

Regular Council Meeting  
July 10, 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, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand,

ACT 47 Coordinator and DCED : Ryan Hottenstein, John Espenshade, Jim Rose

**BIDS:**

**MINUTES:**

A Motion by Brown to approve previous Council Meeting Minutes of

June 12, 2017 (Regular Council Meeting)

Second by: McGaw

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

**BILL LIST:**

MOTION BY: Moyer to approve the bill list for June 2017.

Second by: Verano

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

**Melody Shingara - She is worried about a friend of hers who has four kids. They all have lead poisoning and they are seeing it on the rise at the Shamokin Hospital. She wants The News Item to do a story on lead poisoning; many new moms have not idea about lead poisoning.**

**Rich Fowler - Wants to know how many incentives the city has done that are included in our ACT47 Report, Ryan Hottenstein said he will get back to Rich on this number. Rich asks if the Quarterly Pension reports are available for the public. Mr. Slaby stated that he would need to fill out a right to know. Rich asked if the city applied for the downtown grant. The city has and we were told it is on hold at the state level right now. Rich then asked if the incentives are required or are they strongly suggested.**

**Joseph Leschinskie – Stated that the streets in the fifth ward are very good now after the paving was completed. There is a clothing bin on its side on Shamokin and Spurzheim Street. There is a Jetta with a jack under it. Someone could be killed by walking out in the street since you cannot walk on the sidewalks because of the dumpsters. April walking tours, have they started? The News item did not have any coverage in the paper after last Wednesday's workshop stating that DCED would be at the council meeting. Joseph stated that he has been doing research and the success rate on ACT47 is 30%, Mr. Jim Rose stated that is incorrect. We have a bunch of cities that are going out of ACT47; There is a 5 year term on ACT47 and an 3 year Extension if needed. Jim works with cities in our region and said that they number Mr. Leschinskie gave is not accurate. Mr. Leschinskie asked if they city does not follow the recommendation could the city lose funding? Some of the recommendations are small and some are not. Since Police contract negotiations in August of 2016 the city has spent \$48,000 from the General Fund. This money could be used in the city. There are local attorneys that could do this contract. What does an arbitration cost? Mr. Espenshade stated that it all depends on the number of hours and how many days the trial goes for. Mr. Leschinskie asked what an illegal pension is, and can we go back on the four people that the city states got an illegal pension? An Illegal pension is an unlawful pension under the 3<sup>rd</sup> class city code. There is a proposed law that will open the negotiations to the public.**

**Gary Alderson – Would like to have a meeting with the Chief of Police, Kevin Richardson and Mr. Slaby, Mr. Slaby will set something up.**

**Sharon Tloczynaki – We need more Police force in our area. The Police do not have the time to do all the drug enforcement that this area needs. We are losing good officers.**

**Robert Derck - Can we up our fees on the code tickets or not allow them to rent if they have blighted properties? The street was dug up on Shamokin Street less than a week after the paving was done. It was an emergency dig and we have no control over that.**

**Tim Vincent – All other services unless emergency have been done on Shamokin Street regarding the paving.**

#### **DIRECTORS REPORT:**

#### **ACCOUNTS & FINANCE:**

General Fund \$ 705,602.28  
Motor License \$ 199,537.70  
Library \$ 10,412.46  
Debt Service \$ 141,545.30  
Recreation \$ 240,683.52  
FEMA \$ 6,963.28

Capital Projects \$ 2,377.82  
Street Lights \$3,060.56  
Total All Accounts \$ 1,310,182.92

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

**PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS:**

Claude Kehler Park is getting used quite a bit; The Library is being closed up out front. The City Pool is open and doing great.

**STREET & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS:**

Paving is done in the fifth ward.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Police Department reported 1125 calls for the month of June 2017.

Fire Department had 133 calls for the month of June. All apparatus in working condition.

Councilman Brown read the Code office report for the month of June, which the office revenue collected was \$6,466.50, with total calls of 50.

**BIDS:**

MOTION BY: Verano to accept the bid from Affordable Construction & Demolition for demolition of 807 E. Commerce Street in the Amount of \$6,750.00

SECOND BY: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Verano to accept the bid from New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co, Inc. for Street Paving in the amount of \$235,479.55

SECOND BY: Brown

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

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

*Community Yard Sale is August 12, 2017 from 8am -3pm.*

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Little Shamokin Indians**

MOTION BY: Moyer granting authorization for the Little Shamokin Indians to hold their annual Car Wash on August 5 2017 from 9am- 12 at Claude Kehler Park.

SECOND BY: Verano

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

### **VNA Health System**

MOTION BY: Brown granting authorization for the VNA to hold a butterfly release at Claude Kehler Park on August 20, 2017 at 1pm.

SECOND BY: McGaw

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

### **2015 Audit**

MOTION BY: Moyer to accept the 2015 audit as provided to us by Herring, Roll & Solomon, P.C.

SECOND BY: McGaw

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

## **BOARD & COMMITTEES**

## **SOLICITORS REPORT:**

MOTION BY: Verano to accept the Second Reading of Ordinance 17-02

SECOND BY: Brown

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

MOTION BY: Brown to accept the Second Reading of Ordinance 17-03

SECOND BY: McGaw

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

MOTION BY: Verano to accept the Reading of Resolution 17-05

SECOND BY: Moyer

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

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

**Mayor Milbrand read a statement that we request that the police arrest all who have citation for blighted properties in the City of Shamokin. Chief Tobias picked up eleven people today and cleared 27 in the process.**

**ADJORN:**

Minutes taken by Doreen Annis, Administrative Accountant  
Meeting ended at 8:51 PM