

Regular Council Meeting  
January 13, 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:** Rhoades, Verano, Moyer, Kinder, Milbrand were all present.

MOTION BY Rhoades to approve the minutes of the previous Council meetings of December 9, 2013, and December 23, 2013  
Second by Kinder

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

**VISITORS:**

Robert Gilliabauer 320 N. Rock Street-Had a suggestion for the city to look into a full time recycling facility to earn extra revenue for the city. Suggested he could help out with pointing the city to the rights brokers. Mayor Milbrand explained that we have a contract with Coal Township recycling center. Mr. Rhoades than explain that we needed to have a place to dispose of our weeds and brush in the City and Coal Township said they wouldn't accept our brush unless we would continue to bring our recycling to the center. Mr. Rhoades said he would look further into the contract with Coal Township.

Robert Getchey Coal Township-Mr. Getchey was there to talk about our decision to furlough police with the crime getting out of control we need our full police force. He also suggested is there any way the City can sell 80-20 tickets like Our Lady of Lourdes. The fire Companies along with a non-profit organizations can sell these tickets to help revenue with the city. Mayor Milbrand expressed to the audience that the city is working very hard to try to get back all the full time employees starting with our police officers. A special meeting will be held with the County Budget team and our financial team Stevens and Lee to work on the budget. Mr. Getchey expressed to council if any fundraising would be need in the city he would be glad to help.

Shane Mowery-Shamokin Police Department- Representing Officer Scandle, and Officer Rhodes. Officer Mowery asked Mayor Milbrand if we have a time frame as to when the budget will be reopened for discussion. Mayor Milbrand said the city will be holding a special meeting next week. Possibly on Monday, a 3 day advertisement notice must be done prior to meeting date.

**DIRECTORS REPORT:**

**ACCOUNTS & FINANCE:**

General Fund \$ 34,194.26

Motor License \$ 999.91  
Library \$ 1,852.62  
Contingent Fund \$ -21,059.09  
Sinking Fund \$ 4,651.88  
Recreation \$ 16,496.23  
FEMA \$ 1,378.97  
All Accts \$ 38,514.78

Fund balances as of December 31, 2013 Submitted by Brenda Scandle, City Treasurer.

Mayor Milbrand explained as the report is read that you might hear where there are certain accounts when there is money available such as the Recreation Acct for example, however we cannot pay any general fund or payroll with these monies. Also as you may all know we have petition the courts for the extra 5 mills to operate.

**PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS:**

Councilwoman Moyer had reported that she had begun to take tours of various city building and will continue to do so this week.

**STREET & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS:**

Councilman Verano reported that the street department is filling potholes, removing Christmas decorations, and normal street maintenance on public buildings.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Councilman Rhoades read the Code Office report for December 2013. Total Revenue \$ 1, 984.00. Also the Fire Chief is compiling the year end reports which I don't have. As to the best of my knowledge all fire apparatus is in working condition.

**PETITIONS:** Nothing to report

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

I would like to take this time to Thank Mr. Jeff Fromm, Chairman of our Planning Committee for organizing two clean-up projects with the help from the Federal Correctional Institution, Minersville, PA to be held: April 23, 2014-Shamokin Cemetery, and April 25, 2014-Downtown Independence St. Sidewalks and store fronts. Mr. Fromm acknowledged Mayor and Council but also added he had assistance from Chuck Sosnoskie and Paul Steman.

**CONTRACTS:**

MOTION BY Rhoades to approve the contract with Larson Design Group for general consulting services for the 2014 CDBG program.

Second by Verano

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

MOTION BY Milbrand to approve Klacik & Associates for professional services for the City's annual audit not to exceed \$ 17,500.  
Second by Kinder

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

MOTION BY Moyer to approve Visions Befefits of America at a cost of \$ 9,300.00  
Second by Rhoades

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

MOTION BY Verano to approve the deduction of \$ 25.00 per week for all City Employees to contribute toward their Health Care Insurance.  
Second by Kinder

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nothing to Report

**BOARDS & COMMITTEES:**

MOTION BY Milbrand to appoint Malcom C. Farrow IV to the Shamokin Housing Authority for a five year term.  
Second by Rhoades

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Rhoades, Verano, Moyer, Milbrand  
Abstain: Kinder (wife employed by Housing Authority)  
Nays: None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

MOTION BY Rhoades to have Engine 21 repaired at a cost of \$ 4,223.04 minus \$ 1,000.00 deductible.  
Second by Verano

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

MOTION BY Rhoades to approve final payment to Landscape Services for Community Garden Project \$ 2,251.00 to be paid from Recreation Account.  
Second by Kinder

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

MOTION BY: Rhoades to approve the sale of repository properties located in the City of Shamokin at tax sale January 30, 2014.  
Second by Verano

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

**SOLICITORS REPORT:**

MOTION BY: Milbrand to adopt Resolution 14-01 Appointment of City Solicitor.  
Second by Moyer

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor and Council held executive for personnel matters 23 minutes.

MOTION BY: Kinder to pay itemized bill list for City, Redevelopment, and Community Development for December 2013. Mayor Milbrand expressed that no expenditures will be paid before approval by Council. Councilman Kinder also explain that a procedure for review and payment of all invoices be followed as such: After opening mail invoiced will be date stamped, placed in Department Head's mail box for review and approved, invoices will be reviewed for proper coding and entered into computer system, City Controller will review for accuracy, checks will then be cut from proper accounts and signed by the Treasurer, Controller, and Director of Accounts and Finance. Checks will then be added to current month's bill list for approval at public meeting. Checks will then be mailed to vendor. Mayor Milbrand also expressed that these are procedures that we were to put into place per our financial team Stevens & Lee to be in compliance with the Early Intervention Plan.  
Second by Verano

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

Citizens Comments contingent upon new business items being added to agenda

**MOTION TO ADJORN:** Kinder

Minutes taken by Lynn Dixon, CDBG Director  
Meeting ended at 8:30 PM

Attest:

Lynn Dixon  
Community Development Director