyer to approve Resolution 14-05 Act 44

Second Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Kinder, Milbrand

Nays:None

MOTION BY: Verano to approve Resolution 14-06 Early Intervention Program

Second Kinder

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Kinder, Milbrand

Nays: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor and Council held executive for personnel issues 7:52-8:13 PM

Citizens Comments contingent upon new business items being added to agenda.

MOTION BY: Kinder to pay the itemized bill list for the General Fund, Community Development, Recreation, American Legion, Liquid Fuels for the month of March 2014.
Second Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Kinder, Milbrand
Nays: None

MOTION TO ADJORN: Verano
Second Moyer

Minutes taken by Lynn Dixon, CDBG Director
Meeting ended at 8:16 PM (tape # 33)

Attest:

Lynn Dixon
Community Development Director