

Regular Council Meeting
April 9, 2018
7:00 PM

The Regular monthly meeting of Shamokin City Council was held this evening with Mayor John J. Brown presiding.

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: All

PRAYER: Silent

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Robert Tloczynski - 519 s 8th Street - A tree fell down on Grant Street. The tree has been dead for eight years. The tree fell and damaged his property; the city came up and cleaned up the tree. There is still $\frac{3}{4}$ of the tree left that needs to be cut. Council will send up the street formen to take a look at the tree.

Joseph Leschinskie - 518 E. Pine Street - At Wednesday's work session he listened to Mrs. Scandle and Turnkey is not collecting. We should combine all our collections into Keystone. What does it cost for a part time worker for her office? It would cost \$3.33 per hour from the City. If Brenda is projecting, we can collect an additional \$60,000 more a year, we are under ACT47, and she collects more than Sunbury. The Mayor stated that we have a meeting on April 16th with the State, Mrs. Scandle and Turnkey. Mr. Leschinskie wants to know what is going on with the COPS Grant. We have possibly seven retiring in the next three to four years and we have an opportunity now at a 75% discounted rate, why not save the taxpayers money. Hire two now and save the taxpayers money.

Sharon Tlozynski - 518 S 8th Street - Would like to nominate Larry Strausser for Citizen of the year for all he does.

Richard Post - Bear Valley Ave - Talked to Mayor Brown, Officer Primerano and the Code Officer regarding 621 Bear Valley Ave leaking into his house. This house there were two women in and they bought it at tax claims. She has people coming to town to fix the roof. Mr. Roughton said he spoke to the county on what can be done.

Christine Feese - Has concerns on what is the law on domestic violence and assault. Was told to talk to Chief Tobias after the meeting.

Bob Gilligbauer - Would we consider a stop sign on Water and Rock Streets? Chief will look into this and see if it is something, we can do.

Tim Vincent - See that Brenda needs more help. We should do a tax amnesty week. There is a 40-60% success rate in other municipalities. This is for Delinquent taxes, if so Brenda would not be able to do this, as we do not collect the delinquent taxes at the City.

Sharon Tlozynski – Her niece is painting bricks for the fun shop and wanted to see about getting some more bricks. Mr. Roughton will get ahold of the owner of the fun shop building.

MINUTES:

A Motion by Verano to approve previous Council Meeting Minutes of:

March 12, 2018 (Regular Council Meeting)

Second by: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, McGaw, Verano, Roughton, Brown
Absent: None

BILL LIST:

MOTION BY: Verano to approve the bill list for March 2018.

Second by: Roughton

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, McGaw, Verano, Roughton, Brown
Absent: None

DIRECTORS REPORT:

ACCOUNTS & FINANCE:

General Fund \$ 300,873.29
Motor License \$ 252,286.12
Library \$ 3,584.81
Debt Service \$ 173,729.15
Recreation \$ 200,859.14
FEMA \$ 6,153.73
Capital Projects \$ 2,371.97
Street Lights \$ 5,495.78
Total All Accounts \$ 945,353.99

Fund balances as of April 1, 2018 submitted by Brenda Scandle, City Treasurer.

PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

The first Easter Egg Hunt was well received. Tomorrow 4/10 at the Library from 4-6 Pennies for the Library. On 4/22 There will be a Park Clean up. Rosalind Kane will be doing her 6th annual clean up.

STREET & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS:

Sweeper has started, Warning are starting, and Posting on side streets. They are digging on Shamokin Street due to sewage going into basements.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department reported 959 calls for the month of March 2018.

Fire Report for Month of March 2018, 155 Fire Calls.

Code office report for the month of February reported 39 Complaints, which the office revenue collected, was \$18,522.00

BIDS:

A Motion by Roughton to accept the bid from Affordable Construction and Demoloition, LLC in the amount of \$42,940.00

Second by: McGaw

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Mr. Timothy Keifaber.

NEW BUSINESS:**Coal Township VFW**

MOTION BY: Roughton to grant authorization for the Coal Township VFW to hold their annual Poppy Sale on May 12th from 7:30am -12:00pm on the corner of 8th and Independence Street.

SECOND BY: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Roughton, Brown
Nays: None
Absent: None

Restoration Ministries

MOTION BY: Verano to grant authorization for Restoraion Ministries the use of Claude Kehler Park on May 12th from 9am – 5pm.

SECOND BY: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Roughton, Brown
Nays: None
Absent: None

Hillside Coaches

MOTION BY: Verano to grant authorization to donate a single season swim pass to the Hillside Coaches to raffle off.

SECOND BY: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Roughton, Brown
Nays: None
Absent: None

Reassessment

MOTION BY: Verano to grant authorization for the City Administrator to send a letter to the County about reassessment in the City of Shamokin.

SECOND BY: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Roughton, Brown
Nays: None
Absent: None

State of Pennsylvania

MOTION BY: Verano to grant authorization for the City Administrator to send a letter to the State requesting modification to the 3rd Class City Code, In order to keep our current EIT Rate.

SECOND BY: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Roughton, Brown
Nays: None
Absent: None

Police – Bank Account

MOTION BY: Roughton to grant authorization to open a new bank account at M&T Bank for Police Department Credit Card Transactions.

SECOND BY: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Roughton, Brown
Nays: None
Absent: None

Code – Bank Account

MOTION BY: Roughton to grant authorization to open a new bank account at M&T Bank for Code Department Credit Card Transactions.

SECOND BY: Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Roughton, Brown
Nays: None
Absent: None

Close FEMA Bank Account

MOTION BY: Moyer to grant authorization to close the FEMA Account at M&T and move the remaining balance of \$6,153.73 to the General Fund.

SECOND BY: Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Roughton, Brown
Nays: None
Absent: None

BOARD & COMMITTEES:

MOTION BY: Moyer to appoint William Allen to serve on the Shamokin Zoning Board.

SECOND BY: Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Roughton, Brown
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION BY: Verano to appoint Michael Catino to serve on the Shamokin Zoning Board.

SECOND BY: Roughton

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Roughton, Brown
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION BY: Roughton to appoint Jerry Splane to serve on the Shamokin Zoning Board.

SECOND BY: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Roughton, Brown
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION BY: Moyer to appoint Eugene Garancheski to serve on the Shamokin Zoning Board.

SECOND BY: Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Roughton, Brown

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Verano to appoint Angie Anrold to the Shamokin Housing Authority Board.

SECOND BY: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Roughton, Brown

Nays: None

Absent: None

SOLICITORS REPORT:

MOTION BY: Verano to accept the second reading of Ordinance 18-02 (Capping of Laterals)

SECOND BY: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, McGaw, Verano, Roughton, Brown,

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Roughton to accept the first reading of Ordinance 18-03 (Parking Meter)

SECOND BY: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, McGaw, Verano, Roughton, Brown,

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Roughton to accept the reading of Resolution 18-04 (Code Vehicle)

SECOND BY: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, McGaw, Verano, Roughton, Brown,

Nays: None

Absent: None

- **Citizens Comments contingent upon new business being added to the agenda at this part of the meeting.**

Joseph Leschinskie - Would like to know whom the reassessment would benefit? It would benefit the City. Who would pay for the reassessment? The County would have to do the whole county. He is in favor of writing a letter to the state about the 3rd class city code, former Mayor Milbrand had suggested to form a coalition of municipalities that are in ACT47 and would benefit from the change in the 3rd class city code. He does not believe that Home Rule is the answer, No true republication would every vote for Home Rule. On Boards and Committees, He was a member of this board, are we able to enforce the ordinance without this board? Mayor stated the board is only for if there is a hearing requested, and for the most part everyone that was on there will still serve until a new appointment is made. Change of parking meters off of Independence street, when do we plan on having some improvement in the downtown, it is not an attractive area, no store fronts and just lots of trash piling up. Councilman McGaw spoke about an anchor program that he spoke about with Mayor Brown and Kurt Masser. Once we finish our strategic plan we will be looking into the anchor program. This is a federal program.

ADJORN:

Minutes taken by Doreen Annis, Administrative Accountant
Meeting ended at 8:07 PM