

The Regular monthly meeting of Shamokin City Council was held this evening with Councilman Garth Hall presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Hall called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Led by Councilman Hall

PRAYER: Silent

ROLL CALL: Garth Hall, R. Craig Rhoades, George Rozinskie Jr., and Michael Snyder were all present. Mayor Bradley was absent.

Councilman Hall called an Executive Meeting at 7:33 PM  
*City Clerk notes that the session was to discuss legal and personnel matters.*  
The meeting reconvened at 7:42 PM.

VISITORS: Richard Post, of 625 BVA, stated that the coal trucks are driving by with fly ash, which contains various heavy metals that can cause lung damage and other adverse health effects. He has brought a petition before council to propose legislation to curtail the unsafe driving of the coal trucks and the waste they haul.

Jim McGee, of 742 Race St., stated he opposes the boarding houses near St. Stan's Convict.

Daniel Phelps, of 1005 N. Vine St., explained his concern about a property next to his on Bunker Hill. He stated that 1007 N. Vine St., owned by John Pickens, is unsafe and has hazardous materials stored there and is a fire hazard. Mr. Phelps stated he is on disability and that he helped repair Mr. Pickens' roof and wasn't paid. Mr. Phelps would like the city to do something about the situation.

Allen Straub, of 518 BVA, stated that when it rains it causes the coal trucks to produce a black liquid that runs off the trucks leaving behind unsafe chemicals. He stated that these trucks have mesh screens, which do little to curtail this. He wants to know when this will end.

Chris Post, of 625 BVA, explained that radar signs that utilize solar power can be acquired and used to help slow down the unsafe speed in which many of the coal trucks are driving at. He stated that the truck tarps aren't water proofed and should be better wrapped. He would like the city to enforce this.

Timothy Vincent, of 655 BVA, agreed about the unsafe truck speed and school busses. He said there was no confirmed date on the clean-up project on Pearl St. He stated he would like to schedule a meeting with the Council. Councilman Hall stated it could be held at the next workshop on May 7.

Jeremy Bulchie, of 625 BVA, stated that information isn't available to the public in regards to the chemicals being hauled away by the coal trucks. He stated he would like this information to be made public. He also explained that the speeding of the trucks is problematic and that two (2) accidents have recently occurred. He would like to see a greater police presence.

MOTION BY SNYDER to approve the minutes of previous council meetings  
Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

Absent: Bradley

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVMENTS: The Director explained that the Dept. is continuing with the street sweeper clean-up and that Council will have to discuss a repair on the Aerial Truck.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Director read the Fire Chief's Report and that he was continuing with the city-wide inspection for violations.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE: The March Treasurer's Report was read.

MOTION BY SNYDER to approve the report  
Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

Absent: Bradley

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS: The Director stated the city has received pool applications and that we are still accepting applications. He stated that the Dept. is preparing the parks, playgrounds, and swimming pool for the summer months.

PETITIONS: None

COMMUNICATION: The City Clerk read a letter from Betty Maskowski requesting use of the Claude Kehler Park and to have the fee waived.

MOTION BY SNYDER to table the request  
Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

Absent: Bradley

The City Clerk read a letter from Salem United Church requesting to hold their Peach Festival on August 15 at the Claude Kehler Park.

MOTION BY RHOADES to approve the request  
Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

Absent: Bradley

The City Clerk read a letter from the Coal Township VFW to hold their annual Poppy Sale at 8<sup>th</sup> & Independence streets on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION BY ROZINSKIE to approve the request  
Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

Absent: Bradley

The City Clerk read a letter from the Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance's offer to clean-up the Shamokin Creek channel on April 28 & 29 and the City will collect the trash.

MOTION BY SNYDER to approve the request  
Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

Absent: Bradley

The City Clerk read a letter from the Northumberland County Council for the Arts and Humanities to hold a marionette show on May 24.

MOTION BY SNYDER to approve the request  
Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

Absent: Bradley

The City Clerk informed the Council that the 2007 Act 205 & Actuarial Reports have been filed with the PA Employee Retirement Commission.

BIDS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION BY SNYDER to authorize the City Clerk to advertise details pertaining to the implementation of the City's Neighborhood Watch Program and that all interested parties can contact the Police Department for more details

Rhoades,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

Absent: Bradley

MOTION BY ROZINSKIE to authorize Hepatitis B Vaccination shots for all police officers and lifeguards

Snyder,

*On question, Councilman Rhoades stated whether or not the City needs to offer these shots as they are done in increments over a 9 month period. The Solicitor stated that they should be offered and that most college students would already have them. The City Clerk stated that the police officers covered under the health insurance plan can receive the shots under the plan, but that the lifeguards aren't under the plan and the City would have to pay out of pocket. It was stated that if anyone declines the shot they should sign the declination form.*

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder  
Nays: None  
Absent: Bradley

MOTION BY SNYDER to donate twenty (20) swimming pool passes to the Northumberland Co. Children & Youth Services to bring awareness to National Child Abuse Prevention

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder  
Nays: None  
Absent: Bradley

MOTION BY HALL to allow interested police officers to purchase 5 city owned Smith & Wesson firearms at \$145 a piece and that the City will purchase Officer Miner's Remington scoped rifle for \$2,299.24. Additionally, the City will purchase various weapons, supplies, and ammunition as defined in cost breakdown list using monies out of the DOJ Account in the amount of \$13,220.89

Rhoades,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder  
Nays: None  
Absent: Bradley

MOTION BY SNYDER to approve the Deed of Easement between the City of Shamokin and the Sewer Authority for the installation of proposed CSO Treatment Unit No. 70 and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the same and contingent on the information received from the City Engineer *(The Solicitor stated that this language should be added to the deed of easement)*

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder  
Nays: None  
Absent: Bradley

Community Development Report: Ms. Dixon read the CDBG account balance and bill list.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

MOTION BY SNYDER to adopt RESOLUTION 08-08 (Opposing SB 596)  
Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder  
Nays: None  
Absent: Bradley

MOTION BY RHOADES to adopt ORDINANCE 08-01 (Final Reading /  
Regulating the Use of City Property)  
Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder  
Nays: None  
Absent: Bradley

MOTION BY SNDYER to adopt ORDINANCE 08-02 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading /  
Amusement Devices)  
Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder  
Nays: None  
Absent: Bradley

MOTION BY SNDYER to adopt ORDINANCE 08-03 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading /  
Excavation Permits)  
Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder  
Nays: None  
Absent: Bradley

MOTION BY HALL to approve the itemized bill list for the City,  
Redevelopment, and CDBG program for payment  
Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder  
Nays: None

Absent: Bradley

MOTION BY ROZINSKIE to adjourn  
Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

Absent: Bradley

The City Clerk recorded the meeting as ending at approximately 8:26 PM.

Attest:

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Dave Bohanick, City Clerk