

Regular Council Meeting
May 9, 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
April 11, 2016 (Regular Council Meeting)

Second by Moyer

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

VISITORS:

Mike Catino came to speak again about Zoning and Codes. He stated we have a problem and zoning is not being enforced. He created a list and gave it to Mr. Slaby and we still have not done anything. The city did meet with Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc. and we discussed all issues that were in the letter. We know that mistakes were made in the past and we are looking to correct our issues going forward. Mr. Catino suggested that Mr. Slaby write some letters to correct some issues, and stated that there is a proper way to do this before somebody gets hurt. There are dangers to the citizens of Shamokin and that we need to have Mr. Slaby enforce the zoning laws. Mrs. Moyer stated that we did meet with Light-Heigel and that this is just a step in the process. We do have an interest in making this situation right. Council asked Mr. Catino to attend a meeting before our next workshop on June 1. Mr. Catino will be at the June 1st workshop meeting at 5pm in order to talk about the zoning issues.

Todd Kerstetter on behalf of Sam Vatovich, Sam needs our help with getting Club 122's Liquor License. We need to do a resolution so that we can transfer the Liquor License. They are hoping to open a restaurant or a brew-pub and would like the cities help in acquiring the liquor license.

Connie Gulba from Willow Street came to speak to the city about the properties by her house. They have garbage and couches out back. They pour cooking grease down the sewer; she reported this to the sewer authority. They party all summer long and pee on the side of her house. The City stated that they will send a code officer over that way first thing tomorrow.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

ACCOUNTS & FINANCE:

General Fund \$ 509,795.11
Motor License \$ 194,383.65
Library \$ 19,209.17
Debt Service \$ 302,512.13
Recreation \$ 180,925.31
FEMA \$ 6039.59
Capital Projects \$ 2428.14
Street Lights \$ 16,041.47
Total All Accounts \$ 1,228,334.57

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

PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS: The Swimming pool is coming along and we will be ready for the start of the season in early June. The Insurance claim has been submitted for the damage that was done to the monument on Lincoln and Market streets.

STREET & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS: The Shamokin Football Team has a cleanup scheduled for May 22 on the downtown area.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Brown read the Code office report for the month of April which the office revenue collected was \$11,158.00 with a total calls of 37.

Police Department reported 1120 calls for the month of April.

Fire Department had 133 calls for the month of April. All apparatus in working condition.

PETITIONS:

COMMUNICATION:

MOTION BY: Verano to grant authorization for the Liberty Fire Co. to place their proposed purchased of a 1993 Pierce Lance Rescue Pumper on the City's Insurance. The Purchasing of this vehicle is at no expense to the city.

SECOND BY: Brown

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

MOTION BY: Brown to grant authorization to the City Administrator to pay the local match for LATs for the year 2016-2017 in the amount of \$1542.00

SECOND BY: McGaw

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

MOTION BY: Verano to grant authorization for the Independence Fire Company to hold their annual block party on July 15th and 16th, 2016

SECOND BY: Brown

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

MOTION BY: Verano to grant authorization for the Friendship Fire Co. to place their proposed purchase of a 2004 Ford F550 on the City's Insurance. The purchasing of this vehicle is at no expense to the city.

SECOND BY: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Brown to grant authorization for partial payment to Robert Gusick, Contractor for demo work at 703-719 N Shamokin Street in the amount of \$40,000 and remaining balance to be paid upon completion and Inspection of the said project.

SECOND BY: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Verano to grant authorization for the firm of Herring, Roll & Solomon, P.C. to provide Auditing Services for the City's Financial Records for the year of 2015 at a cost of \$11,850.00

SECOND BY: McGaw

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

MOTION BY: Verano to grant authorization based on the City Administrator's recommendation to hire Ray Moncavage, Auctioneer to hold an auction and to dispose of the household items from the Kolody's Conservatorship Properties that is in the City's possession. And furthermore any surplus or unused property belonging to the City shall be auctioned off as well and separately.

SECOND BY: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Moyer to grant authorization for a series of music concerts this summer at Claude Kehler Park, one to take place in June, and July and two in August. A donation of \$1500 max from the City's recreation fund to cover the expenses for the entertainment.

SECOND BY: McGaw

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

MOTION BY: Verano to grant authorization to change the annual pool passes to the full Swim Season from June-August at the same rate as last year's annual pool pass.

SECOND BY: Brown

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

BIDS:

CONTRACTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BOARDS & COMMITTEES:

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION BY: Verano to pay Benesh & Associates \$3800 to develop a plan to sure the foundation at 703-719 N. Shamokin Street.

Second by: Brown

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

SOLICITORS REPORT:

MOTION BY: Verano to adopt Resolution 16-02 which allows permission for a Liquor License Transfer from Coal Township to Shamokin.

Second by: Brown

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

MOTION BY: Brown to adopt Resolution 16-03 which establishes Building Permit fees for Lighten-Hegiel for 10% not to exceed \$2500.

Second by: McGaw

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

First Reading of Ordinance 16-01 Property Maintenance Code

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

Second by: Moyer

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

First Reading of Ordinance 16-02 for Health Inspections to be done by PA Dept. of Ag.

MOTION BY: Brown to accept the first reading of the Ordinance 16-02 for PA Dept. of Ag. For them to start doing City Health Inspections.

Second by: McGaw

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

BILL LIST:

MOTION BY: Brown to approve the bill list for April 2016.

Second by: Verano

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

Executive Session for Personnel Matters was held from 8:10-8:25

ADJORN:

Minutes taken by Doreen Annis, Administrative Accountant
Meeting ended at 8:28 PM