

Regular Council Meeting
December 8, 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: Moyer, Rhoades, Verano, Milbrand

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

November 10, 2014 Regular Council Meeting
December 3, 2014 Special Meeting

Second by Verano

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

COMMUNICATIONS: A letter was delivered to City Manager Robert Slaby to be distributed to Mayor and Council from Housing Authority Director Ron Miller with regard to the city not in support of their efforts to apply for funding for the renovation of the Madison Court.

Mayor Milbrand expressed his opinion on the topic and explained that when council was approached in February about this venture he had a few questions and concerns he wanted to ask Mr. Miller who was in attendance at the February Council Meeting.

Councilman Verano also had a few questions for Mr. Miller since he was new to the board, and Mr. Miller could not answer his questions.

Councilwoman Moyer also had the same concerns since she was new to the board and didn't have enough time to fully understand the project and had a few questions herself. Mr. Miller told Mayor and Council that they could come to the Housing Authority and ask any questions they had.

Mayor Milbrand and Council feel that Mr. Miller is making the request to the city and should make himself available to them, not the other way around them chasing him for answers.

Mayor Milbrand asked Councilman Rhoades if he had a comment on the project? Councilman Rhoades replied he had no comment since his was a different opinion from the rest of council. Councilman Rhoades said the project will move forward without the City's approval.

VISITORS:

Joey Latshaw-525 Bear Valley Ave-Questioned council if any progress has been made on the cat problem? He has concerns with the health risks. He asked if any grants were available for trapping and release. Mayor and council said they would look into it and had many concerns. They all agreed to look into it more in the future.

Rob Talinskey-519 S. 8th Street-Asked Mayor and Council to reconsider the landlord tenant ordinance with regard to the drug policy. Mayor and Council said nothing has been decided yet on that issue they are still looking into making sure that everything is correct with the ordinance before any decision is made.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

ACCOUNTS & FINANCE: Councilman Kinder was absent and no report was given.

PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Councilwoman Moyer reported that the new locks were installed at the legion and keys were given out to the appropriate people. The under 21 club is almost finished with some issues that had to be cleared up and the city is waiting inspection.

STREET & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS:

Councilman Verano had nothing to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Councilman Rhoades reported that all fire apparatus was in working condition. Also, read the Code office report for month of November with total revenue collected \$ 14,730.00.

PETITIONS: Nothing to report

CONTRACTS: Nothing to report

BIDS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing to Report

BOARDS & COMMITTEES:

MOTION BY: Moyer to appoint Chalres Sosnoskie to fill the unexpired term vacated by Darwin Tobias to the Shamokin Coal Township Joint Sewer Authority effective immediately.

Second by: Verano

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION BY: Verano to approve and advertise the City of Shamokin City Council's 2015 meeting schedule.

Second by: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Moyer to approve the City Treasurer Brenda Scandle to collect on line credit card payments for tax collections beginning March 2015.

Second By: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Verano to approve Coal Township manager Rob Slaby to represent the city for the Northumberland County Tax Collector Committee in the absent of the City Treasurer Brenda Scandle who is the representative of the city terem 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015.

Second By: Moyer

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

SOLICITORS REPORT:

Resolution # 14-15 Tax Anticipation Revenue Note

MOTION BY: Verano to accept Susquehanna Bank as the lender for the City's 2015 Tax Anticipation Revenue Note (TRAN)

Second By: Moyer

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

BILL LIST:

Pay itemized bill list for General Fund, Community Development, Recreation, American Legion, Liquid Fuels, Library, and Contingent Fund for the month of November 2014.

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

EXECUTIVE SCESSION: Executive secession was call to discuss personnel matter 7:55 reconvened at 8:09 PM

ADJORN:

Minutes taken by Robert Slaby, City Clerk
Meeting ended at 8:10 PM