

Regular Council Meeting
March 10, 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: Rhoades, Verano, Moyer, Kinder, Milbrand were all present.

MOTION BY Verano to approve the minutes of the previous Council meetings of
February 10, 2014 Regular Council Meeting
February 24, 2014 Special Council Meeting
Second by Kinder

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Northumberland County called to give the City information on a Right to Know Request training that will be held at the Northumberland County Administration Center on March 25, 2014 10:00 AM till Noon. Training will be given by an employee of the Office of Open Records.

Correspondence from the AOAA to hold their first trail ride to benefit the local municipalities,

VISITORS:

Gilbert Petraskie-20 N. Marshall Street had a question with regard to a question he had at the previous council meeting to the status of Jerry Splane and the ownership of Commerce Street. Mayor told Mr. Petraskie that Mr. Splane and his partners AKA the railroad authority did own the lower park of Commerce Street near Wendy's Restaurant, as far as the exact boundaries a survey would need to be done. Council said they would look into the situation more.

Mr. Jim Pastuzak-Pearl Street approached Council about raising the landlord tenant to \$50.00 and the fines to possibly eliminate some of the landlord problems and to raise some revenue for the city. Mayor Milbrand said the city is looking into a price increase for some of their permits but need to explore things a little more before making any decisions.

Jeannie Shaffer-Arts Festival chairman read a letter to thank Mayor and Council for their past support with the Art Festival and for their continued support for future events.

DIRECTORS REPORT:**ACCOUNTS & FINANCE:**

General Fund \$ 185,636.88
Motor License \$ 395.78
Library \$ 2,127.30
Sinking Fund \$ 3,172.41
Recreation \$ 16,481.31
FEMA \$ 73,679.56
Contingency Fund \$ -24,214.29
All Accts \$ 257,278.95

Fund balances as of March 1, 2014 Submitted by Brenda Scandle, City Treasurer.

PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Councilwoman Moyer had reported the issue before us as we approach the summer season is the Lawton Shroyer Pool; Mr. Larry Strausser who operates the pool has been looking into the diving board either to have the diving board refurbished which would have cost approximately \$ 1,800.75 plus shipping and found out there was no warranty with the refurbished board. We also priced new boards and received 2 quotes. Mr. Strausser also explained that the board is over 14 years old and is an important asset to the pool. I feel since we put money into a new pump last season that we are serious about operating the pool this season. Also we are looking at having season passes for the month of June and July. The mayor added to the public that the purchase of the diving board would come out of the Recreation Account and not the General Fund, I want to make that clear I don't want the public to think we were not able to pay our bills and were purchasing a diving board, those funds are completely separate.

STREET & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS:

Councilman Verano stated that we are switching over to the spring and summer maintenance months. Also the 2014 sweeper schedule needs to be advertised with a new street added Commerce 6th to 8th street over by Dunkin doughnuts both sides of street. We had several complaints about how dirty that street is and with Council's approval we would like to add that additional street to schedule.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Councilman Rhoades read the code office report for the month of February for a total collection of \$22,403.00 in permits and receipts. Also, I have the Fire Bureau report for the month of January 2014. If anyone wishes to inspect the report it's available. All apparatus is in working condition. Also the Police report was read for the month of February. That's all I have at this time but I would like to make a motion on something later under new business.

PETITIONS: Nothing to report

CONTRACTS: Approve Resolution 14-04 for amended Emergency Action Plan for the Early Intervention Program.

MOTION BY Kinder to approve the amended Emergency Action Plan for the Early Intervention Program
Second Verano

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing to Report

BOARDS & COMMITTEES: Nothing to Report

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION BY Rhoades to approve the request by the West End Fire Company #5 to block off street for set up and tear down of stands for their annual block party to be held June 6th and 7th 2014.
Second Verano

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

MOTION BY Kinder to approve the request by Rev. Paul Eby of the Restoration Ministries to hold church services at the Claude Kehler Park on Sunday April 13, 2014.
Second Moyer

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

MOTION BY Verano to approve the request by Bill Lehman from the Flower Tent for the sale of flowers for the upcoming Easter, Mother's Day and Memorial Day season at a rental fee of \$300.00 as set my City.
Second Moyer

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

MOTION BY Kinder to approve the request by Jeannie Shaffer from the arts council for the City to apply for the Special Event Permit for the festival to be held on May 23rd and 24th 2014.
Second Moyer

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

MOTION BY Verano to support the efforts of the AOAA Park for their first trail ride to benefit the local municipalities.

Second Kinder

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

Nays: None

MOTION BY Kinder to have the city send letter of intent to DCED to begin a study at no cost for a Regional Police Force.

Second Moyer

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

Nays: None

MOTION BY Verano to approve the 2014 Sweeper Schedule and purchase order for parts for the sweeper.

Second Rhoades

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

Nays: None

MOTION BY Rhoades to approve the purchase of the following properties for demolition through the Keystone Communities Grant Program:

133-135 S. Shamokin Street

1-3 S. First Street

726 E. Sunbury Street

Second Verano

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

Nays: None

MOTION BY Moyer to purchase a diving board for the Lawton Shroyer Memorial Pool at a cost of \$3,614.50 to be paid out of the Recreation Account.

Second Verano

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

Nays: None

MOTION BY Rhoades to hire Natasha Shinskie as a part time Police Secretary at 28 hours per week at a rate of \$ 8.50 no benefits.

Second Verano

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

Nays: None

MOTION BY Rhoades to recall Norman Lukoskie, Special Officer as part time meter clerk at 28 hours per week at a rate of \$ 8.00 no benefits.

Second Moyer

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

Nays: None

MOTION BY Verano to adopt a wage freeze for all City Departments.

Second Moyer

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

Nays: None

MOTION BY Rhoades to direct solicitor to make changes to ordinance for fire department residency and rotation of rank for fire chief.

Second Verano

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

Nays: Milbrand

MOTION BY Rhoades to eliminate the Administration Assistant position in City Hall currently held by Michelle Quinn.

Second Verano

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

Nays: None

MOTION BY Moyer for city personnel to create a schedule for meter collections the first and third week of each month.

Second Verano

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

Nays: Rhoades

MOTION BY Kinder to extend the deadline for the City Clerk applications until Monday March 17, 2014

Second Verano

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

Nays: None

MOTION BY Kinder to pay bill list for General Fund, RDA, Community Development, Recreation, American Legion, and Contingency Fund for the month of February.

Second Verano

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

Nays: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor and Council held executive for personnel issues 7:51-8:03 PM

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

MOTION TO ADJORN: Kinder
Second Verano

Minutes taken by Lynn Dixon, CDBG Director
Meeting ended at 8:30 PM (tape # 23)

Attest:

Lynn Dixon
Community Development Director