

Regular Council Meeting  
March 14, 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  
February 8, 2016 (Regular Council Meeting)

Second by Moyer

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

**VISITORS:** Gene Bellis, 7th Street from the Shamokin Crime Watch. The Shamokin Crime Watch has agreed amongst its Executive Board to discuss with the City Council the possibility of providing and supporting, on a volunteer basis, direct enforcement activities which are typically handled by the police department and code enforcement. Such duties could include (but not limited to): Parking enforcement citations (illegal parking, abandoned vehicles, etc.), public event security, code violation citations (or notices/warnings), ordinance violations, and other similar activities. The general idea behind the proposal is to assist our city services and increase our mutual benefit of more focused services by our official police force, all which generating additional revenue for the city. Crime Watch meetings are held the last Tuesday of every month behind the police station at 6:30pm.

**DIRECTORS REPORT:**

**ACCOUNTS & FINANCE:**

General Fund \$ 247,474.57  
Motor License \$ 13,768.70  
Library \$ 15,262.68  
Debt Service \$ 145,140.71  
Recreation \$ 112,471.14  
FEMA \$ 6039.14  
Capital Projects \$ 2427.96  
Street Lights \$ 1756.13  
Total All Accounts \$ 544,283.03

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

**PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS:** There has been some vandalism at Claude Kehler Park. There were some arrests. McGaw asked if we can bill the parents for the vandalism their children do at the Park? The Shamokin Youth Basketball gave a check for \$2500.00 to benefit the Legion Building.

**STREET & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS:** The Sweeper is running its regular schedule, full weeks in May with warning tickets going out until April 11, when we will start tagging.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Brown read the Code office report for the month of February which the office revenue collected was \$25,426 with a total calls of 37.

Police Department reported 822 calls for the month of February

Fire Department reported 105 calls for February. All apparatus in working condition. Engine 11 is back in service.

**PETITIONS:**

**COMMUNICATION:**

MOTION BY: Brown to allow the Citizens for a Better Community to place banners in the downtown are for the Hometown Hero Banner Project (Annual Project)

SECOND BY: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Verano to request a Motion to allow the Venesky Cremation Services to promote A March for the Police on Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup>. The Parade will go from the east parking lot on Independence Street, left on 6<sup>th</sup> Street to Arch Street, right on Arch Street to the Claude Kehler Park. (Annual Project)

SECOND BY: Brown

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

MOTION BY: Moyer to forward Mr. and Mrs. Noll's letter to the zoning board.

SECOND BY: Brown

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

**BIDS:**

MOTION BY: Verano to approve the awarding of the bid for the "Creek Wall" project to the successful bidder of Merlo Construction.

SECOND BY: Brown

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

#### **CONTRACTS:**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **BOARDS & COMMITTEES:**

MOTION BY: Verano granting Robert Slaby Jr. permission to represent the City of Shamokin at the Tax Meetings when the City Tax Collector Mrs. Scandle is absent. (He currently an officer of the said board and currently represents The City and has during the past two years.)

SECOND BY: McGaw

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

MAYORIAL APPOINTMENT of David Kinder to fill the vacancy of member J.P. Jacoby's Term on the RDA Board.

MOTION BY: Verano to appoint William Strausser to the vacancy on the Civil Service Board. He is replacing Michael Bradley whose term expired on Jan 4, 2016. Mr. Strausser's term would be from Jan 2016-Jan 2020.

SECOND BY: McGaw

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

*Executive Session for Personnel Matters was held from 7:25-7:55*

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

MOTION BY: Verano to re-advertise the Keystone Properties.

Second by: Brown

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

MOTION BY: Verano to grant authorization for a handicap sign at the Corner of North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street per recommendation of the parking committee.

Second by: Brown

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

MOTION BY: Verano to approve the 2016 Street Sweeper Schedule.

Second by: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Verano to grant the City Administrator authorization to advertise for three consultants. This request is in accordance with the ACT 47 guidelines for the following positions: information Technology Consultant, Human Resource Consultant and Strategic Planning Consultant.

Second by: Brown

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

MOTION BY: Brown to accept the resignation letter from Special Officer Norman Lukoskie Jr as of March 9, 2016.

Second by: McGaw

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

MOTION BY: Verano to grant permission to Bill Leham to place a temporary Flower Tent at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Lot. Part of the lot owned by the City for a fee of \$300.00

Second by: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Brown to Deputize the Shamokin City Fire Chiefs as deputy Coder Officers to assist the Code Enforcement Officer on an as needed basis. They would be paid \$9.00 per hour for their services with monies to be paid out of CDBG Funding.

Second by: Verano

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



MOTION BY: Brown authorizing the City Administrator to advertise for applications for part time Police Officer's. In compliance with the ACT 47.

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Moyer to approve Lynn Dixson to attend a mandatory Community Development Block Grant Conference on April 25-26, 2016. Held in State College, PA. Paid by CDBG.

Second by: Brown

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

MOTION BY: Verano to approve Doreen Annis to attend the Government Finance Office Association of PA Conference on April 24-27 in State College, PA with all expenses paid though a scholarship award given by the Government Finance Office Association to Doreen

Second by: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Verano to approve scenario 4 Actuarial Assumptions for both Uniformed and Non-Uniformed Pensions. Scenario 4 reduces the interest rate assumption from 8.00% to 7.00% and salary scale assumption from 5.00% to 4.50%.

Second by: Brown

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

#### **SOLICITORS REPORT:**

#### **BILL LIST:**

MOTION BY: Verano to approve the bill list for February 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 8:15 PM