

City of Shamokin Home Rule Meeting
September 3rd, 2024
6:00 PM

The Regular Meeting of Shamokin Home Rule Study Council was held this evening with David Kinder presiding.

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE TO FLAG:

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

ROLL CALL: Absent: Charles Sosnoskie

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION BY: Dakota Schuck to approve the August Minutes second by Mayor Ulrich

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Schuck, Kehler, Scandle, Kinder, Ulrich, Kinder
Nays: None

COMMUNICATION TO THE COMMISSION: (contingent upon business listed on the agenda):

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION BY: Mayor Ulrich second by Vanessa to approve the payment of Attorney Greco.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Schuck,, Kehler, Scandle, Kinder, Dietz, Ulrich
Nays: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Reports on the results of the list of questions for the elected officials.

SOLICITORS REPORT: Mr Greco has been reading and researching emails and other charters
other Home Rule Municipalities

PRESENTATIONS: Patricia M. Morehead gave a presentation on what the duties of the Elected Officials should be. It was a very good discussion opportunity.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Gerald E. Cross stated that the City of Lancaster did all zoom informational meetings. He also stated that the Treasurer position pay compensation should be stated in the Charter. Mike Duganitz stated that the commission needs to keep in mind that the employees have a union.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

Michael Dietz

Vanessa Kehler

David Kinder: Thanked Vanessa for the book of Charters she prepared for all. He will also be contacting Mahanoy City and Nanecote to set up meetings on how they completed their process of Home Rule. He would like to concentrate on the EIT percentage. David also stated that the Controller position is not needed, the City hires an accounting firm to do all of the audits.

Brenda Scandle: Stated that the Treasurer position should be a paid position. And that many of the duties of other elected and non elected officials duties are carried out by the Treasurer. The position in other communities has a starting salary of \$35,000.00 with benefits. The Tax Collector should stay within the City, NOT be contracted out. It is cheaper for the City to pay the tax collector than it is to contract a firm, due to the County and School paying a third of the wages. And there is no repour with the residents. A wage must be set this February.

Dakota Schuck : Asked if all elected officials are needed. And if the Administrator or Clerk could fill in for an elected official. He also asked how many employees the City had. Dakota asked if we as commissioners choose how much government employees will be paid, or do we merely choose which positions are paid and which are not. The answer to this was that we as commissioners choose which positions are paid, and city council then sets the amount. He asked if there are any org charts available for all current city employees. The answer being yes, available online.

Charles Sosnoskie

Richard Ulrich

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION BY: Kinder second by Mayor Ulrich to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Meeting ended at 7:10PM

Minutes taken by Brenda Scandle, Secretary