

The Special meeting of Shamokin City Council was held this evening with Mayor Rozinskie presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Rozinskie called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL: William D. Milbrand, R. Craig Rhoades, William R. Strausser and Mayor George S. Rozinskie, Jr. were present.

Absent: Michael Snyder

Mayor

The Mayor opened a discussion regarding salaries of the Deputy Treasurer over the past 3 years. The Deputy Treasurer received the following salaries per month for each calendar year:

➤ 2009	\$466.91
➤ 2010	\$485.59
➤ 2011	\$505.01

The Treasurer received the following salaries per month for each calendar year:

➤ 2009	\$765.42
➤ 2010	\$885.74
➤ 2011	\$921.17

The Treasurer stated that the raises were all approved by City Council and the Mayor. However, no record of these raises appear or are reflected in the record or meeting minutes. The Mayor noted City Employees did not have a raise in 4 years. A point of clarification was made by the City Clerk that the February 9, 2009 Treasurer's salary of \$10,665.62 was set by a Motion by Richardson, seconded by Rozinskie, roll call vote of Rozinskie, Snyder, Richardson, and Bradley approving it. The Mayor again questioned why the raises were given to the Deputy Treasurer. Mr. Strausser noted he thought it was included in the three taxing bodies and that it goes up each year. The Treasurer stated that it goes up 4% each year.

Mr. Mattis noted it was not in the February 9, 2009 motion. Mr. Mattis also noted the February 9, 2009 would have been the proper time to provide for the raises. The mayor queried the Treasurer on whether or not she received a raise from the county and school district. The Treasurer clarified that only the County and the City provided her a raise and that the School Board voted no to any raises. The Mayor noted that this was confusing.

A discussion ensued regarding the hiring salary of the new Deputy Treasurer and the Mayor recommended that the new Deputy Treasurer be hired at the same starting salary as the previous Deputy Treasurer. The Treasurer then made several accusations regarding going to the paper, and questioning the Mayor on previously approved Council motions. The discussion continued along these lines for several minutes.

The Treasurer then stated she felt that the new Deputy Treasurer should get paid the same amount as the previous Deputy Treasurer along with immediate benefits. Councilman Rhoades asked several questions of the Treasurer which she answered. Councilman Milbrand stated that he didn't agree with providing the higher starting salary. The Council entered into a general discussion on benefits for City employees. A short Executive session was requested for by Councilman Rhoades to discuss personnel issues.

Executive Session

Start: 6:59 PM

End: 7:35 PM

MOTION BY Milbrand to hire Rick Bozza as Code Enforcement Officer for the City at a salary of \$28K plus benefits pending a 90 day probationary period.

Strausser

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Strausser, Rozinskie

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION BY Rhoades to hire Kelly Haines as the new Deputy Treasurer at a salary set by the City of \$485.59 per month plus benefits pending a 90 day probationary period.

Rozinskie

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Strausser, Rozinskie

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Communications

MOTION BY Milbrand to approve request by Joe Alexander to hold a Mini Tunnel to Towers Race in Shamokin City limits on September 10, 2011 and to provide for liability insurance thru the City of Shamokin's insurance policy at no additional premium to the City.

Strausser,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Strausser, Rozinskie

Nays: None

Abstain: Rhoades

MOTION BY Rhoades to approve request from Lori Moore to use Sunbury Street playground for bake sale and yard sale on September 9th & 10th for Tigers Midget Football.

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

Abstain:

MOTION BY Strausser deny request from Rich Jones regarding using the Rescue Fire Truck to take his CDL license test.

Milbrand,

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Strausser, Rozinskie

Nays: None

Abstain:

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS (Councilman Rhoades)

MOTION BY Strausser to approve request by Larry Strausser to attend Aquatic Facility Operator schooling in September.

Rhoades,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The Mayor asked that Mike McLaughlin be invited to next Council workshop to discuss the choosing of a new boiler system for City Hall.

MOTION BY Rozinskie to adjourn,

Rhoades,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Strausser, Rozinskie.
Nays: None

The City Clerk recorded the meeting ended at 7:35 PM.

Attest:

Stephen D. Bartos
City Clerk