

Regular Council Meeting  
June 11, 2018  
7:00 PM

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** All

**PRAYER:** Silent

**ROLL CALL:** Moyer, McGaw, Verano, Roughton, Brown  
Absent: None

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

**William Milbrand** – 915 N. Liberty Street, Shamokin - Wants to ask questions tonight, what is the status of the \$72,000 Grant At this point it is to be used for the Legion Building. We have had this since he was the Mayor. What is the deadline on this grant? Mr. Slaby has had numerous conversations with multiple people, and he needs to ask council if they would like to get the roof fixed immediately or try to get a matching grant. Mr. Milbrand wanted to go to DCED and see about getting a matching grant, Per ACT47 we should be on the front of the line for grants. The Legion Building needs a Fire Alarm System, Elevator and new Roof. Wants us to go to DCED and ask if they have any improvement grants. We can use this grant as a match for any other grants. What is the status of bringing someone on to do some grant work for us? Mr. Slaby stated that we have no funds in our ACT47 Grant for this.

**Tim Vincent** – The kickoff for the General Community Service starts the 16<sup>th</sup> of June in Coal Township. Working Monday and Wednesdays in the City. They will be painting the tank in the City, he has the paint.

**Bill Stewart** – Been a farmer all his life, would like to extend the farmers market hours on Independence Street. He is there Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. He is the only farmer downtown on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is another farmers market starting in Elysburg, and would not like the Shamokin Farmers market come to an end. Believes that extending the hours would benefit the City and the Farmers Market.

**Joseph Leschinskie** - Believes that extending the hours would benefit the Farmers Market. I think by changing the time to 2pm we would compete with other farmers markets in the area. We have so many buildings downtown that are vacant would not like to see another thing leave the area.

**Stephen Druckenmiller** - Access to the Ordinances, has been asking for several years to access to the Ordinances, He had to fill out a Right to know to get access to an Ordinance. According to Act 67 all the ordinances should be in Mr. Slaby's office during normal business hours with no prior appointment needed. Thirteen years he has been asking to see ordinances he has yet to see. The other issue he wanted to touch on is the Blight and Vacant Properties. He knows there is an effort being made and there is some grants that were issued and being used. From 2011-2014 we only used \$24,000 were used during this time, per the Act47 book. Mrs. Dixon stated we only have

2016 money left to spend on Blighted Property's. We are not taking aggressive steps, we are not condemning properties, we are just listing them as unfit. If it is listed as unfit they are allowed in the property during daylight hours. More and more houses are becoming vacant and property values are going down and something needs to be done about it. Mayor Brown stated that Mrs. Dixon will meet with Mr. Druckenmiller and go over what was spent on Blight and Vacant Properties.

**Tim Vincent** – Wanted to talk about the vegetables and fruit that he has brought it. When they work on this produce, they work in pennies. Would recommend extending the hours or moving the farmers market to a different location.

**Kathy Vetovich** - Wanted to thank everyone, they are trying to do what they can to help improve some buildings in town and sees a big change coming to Shamokin.

#### **MINUTES:**

A Motion by Verano to approve previous Council Meeting Minutes of:

May14, 2018 (Regular Council Meeting)

Second by: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, McGaw, Verano, Roughton, Brown  
Absent: None

A Motion by Verano to approve previous Council Meeting Minutes of:

May 29, 2018 (Specail Council Meeting)

Second by: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, McGaw, Verano, Roughton, Brown  
Absent: None

#### **BILL LIST:**

MOTION BY: Verano to approve the bill list for May 2018.

Second by: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, McGaw, Verano, Roughton, Brown  
Absent: None

## **DIRECTORS REPORT:**

### **ACCOUNTS & FINANCE:**

General Fund \$ 768,597.40  
Motor License \$ 205,858.92  
Library \$ 8,647.05  
Debt Service \$ 223,153.23  
Recreation \$ 324,254.55  
FEMA \$ 0(Closed)  
Capital Projects \$ 2,378.92  
Street Lights \$ 19,344.48  
Total All Accounts \$ 1,552,234.55

Fund balances as of June 1, 2018 submitted by Brenda Scandle, City Treasurer.

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

The BB&T Bank has adopted the Library and is painting the inside of the building. We had more water damage from the roof. He has not gotten a key to access the Legion yet, just one more reason to get the roof fixed in the Legion. Someone is going around and busting the swings at the parks. We will hopefully get them replaced this week. We will be putting in a Baby Changing table at the Library. Free Lunch Starts the day after school starts, if you can lend a hand please do. The Flowers in the park are looking wonderful.

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

Follow up with what Mr. McGaw said, every time there is vandalism please report it. Be the eyes and ears of the city. Please report it to the Police.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Police Department reported 1196 calls for the month of May 2018.

Fire Report for Month of May 2018, No report.

Code office report for the month of May reported 57 Complaints, which the office revenue collected, was \$5,687.00.

### **BIDS:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Citizens for a Better Community Fire Works and Collection**

MOTION BY: Verano granting authorization for the Citizens for a Better Community to hold curbside donation collections to help defray the cost of the July 7<sup>th</sup> Firework display. The collections will be at designated locations in the City of Shamokin, and to grant authorization to hold their annual firework display on July 7<sup>th</sup> ( Rain Date July 8<sup>th</sup>) at 9:40pm. Final permission is granted upon receiving an insurance binder.

SECOND BY: McGaw

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

**Fall Food Truck Frenzy**

MOTION BY: Roughton to grant permission to Northumberland County Council for the Arts and Humanities to hold a Fall Food Truck Frenzy on October 27, 2018 on Independence Street.

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

**Downtown Doowop**

MOTION BY: Roughton to grant authorization to Local Business Sponsors to hold a Downtown Doowop and Classic Car Show on Independence Street on August 25<sup>th</sup> from 11am-8pm.

SECOND BY:

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

**3D Lighted Christmas Tree**

MOTION BY: Verano to grant authorization for the Little Eddie Griffiths Scholarship committee to place a 3D Lighted Christmas Tree on Market Street in Memory of Committee Chairman Jeff Thew, during the Christmas Holiday Season.

SECOND BY: Roughton

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

**BOARD & COMMITTEES: NONE**

**SOLICITORS REPORT:**

MOTION BY: McGaw to accept the first reading of Ordinance 18-04 (Blight Mitigation)

SECOND BY: Roughton

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

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

**Robert Derk** - Would like to see if council would make a change tonight to the Farmers Market tonight.

**Famers Market Time Change**

MOTION BY: McGaw to Temporary Change the hours of the farmers market from 11:30 to 3:00 exit time.

SECOND BY: Verano

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

**Joseph Leschinskie** – Sees a lot of kids or young adults at the park on Shamokin Street, do we have an age restriction in the playgrounds. We want the kids to enjoy the parks there are a couple that want to destroy the parks. We do not want to go back to when they had to lock the parks.

**Robert Derk** - Suggests we talk to the citizens that live around the parks and ask them to keep an eye on the parks and be a watchdog for the parks.

**Tim Vincent** - Sees a lot of the damage being done at the Shamokin Street Playground. Mayor Brown told Tim to call the Police. See something, say something. Would like to Talk to Chief Tobias about if the kids are seen damaging the parks, that he will have those kids clean up the park.

**ADJORN:**

Minutes taken by Doreen Annis, Administrative Accountant  
Meeting ended at 8:10 PM