

Regular Council Meeting
February 13, 2017
7:00 PM

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, Verano, Brown, Milbrand
Absent: McGaw

Executive Session was held from 7:03- 7:54 for personal matters.

BIDS:

MINUTES:

A Motion by Verano to approve previous Council Meeting Minutes of

January 9, 2017 (Regular Council Meeting)

January 23, 2017 (Special Council Meeting)

Second by: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Brown, Milbrand
Absent: McGaw

BILL LIST:

MOTION BY: Brown to approve the bill list for January 2016.

Second by: Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Brown, Milbrand
Absent: McGaw

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Ron Mcawee – 812 Nth 6th Street, Shamokin – Mr. Mcawee asked what our deductible for a lawsuit is? He is guessing \$5,000. He said that simple math shows that it would be about \$2800-3600 a year difference in Mr. Miner's retirement. We have spent 5-8times that (in his opinion). Mr. Mcawee stated that Mr. Miner is probably going to sue and not only go after his pension he will go after the extra. About fifteen years ago we were approached by a firm that could save us money on our Pension. The firm said they could save the city \$25,000 if they could do our investments, but the city was worried about the audit report and worried about attorney fees. He stated that Nate Rhodes should be a corporal.

Tammy Rhodes – Would like to know how much the GPS was going to cost. Council stated that it was about \$20 per unit plus the cost of the unit but this was not approved at a previous council meeting. We are going to pay Miner less per year and why. Mrs. Moyer stated that we can't make decisions based on where we are now, we are locked into ACT 47, some involve the police and some involve other departments. The ACT47 Team was very clear on that. Her husband Officer Nate Rhodes works sixteen hours comes home for eight and goes back out for sixteen more. And not a single one of you thanked Officer Miner and that tells him there is a divide.

Isaac Waise - 910 W. Chestnut Street, Coal Township - Would like to reserve Claude Park for the June 10 request and would like to see about being added to the city's insurance. Mr. McGaw reached out to him and we will put the subject for March 1st. Bob asks Isaac to come to the March 1st Workshop.

Tim Vincent – 655 Bear Valley Ave, Shamokin - He is working out of the area with investors and they are wondering will their businesses be safe and will their apartments be safe here. With Police, Fire protection and they are concerned about their investments.

Robert Derck – Franklin Street – Shamokin - This police contract has been in place for the last two years. Who ratified the contract before that was not satisfied? They lived up to their end of the contract why does council not?

DIRECTORS REPORT:

ACCOUNTS & FINANCE:

General Fund \$ 308,936.72
Motor License \$ 47,891.86
Library \$ 13,135.43
Debt Service \$ 65,453.30
Recreation \$ 134,207.33
FEMA \$ 6,961.79
Capital Projects \$ 2,377.34
Street Lights \$1,306.88
Total All Accounts \$ 580,270.65

Fund balances as of February 1, 2017 submitted by Brenda Scandle, City Treasurer.

PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Mr. McGaw was absent at this point of the meeting

STREET & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS:

Mr. Verano stated there was a snow storm last week and everything went well.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department reported 986 calls for the month of January.

Fire Department had 178 calls for the month of January. All apparatus in working condition.

Councilman Brown read the Code office report for the month of January which the office revenue collected was \$39,386.13 with total calls of 21.

CORRESPONDENCE:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Northumberland County Planning Office

MOTION BY: Verano to Grant Authorization for the Northumberland County Planning office to apply for Grants on behalf of the City of Shamokin, Specifically for the Lawton Shroyer Memorial Pool.

SECOND BY: Moyer

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

CDBG Conference

MOTION BY: Brown granting authorization for Lynn Dixon to attend the annual CDBG conference March 20, & 21, 2017. All Expenses paid though the CDBG Program.

SECOND BY: Moyer

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

CSP Office Equipment

MOTION BY: Verano authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a five-year agreement with CSP Office Equipment of Shamokin for a copier machine at City Hall and the Shamokin Police Department at \$105.91 per month.

SECOND BY: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Milbrand, Brown
Nays:
Absent: McGaw

Letter of Retirement Intent

MOTION BY: Verano to accept a letter of intent from Officer William Miner to retire on February 17, 2017 with calculations included in Option 2 which states that the pension calculation will be based on the requirement and in accordance with the City's ACT47 plan which states that the buyout of accrued time shall not be included in the final calculations of ones' pension.

SECOND BY: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer
Nays: Brown
Absent: McGaw
Abstain: Milbrand

Mr. Dan McGaw showed up to meeting at this point.

Hiring of Full Time Police Office

MOTION BY: Brown to Hire Brandon Cohick as a full time Police officer, Starting February 17, 2017. To replace an open position from a retirement.

SECOND BY: McGaw

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

BOARD & COMMITTEES

NONE

SOLICITORS REPORT:

MOTION BY: Verano to accept Resolution 17-02

SECOND BY: Brown

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

MOTION BY: Brown to accept Resolution 17-03

SECOND BY: Verano

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

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

Chief Tobias thanked Officer Miner for his years of Service.

Mr. McGaw Stated that he was absent due to personal reasons, but he would have still voted the same as he did at the February 7 meeting for Mr. Miner's Pension

ADJORN:

Minutes taken by Doreen Annis, Administrative Accountant
Meeting ended at 9:02 PM