

Regular Council Meeting
May 14, 2018
7:00 PM

The Regular monthly meeting of Shamokin City Council was held this evening with Mayor John J. Brown presiding.

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: All

PRAYER: Silent

ROLL CALL: Moyer, McGaw, Verano, Brown
Absent: Roughton

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Vinny Clausi - Farmers at the Farmers Market have been contacting him. They are worried about the meter fines on Saturday, Could we possibly not ticket on Saturday mornings?

Dave Porzi – AAOA Director – Here to get a dialogue started about the possibly of getting the AOOA into downtown Shamokin. Getting tourism into the downtown Shamokin. Wants to set up a meeting with council.

Bill Duduck – 5th ward - Lincoln Street and Market Street look beautiful, Thank you and good job to the Street Department. Bill is with the 150th anniversary committee. Bill did the 5th ward parade committee, they turned the money over. At least 50 people have approached him. From what he understands there is \$18,000 left in the account. He would like to get together with the committee and would like a Labor Day weekend parade for textile mill workers. He would like to have a parade and festival for the woman textile mill workers. He is asking council to appoint someone to meet with him and his committee about this.

Joey Leschinskie – 518 E. Pine Street - Wishes everyone luck on Primary election day tomorrow. He see on the agenda tonight is to vote for the COPS Grant. Last year I ran for public office. This grant is to put more police officers in. Chief Tobias put a lot of time and effort into obtaining the grant, Thank you chief for putting all the work into this grant for his city and his department. At the workshop on Wednesday, we said we talked to Senator Casey. Were we successful in getting that? We take bad advice from outsiders especially about our police department; our police department is our 24hr protection. On August 2016, we hired a law firm to do our Police Contact. With my right to knows that I have filed it has cost the taxpayers \$92,000 on labor attorneys in 15 months. The Comp time was cut from 480 to 80 hours with this new contact. The new contact has cost over \$31,000 in overtime, in a \$40,000 budgeted overtime. This number will most likely double by the end of the year. This is not the Police Departments fault. Crime is worsening and we need to stay ahead of it. Don't listen to the ACT47 Coordinators on the subject because according to them one cop on the shift is not the answer and he believes that is the way we are headed. They better be ready for Thursday night, I don't know is not an acceptable answer.

MINUTES:

A Motion by Verano to approve previous Council Meeting Minutes of:

April 9, 2018 (Regular Council Meeting)

Second by: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, McGaw, Verano, Brown
Absent: Roughton

BILL LIST:

MOTION BY: Verano to approve the bill list for April 2018.

Second by: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, McGaw, Verano, , Brown
Absent: Roughton

DIRECTORS REPORT:**ACCOUNTS & FINANCE:**

General Fund \$ 541,047.14
Motor License \$ 217,145.87
Library \$ 8,498.28
Debt Service \$ 254,754.69
Recreation \$ 273,653.53
FEMA \$ 6,153.78
Capital Projects \$ 2,378.81
Street Lights \$ 11,962.47
Total All Accounts \$ 1,315,594.57

Fund balances as of May 1, 2018 submitted by Brenda Scandle, City Treasurer.

PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Market Street Park Plots are being cleaned up and flowers are being placed in the flowerpots. Free Lunch will be offered at the City Pool this summer for Children 18 and under.

STREET & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS:

Thanked Mr. Dudeck for this kind word and thanked the Street Department. The Street Sweeper is running and tickets are being issued.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department reported 1106 calls for the month of April 2018.

Fire Report for Month of April 2018, No report.

Code office report for the month of February reported 60 Complaints, which the office revenue collected, was \$12,745.17.

BIDS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Donation from Judy Allen Milbrand

Letter from the Railroad Partners, we will discuss at the next workshop.

NEW BUSINESS:

Letter of Retirement

MOTION BY: Verano to accept the Letter of Retirement from Mark Costa, Patrolman for the Shamokin City Police Department effective May 21, 2018.

SECOND BY: McGaw

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

Nays: None

Absent: Roughton

COPS Grant

MOTION BY: McGaw to hold a special meeting at the end of May to Vote on the Cops Grant.

SECOND BY: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, McGaw

Nays: Brown, Verano,

Absent: Roughton

COPS Grant

MOTION BY: Verano to grant authorization to the City Administrator to accept and sign the COPS Grant with the term and conditions as awarded.

SECOND BY: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown
Nays: None
Absent: Roughton

Third Party Inspector

MOTION BY: McGaw to grant authorization to advertise and place and RFP for the Third Party Inspector with our code enforcement office.

SECOND BY: Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown
Nays: None
Absent: Roughton

Mid-Penn Engineering

MOTION BY: Verano to grant authorization for Mid-Penn Engineering to provide the proposed services as submitted for demolition of the former Shroyer Building at a cost of \$28,000.00

SECOND BY: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown
Nays: None
Absent: Roughton

Municipal Lien

MOTION BY: Verano to file an amended Municipal Lien with the Northumberland County Prothonotary's Office (Original Lien 5/18/0 previously against J.Bressi Prop: 320-322 E. Independence Street)

SECOND BY: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown
Nays: None
Absent: Roughton

Lower Anthracite Region United Way

MOTION BY: Verano to grant authorization to the United Way to conduct the Children's Lunch Program during the summer months at Lawton Shroyer Memorial Pool. Program will commence upon the end of the School Year.

SECOND BY: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown
Nays: None
Absent: Roughton,

BOARD & COMMITTEES:

MOTION BY: Verano to appoint Mike McLaughlin to serve on the Shamokin Zoning Board.

SECOND BY: jMcGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown
Nays: None
Absent: Roughton

MOTION BY: Moyer to reappoint Mrs. Konopka to the Shamokin Coal-Township Library Board for a term of 3 years to expire May 31, 2021.

SECOND BY: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown
Nays: None
Absent: Roughton

SOLICITORS REPORT:

MOTION BY: Verano to accept the second reading of Ordinance 18-03 (Parking Meters)

SECOND BY: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, McGaw, Verano, Brown,
Nays: None
Absent: Roughton

MOTION BY: Roughton to accept the reading of Resolution 18-05 (Police Vehicle)

SECOND BY: Verano

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

Nays: None
Absent: Roughton

MOTION BY: Roughton to accept the reading of Resolution 18-06 (Rules of Conduct)

SECOND BY: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, McGaw, Verano, Brown,
Nays: None
Absent: Roughton

- **Citizens Comments contingent upon new business being added to the agenda at this part of the meeting.**

Brief Executive session was held after the meeting.

ADJORN:

Minutes taken by Doreen Annis, Administrative Accountant
Meeting ended at 8:07 PM