

Regular Council Meeting  
July 14, 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, Kinder, Milbrand

**MOTION BY Kinder** to approve the minutes of the previous Council meetings of:

June 9, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Second by Verano

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

A request from the Shamokin Police Department to host the National Night Out on August 5, 2014 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Claude Kehler Park.

**VISITORS:**

Rick Kleman Jr. representing his father Rick Kleman Sr. with regard about the parking restriction on the 500 block of 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Kleman stated that if the city restricts parking his 6 tenants will not have any place to park. He also stated that with parking on both sides a vehicle can still get through.

Robert Toczolski-519 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street addressed council at previous meeting about this matter and stated that Adams, Montgomery, and Anthracite Street only have parking on one side. 8<sup>th</sup> Streets is the only street with parking on both sides which creates a problem with parking and emergency vehicles getting by. Mayor Milbrand stated that the City has a Parking Committee and it was their recommendation to the council that parking be restricted to the West side only. The first reading was read at our last council meeting and the second will be voted on tonight.

Rose Bridgeford-109 W. Montgomery Street had concerns about the properties surrounding her properties and the mess that there in, something needs to be done I shouldn't have to live like this. These properties and causing damage to my pool and yard. Code Officer Rick Bozza informed Mayor and Council he is citing these properties but the owners just don't care they don't pay their citations and its goes to the Magistrate. Council would like to help you but we can't take care of all the abandoned properties we just don't have the manpower to do so. Councilwoman Moyer suggested that they look at

the Ordinance and possibly make the fines stricter. Mayor and Council will meet with Mrs. Bridgeford to see if there is anything they can do to help her out.

#### **DIRECTORS REPORT:**

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

General Fund \$ 241,136.11  
Motor License \$ 25,498.10  
Library \$ 5,560.96  
Sinking Fund \$ 160,644.60  
Recreation \$ 45,482.04  
FEMA \$ 445.32  
All Accts \$ 471,230.15

Fund balances as of June 30, 2014 Submitted by Brenda Scandle, City Treasurer.

#### **PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS:**

Councilwoman Moyer reported that all City playgrounds are opened and minor repairs were made including the anti-graffiti paint to the equipment at the Race Street playground. Mrs. Moyer reported to council that she wishes No Trespassing signs to be installed at the Claude Kehler Park to avoid damages that are being done to the park. Also, I would like to remind the public to call Kelly Seroskie Code Office Secretary to reserve dates for the Claude Kehler Park Rental. Mayor Milbrand stated that he went over the park for the welcoming for the group that are here to help repair homes within the city and they had a nice lunch for the public and got to use the grills for the first time that were installed at the park. It was a really nice gesture I would like to thank them unfortunately I do not have the name of the group with me I know they were from the New England States.

#### **STREET & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS:**

Councilman Verano wanted to thank the Mayor, and the 150<sup>th</sup> Parade Committee and all the committees, Fire Department, Police, and EMS and all that participated in the events of the day. I would also like to give a shout out the City's Street Department, in my opinion they did an excellent job preparing the streets and clean-up of the city for the 150<sup>th</sup> festivities. City Clerk, Robert Slaby commented that I don't live in the City but am grateful to work for the City and would like to acknowledge Mayor Milbrand for the work he put into the celebration and for the transportation services offered by his bus company to pick up the mummers in Philadelphia that participated in the parade. Mayor Milbrand to Councilman Verano you beat me to it. I wanted to thank everyone who had a hand in helping out with the event. I was so happy to see everything went so well, people enjoyed themselves, no fights, and no problems. It showed that people still have pride in their community. Hopefully we can keep the parade going and make it an annual event.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Councilman Rhoades reported that all fire apparatus was in working condition. Councilman Rhoades also read the Code Office revenue report for the month of June was \$26,050.13.

**PETITIONS:** Nothing to report

**CONTRACTS:** Nothing to report

**BIDS:** Bids were opened on July 2, 2014 for CDBG demolition of 14-16 E. Willow Street, after Frank Garrigan Jr. CDBG solicitor reviewed the bids the lowest qualified bidder was Robert L. Knoepell LLC Affordable Construction & Demolition at a cost of \$10,400.00

MOTION BY: Rhoades to approve the bid award to Robert L. Knoepell LLC Affordable Construction & Demolition at a cost of \$10,400.

Second: Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, Rhoades, Verano, Kinder, Milbrand

Nays: None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nothing to Report

**BOARDS & COMMITTEES:** Re-appoint David Kopitsky Jr. to the Shamokin Coal Township Joint Sewer Authority.

MOTION BY: Milbrand to re-appoint David Koptisky Jr. to the SCTJSA.

Second: Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, Rhoades, Verano, Kinder, Milbrand

Nays: None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

MOTION BY: Moyer to approve Shamokin Police Department's request to hold Nation Night Out on Tuesday August 5, 2014 from 6-9 PM at the Claude Kehler Community Park.

Second: Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Kinder, Milbrand

Nays: None

MOTION BY: Kinder to approve Brenda Scandle, Tax Collector to attend PA Certified training for Tax Collectors at a cost of \$230.00

Second: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, Rhoades, Verano, Kinder, Milbrand

Nays: None

MOTION BY: Kinder to accept proposal from Jet Pay of Allentown to prepare City payroll, quarterly reports and W'2s.

Second: Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, Rhoades, Verano, Kinder, Milbrand

Nays: None

MOTION BY: Moyer to approve placing No Trespassing and loitering signs at the Claude Kehler Community Park.

Second: Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, Rhoades, Verano, Kinder, Milbrand

Nays: None

MOTION BY: Rhoades to accept Stephen Jeffery to the position of Battalion Chief, term to begin January 2015.

Second: Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, Rhoades, Verano, Kinder, Milbrand

Nays: None

#### **SOLICITORS REPORT:**

MOTION BY: Moyer to approve Ordinance 14-02 Parking Meters 2nd reading for the change of parking meter violation from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

Second Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, Rhoades, Verano, Kinder, Milbrand

Nays: none

MOTION BY: Verano to approve Section 103-36 of the Parking Restrictions that no parallel parking will be permitted on the West side of 8<sup>th</sup> Street 2nd reading.

Second Milbrand

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, Rhoades, Verano, Kinder, Milbrand

Nays: None

MOTION BY: Kinder to pay the itemized bill list for General Fund, Community Development, Recreation, American Legion, Liquid Fuels, Library, and Contingent Fund for the Month of June 2014.

Second: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, Rhoades, Verano, Kinder, Milbrand

Nays: None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A brief executive session was held to discuss personnel issues.

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

**ADJORN**

Minutes taken by Robert Slaby, City Clerk

Meeting ended at 8:20 PM