

Regular Council Meeting
June 13, 2016
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
Absent: None

A Motion by Verano to approve previous Council Meeting Minutes of

May 9, 2016 (Regular Council Meeting)

May 16, 2016 (Special Council Meeting)

Second by Moyer

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

Executive Session for Contractual Matters was held from 7:03-7:40

VISITORS:

Gene Bellis from 7th Street is worried about the kids vandalizing properties around his house. He stated that landlords need to be more responsible for their tenants. The Mayor asked the chief to have more patrol on that block.

Robert Tloczynski from 8th street is here complaining about his neighbor collecting water and worried about the Zika virus that is going around. They have dirty, smelly water. He does not clean out the tanks every year like they say you should do on the tree hugger website. Bruce and Rick were up there today looking at the property.

Sharon Tloczynski from 8th street is walking with the crime watch once a week. They are watching the playgrounds and watching for drug activity. She stated that there are not jobs in this area & she thinks we need more police on duty. The Mayor and council suggested that she write to Gorder and Mausser about some of the issues that she stated. Council asked if she is calling the police when she has these issues and Sharon stated that she is not calling the police.

Craig Rhoades from Shamokin Street asked about the cell phone tower that was to go on Adams Street. The Mayor stated that that area was drilled and they hit a mine shaft so that area is not feasible. They looked for another site and right now are going to be using the cemetery site. They did some drilling before they do zoning to make sure that this site would work for them. The paperwork is being submitted for this site. The cemetery is all volunteers and it is good that this cell

phone tower can be placed there. Now the cemetery will be able to hire a full time caretaker to help take care of the high grass that needs cut. The City of Shamokin has nothing to do with the cemetery. Craig also asked about the 150th anniversary committee money that is sitting in an account under the City's name. The mayor said that this money will be allocated to the city. The account was opened under the advice of the city's auditor. The 150th committee can turn the money over to the city to be held in a special account.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

ACCOUNTS & FINANCE:

General Fund \$ 617,100.56
Motor License \$ 187,733.96
Library \$ 23,739.68
Debt Service \$ 388,849.51
Recreation \$ 220,419.11
FEMA \$ 66,348.87
Capital Projects \$ 2,428.23
Street Lights \$ 11,096.85
Total All Accounts \$ 1,517,716.77

Fund balances as of June 1, 2016 submitted by Brenda Scandle, City Treasurer.

PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS: The Pool is open has extended hours thorough July, and half price after 3pm. A new cooler was purchased for the pool; we can now stock it with any type of beverage we choose. The First concert series in the park went well; another one is scheduled for July.

STREET & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS: Aqua PA is slowing wrapping up the Bunker Hill area and now the gas company will start to fill in the holes.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Brown read the Code office report for the month of May which the office revenue collected was \$8,481.00 with total calls of 49.

Police Department reported 1205 calls for the month of May.

Fire Department had 135 calls for the month of May. All apparatus in working condition.

PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATION:

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 2nd Firework display. The collections will be at designated locations in the City of Shamokin.

SECOND BY: Brown

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

MOTION BY: Verano granting authorization to the Citizens for a Better Community to hold their annual firework display on July 2nd with a rain date of July 9th at 9:40pm. Final permission is granted upon receiving an insurance binder. This display will be overseen by License and Experienced FireArt, LLC.

SECOND BY: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Verano granting authorization for work to be done at night by Aqua PA on Rt.61 (Sunbury Street to Independence Street). This permission is being granted for safety reasons.

SECOND BY: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: McGaw granting authorization for the Street Department to purchase a Kubota F3990 4WD Diesel Tractor and a Kubota RCK60P-F39 60" side discharge. Both purchases are made through COSTARS State Contact at a price of \$15,701.43 and \$2,311.40

SECOND BY: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Verano granting authorization with the recommendation from the Chief of Police to hire two part time Police Officers. Brandon Cohick, and Matthew Dunn. The hiring is in compliance with the ACT 47 Recovery Plan. This action should eliminate the high cost of overtime when full-time officers are on vacation and sick leave. The rate for part-time officers is set at \$15.00 per hour.

SECOND BY: Brown

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

MOTION BY: Verano granting authorization for the City Administrator to pay Charles Merlo, Inc. for the removal of the concrete washout behind the Anthracite Provisions Company. Our cost for said removal is \$8745.

SECOND BY: Brown

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

BIDS:

MOTION BY: Verano to approve the Bid from Stephen Druckenmiller in the amount of \$200 for a property in the City of Shamokin Located at 726 E. Sunbury Street.

SECOND BY: McGaw

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

CONTRACTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MOTION BY: Verano granting authorization to J& S Landscaping to install 10 trees at a total cost of \$3000, the said tree project will be warranted for one year. The tree project is covered by the City's shade tree tax and will replace those trees are either damaged or missing on Market Street.

SECOND BY: Moyer

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

BOARDS & COMMITTEES: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

SOLICITORS REPORT:

MOTION BY: Verano to adopt Resolution 16-07 Fair Housing Resolution.

Second by: McGaw

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

Second Reading of Ordinance 16-01 Property Maintenance Code

MOTION BY: Brown to accept the second reading of the Ordinance 16-01 for the Property Maintenance Code.

Second by: Verano

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

Second Reading of Ordinance 16-02 for Health Inspections to be done by PA Dept. of Ag.
MOTION BY: Verano to accept the second reading of the Ordinance 16-02 for PA Dept. of Ag. to start doing City Health Inspections.

Second by: Brown

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

BILL LIST:

MOTION BY: Verano to approve the bill list for May 2016.

Second by: Moyer

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

ADJORN:

Minutes taken by Doreen Annis, Administrative Accountant
Meeting ended at 9:12 PM