

Regular Council Meeting
May 12, 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: Moyer, Rhoades, Verano, Kinder, Milbrand

MOTION BY Verano to approve the minutes of the previous Council meetings of:

April 14, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

April 28, 2014 Special Council Meeting

Second by Moyer

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

Nays: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Representatives from the Lower Anthracite Recreation Committee and the West End Fire Company #5 were present to present a donation of 5,000.00 and 1,000.00 to the City of Shamokin to use toward the Lawton Schroyer Swimming Pool.

The Mayor will issue a proclamation designating May 18th through the 24th as Emergency Medical Services Week.

VISITORS:

Rob Toczolski- 519 S. 8th Street approached Mayor and Council with problem he has been having with neighbor in regard to parking and blocking his driveway. Problem has been on going and has put several complaints into the Police Department. Mayor Milbrand after a long discussion will have Chief Tobias and Street foreman Kevin Richardson stops by and review the problem.

Mrs. Lupold-238 S. Diamond Street is concerned about the properties located at 241-243 S. Diamond Street collapsing onto her property. After the last rain storm windows blew out of the second story if someone was walking by they could have been hurt or killed. I need the city to do something about this house; if it goes it's going to take my house with it. Mr. Bozza said the house was taken off the Repository sale and will not be available till June. The city cannot do anything until we own the property. City Clerk Slaby said he will call Jan Nestico from Tax Claims to see if the county can expedite the sale.

Resident-244 S. Sunbury Street was worried about empty houses on Sunbury Street with broken windows, garbage, and owner stealing copper piping from property. Condemned sign was taken off property, and people are still living there. Mr. Bozza said he took the sign off property after it was inspected by him, and Officer Siko property was cleaned up. Citations have been issued to other property owner.

Resident- Coal Street complained about the abandoned garage filled with garbage. Owner put tarp over so you can't see in. Mr. Bozza said he will check out the property.

Jim Patuciez-Had a question for Mayor and Council if any of the police officers will be replaced with Chief Griffiths retiring? Mayor Milbrand said at this time we cannot replace any officers due to our Early Intervention Plan. He was worried with only having 11 working police officers and all the work they have. Mayor expressed his concern, however said we are all working with the bare bone minimum of staffing.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

ACCOUNTS & FINANCE:

General Fund \$ 272,994.78
Motor License \$ 105,331.67
Library \$ 2,646.37
Sinking Fund \$ 150,845.93
Recreation \$ 30,533.49
FEMA \$ 3.84
All Accts \$ 554,906.47

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

PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Councilwoman Moyer reported that all City playgrounds are opened and new time schedules are posted.

STREET & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS:

Councilman Verano reported that the street department is filling pot holes within the city, also preparing for the Arts Festival.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Councilman Rhoades reported that all fire apparatus is in working condition, and asked Mayor and Council to table an Ordinance pertaining to Fire Chief Residency until more information is available.

PETITIONS: Nothing to report

CONTRACTS: Nothing to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing to Report

BOARDS & COMMITTEES:

MOTION BY: Kinder to appoint Pamela Rhoades to another term on the Library Board.
Second Verano

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION BY: Rhoades to approve the Transfiguration Church for their annual parish festival to be held on August 2nd and 3rd at 129 N. Shamokin Street.
Second: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Rhoades to increase Rick Bozza Code Officer's hours from 35 to 40 hours per week.
Second: Kinder

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

MOTION BY: Kinder to upgrade Kelly Seroskie, Code Office Secretary from part-time to full-time status with full benefits.
Second: Milbrand

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

SOLICITORS REPORT:

MOTION BY: Moyer to approve Resolution 2014-08 with the Lower Anthracite Transit System for required local match of \$ 1,335.00
Second Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, Rhoades, Verano, Kinder
Nays: Milbrand Abstained from Vote

MOTION BY: Rhoades to adopt Resolution 14-09 Fair Housing Resolution
Second Verano

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

MOTION BY: Verano to adopt Resolution 14-10 to modify the fiscal years 2011, 2012, and 2013 for the Community Development Block Grant

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

MOTION BY: Kinder to pay the itemized bill list for General Fund, Community Development, Recreation, American Legion, Liquid Fuels, FEMA, Library, and Contingent Fund for the Month of April 2014.
Second: Verano

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

MOTION to Adjourn: Kinder
Second Verano

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No executive session

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

MOTION BY: Kinder to pay the itemized bill list for the General Fund, Community Development, Recreation, American Legion, Liquid Fuels for the month of March 2014.
Second Verano

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

MOTION TO ADJORN: Verano
Second Moyer

Minutes taken by Robert Slaby, City Clerk
Meeting ended at 8:20 PM