

**Regular Council Meeting
July 11, 2011**

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Rozinskie called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Led by Mayor Rozinskie.

PRAYER: Silent

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

VISITORS: Daryl Peck, Concord Public Finance to discuss restructuring debt service. Concord independent is a financial advisor which works for the best interest of the City not the bank or lenders. Currently 4 loans with 3 existing loans with fixed rates expire at the end of the year and go to a variable rate. Rates should be renegotiated and locked in by end of year. Mr. Peck provided an overview on how the City might refinance and restructure the City's debt in a more favorable package and possibly provide temporary budgetary relief. Concord is working to structure the debt service in the City's best interest and tell the banks how the City wishes to borrow money. Council agreed it would be prudent to at minimum to lock in new rates on the expiring fixed rates. Council Agreed to a special meeting on August 1, 2011 at 6:00 PM

BCS asking permission of Council to trim out banks and debris from Market Street to Liberty Street. Currently, working with probation crew to knock down and cut high vegetation. Would also like to know if mulch may be put down the side of the bank. Mayor recommended black paper be placed down first and then mulch. Barry Stoud will get back to him.

Amanda addressing an incident that occurred last week regarding a parking permit. Stated she was given the run around by City employees. Had to wait for City Clerk for over an hour. Clerk noted that it was due to Ordinance that she could not be given refund. Clerk refused to change expiration date of permit and would not give a refund. Felt he (Clerk) became rude with me. Attorney Mattis explained ordinance. An extended discussion began between Attorney Mattis and Amanda. Then complained regarding her treatment by a government employee. Clerk responded that others were present. Lynn Dixson tried to accommodate you. Lynn Dixson was upset and noted that Amanda insinuated regarding the general attitude of the City. Contacted Attorney Mattis, provided a copy of the ordinance. Staff felt you were very harsh on them. The Mayor interceded and ended the discussion.

MOTION BY STRAUSSER to approve the minutes of June 13, 2011 and Special meeting of June 27, 2011.

Milbrand,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

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DIRECTORS' REPORTS

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE:

Fund balances as June 1, 2011 as reported by the City Treasurer as follows:

○ General Fund.....	\$171,576.98
○ Motor License.....	\$26,554.84
○ Library.....	\$6,578.32
○ Contingent Fund.....	\$8,567.30
○ Sinking Fund.....	\$151,056.16
○ RDA.....	\$3,427.48
○ Recreation.....	\$32,733.83
○ All Accounts.....	\$500,503.91

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS: Publicly thanked Clerk and Larry Strausser for getting pool up and running this year. A special thank you to Larry Strausser for all the long hours of work he put in at the pool.

STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVMENTS: Noted to Mayor and Council general summer maintenance ongoing. Also will need to take the minimum number of tons of salt from the contract from last season. Will provide Streets good start for next winter season. Purchasing some paint for repainting lines. Took delivery of chipper

PUBLIC SAFETY: 32 incidents during month, 6 structural fires, 2 minor fires, 3 inside investigations, 7 outside investigations, 5 motor vehicle accidents, 1 call for fluids down, 1 standby assignment, 6 automatic fire alarms. Busy month with 6 structure fires. Guys did outstanding job on 4 July saving block. New ladder truck in service and running. Old truck needs to be advertised and/or sold.

PETITIONS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Start Time 7:45 PM

End Time 7:52 PM

COMMUNICATIONS

Request by Shamokin Rotary Club to plant a Memorial Tree in honor of Lenny Weikel

Request from VNA Health System Crossings Hospice to hold a Butterfly Release on Sunday July 17th, 2011 at 2:00 PM on Market Street in Shamokin.

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Request from Phoenix to hold an outdoor Fall Festival at our Mill Square on September 14, 2011 from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Requests from BVRCC to host on July 17, 2011 a:

- Chamber Wellness Duck Drop
- North American Railcar Operators Association 50 mile excursion

MOTION BY Snyder to approve the reading of the past 4 communications as listed.

Milbrand,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

UNFINISHED BUISNESS

The request for the Shamokin Housing Authority to extend the Security Contract until the contract can be renegotiated. Tabled by Mayor and Council until next meeting.

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Per attorney Mattis it is the Mayors prerogative for sole appointment of members to the Re-Development Authority. The Mayor designated Dave Kopitsky, Sr. to the Re-development Authority Board for 5 year term to May 2016.

NEW BUISNESS

MOTION BY RHOADES to approve hire of temporary summer swimming pool employees. (List of Employees attached)

Milbrand,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

MOTION BY SNYDER to table action on proposal form Myers & Lynch and setup a time for special council meeting later in the month to sign insurance renewals. (Meeting schedule for July 27th at 6:00 PM)

Milbrand,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Mattis discussed the need for Ordinances for waste water separation from rain water. Would like to have a joint meeting with the Joint Sewer Authority and a meeting with DEP. Mattis will contact Sewer Authority and then setup a meeting with DEP.

MOTION BY STRAUSSER, to approve Ordinance 11- 05 regarding stop signs on Commerce heading from west to east required at West entrance to Franklin street to take effect 10 days after final adoption. (First reading)

Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

BILL LIST

MOTION BY MILBRAND to pay itemized list of bills for the City, Redevelopment, and Community Development Programs

STRAUSSER,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY RHOADES to adjourn

Milbrand,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

Absent: None

The City Clerk recorded the meeting as ended at 8:03 PM

Attest:

Stephen D. Bartos
City Clerk