

Regular Council Meeting
June 13th, 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: Craig Rhoades, Michael A Snyder, William R, Strausser and Mayor George S. Rozinskie Jr. were all present.

ABSENT: William D. Milbrand

VISITORS: Bill Romanuski 4320 State Route 61, and Gene LaCrosse 111 Park Road, Paxinos to address the Council on the Land/Tenant Ordinance. Mr. LaCrosse wondered where it came from and concerned on the crack down on landlords remark. He is a good landlord and takes some offense on the comment in the paper regarding crackdown on landlords. He is all for charging a fee to look at these properties but has concerns about fees and rates increase and why is there going to be a crack down.

Bob Mattis responded that based on other municipality's Ordinances examples such as Berwick is much more extensive. Berwick is very high on administration costs. Shamokin's is less restrictive with \$25 registration fee per unit. Shamokin is setting up requirements for all landlords with uniform registration fee for all landlords. Setting up a structure that applies to everyone.

Mr. Romanuski expressed "He understands the \$25 fee but wouldn't be more realistic to pay when a new tenant moves in and not every year."

Bob Mattis stated "Inspections are not part of this Ordinance."

Judy Allen North Coal Street, inquiring about the status of the building on Market Street. Thank you to Mayor Rozinskie, Vinny Clausi, Bob Mattis, and Barry Stoud for efforts to date. A second question is there a town watch group?

Mayor responded "Yes speak with the City's Chief of Police."

City Clerk gave an update on Market Street Demo - Four contactors gave us verbal bids to get general costs of demolition. The issue is that there are three taxing bodies involved including the County of Northumberland, City of Shamokin, and Shamokin Area School District. Currently there is no written agreement between these bodies on the fair share of costs of demolition. County willing to assist and a request is in to School District. Once this has been finalized bids will need to be let according to all CDBG requirements. Amounts of costs to various taxing bodies' are City of Shamokin - %51, Northumberland County - 21%, School District - 29%.

Commissioner Clausi stated "On the record that the County is on board with this and we (County) will move forward when the City of Shamokin and the School District moves forward.

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Director of Shamokin/Coal Township public Library asked what is the extent of the repairs of the damages that were sustained with the water pipe break back in December.

Councilman Rhoades responded "Specifications on hand reviewing and corrections being made upon discussion with the Board. Can do by end of week however, there are some questions on some different parts and areas of alternation. And "Will get to Board by end of week. Will notify Board and get schedule. After scope of works is complete will run past solicitor and then go out on bid."

MOTION BY ROZINSKIE to approve the minutes of the previous council meeting.
Strausser,

- Special Meeting April 19, 2011
- Special Meeting May 5, 2011
- Council Meeting May 9, 2011
- Special Meeting May 17, 2011

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

Abstain: Milbrand

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE:

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

○ General Fund.....	\$328,381.17
○ Motor License.....	\$38,103.41
○ Library.....	\$5,199.36
○ Contingent Fund.....	\$8,558.17
○ Sinking Fund.....	\$237,316.90
○ RDA.....	\$1,788.11
○ Recreation.....	\$36,263.97
○ All Accounts.....	\$655,6111.09

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS: Update just completed on Library.

The pool filtration pump has failed. Seals are leaking and can't get prime on pump. Pump has been removed and taken up to Ram Industries in Winfield, PA. Awaiting answer back from Ram on status of pump. Newspaper notified of problem. Moving forward as quickly as possible once we have status on pump. Considering purchasing new pump. Could not determine this until water was in pool and determination made that pump failed.

Councilman Rhoades would like to thank Shamokin School District and Mr. Foor for help with playground and mulch provided and purchased for the City for the playgrounds.

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STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVMENTS: Mayor and Council continuing with summer cleanup. Festival cleanup and general summer maintenance ongoing. Assisting street paving crew with the repairs for the sewer authority. Street foreman went around with engineers on repair of streets from sewer work. Will not have much extra help for streets and have a street worker retiring in June. Will discuss further at workshop.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Milbrand absent no reading.

PETITIONS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

- Dante Picarelli request to rent railroad bed behind Shamokin Independence Street Service Station
- Bressi & Martin request to extend listing for 210 E. Independence Street
- Request to rent Legion basement by Mr. Mike Marcheskie and his church group.
- Citizen's for A Better Community requesting permission to organize 17 minute fireworks display on top of Cameron Bank at Glen Burn Colliery site
 - Citizen's for A Better Community requesting permission to host Car Cruise July 2nd with a car show and vendors on Independence Street (Closed)
 - Host the Amazing Coal Cracker Race at 10:00 AM at Price of Freedom Monument
 - Sunday July 3, 2011 Curbside Collection beginning at 10 AM to 9 PM
- Rescue Fire Company requesting permission to close Lincoln to Liberty and bridge near Spurzheim and Washington streets for Motorcycle Poker and Pig Roast July 16, 2011
- Request for Edward Fahrenstock to prune cherry trees for city
- Rental of Legion basement
- Order Sons of Italy requesting blocking off Commerce Street from Shamokin Street to Franklin Street on August 13, 2011 for "Make-a-Wish-Foundation".
- Friendship Fire Company requests permission to block Rock Street on Friday and Saturday August 19 and 20, 2011 for the purpose of a block party to benefit the fire company.
- Notice Commonwealth PUC installation of (1) 12-inch ductile iron (DI) sewer main and (2) 24 DI storm sewer pipes through public crossing within the right of way of SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority.
- Request from Independence Fire Company to approve closing Arch from Market to Sixth Streets approving special occasion permit.

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MOTION BY STRAUSSER to extend the listing for 210 E. Independence Street (Legion Building) with Bressi & Martin at no cost to the City.

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOITON BY SNYDER to approve the requests from Citizen's For a Better Community to:

- Organize a 17 minute fireworks display on top of Cameron Bank
- Host a Car Cruise July 2nd with a car show and vendors on Independence Street (Closed)
- Host the Amazing Coal Cracker Race at 10:00 AM at Price of Freedom Monument
- Begin Sunday Curbside Collection July 3, 2011 from 10 AM to 9 PM

Rhoades,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION BY STRAUSSER to allow Rescue Fire Company to close Lincoln to Liberty Streets and the bridge near Spurzheim and Washington Streets for Motorcycle Poker and Pig Roast July 16, 2011.

Rhoades,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION BY SNYDER allowing the Order Sons of Italy to block off Commerce Street from Shamokin Street to Franklin Street on August 13, 2011 for "Make-a-Wish-Foundation".

Rhoades,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

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MOTION BY RHOADES to allow Friendship Fire Company to block Rock Street on Friday and Saturday August 19 and 20, 2011 for the purpose of a block party to benefit the fire company.

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.
Nays: None
Abstain: None

MOTION BY STRAUSSER to allow Independence Fire Company to approve closing Arch from Market to Sixth Streets and approving a special occasion permit.

Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.
Nays: None
Abstain: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION BY RHOADES to scrap the West End Fire Company 51 fire truck.

Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.
Nays: None
Abstain: None

MOTION BY SNYDER to lease a Brush Bandit wood chipper thru FNB Bank to purchase from Stephenson Equipment, Inc. in the total amount of \$29, 966.15 (Twenty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Six Dollars and Fifteen Cents).

Rhoades,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.
Nays: None
Abstain: None

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NEW BUSINESS

MOTION BY SNYDER to re-negotiate the Security Agreement between the City of Shamokin and the Shamokin Housing Authority.

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION BY STRAUSSER to enter into the Fuel Oil Bid participation program with CSIU to lock in prices for ultra low sulphur diesel, and 87 octane gasoline for the 2011 – 2012 calendar years.

Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION BY RHOADES to renew the Ehrlich contract for spraying vegetation along creek apron and at the City Warehouse where the creeks join together at cost of \$5628.00 and \$340.00 respectively.

Strausser,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOITON BY RHOADES to authorize the City Clerk to negotiate with the Industrial Appraisal Company of Pittsburgh and/or others to conduct a reappraisal of the City's buildings and fixed assets to correspond with GASB requirements.

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

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MOTION BY STRAUSSER to certify that "The City Council of Shamokin resolves and certifies that it will provide to Mount Carmel Borough /LATS local funds in the amount of \$1,152.96 (One Thousand One Hundred Fifty Two Dollars and Ninety Six Cents) to match state funds provided pursuant to 74 Pa. C.S. Section 1513 in Fiscal Year 2011-12.

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION BY RHOADES that any elected officials receiving any health benefits under the health benefit plans pay a \$100.00 (One Hundred Dollar) copay.

Strausser,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

BIDS

NONE

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

MOTION BY SNYDER to designate Pamela Rhoades to Board of Trustees of the Shamokin and Coal Township Public Library for another 3 year term to expire on May31, 2014.

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION BY RHOADES to nominate Councilman Milbrand and Steve Bartos, City Clerk as the Committee Members for the negotiation team of a new Street Department contract.

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT

MOTION BY RHOADES to approve Ordinance 11- 03 regarding Tenants and Landlords (second reading) as read by the solicitor.

Strausser,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION BY SNYDER to approve Ordinance 11-04 regarding Cable Television Franchising as read by the solicitor.

Rhoades,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION BY RHOADES that the City formally request the transfer of the following City properties from Northumberland County Tax Claims Bureau at private sale to the City at \$1.00 (One Dollar). The properties include:

- 320—322 E. Independence Street
- 1021 E. Webster Street
- 232 S. Diamond Street
- 234 S. Diamond Street

Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

BILL LIST

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

Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

Absent: None

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MOTION BY ROZINSKIE to adjourn

Strausser,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

Absent: None

The City Clerk recorded the meeting as ended at 8:00 PM

Attest:

Stephen D. Bartos
City Clerk

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