

City of Shamokin Home Rule Meeting
January 14th, 2025
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: Mike Deitz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION BY: Chuck Sosnoskie to approve the January Minutes second by Mayor Ulrich

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Scandle, Kinder, Schuck, Sosnoskie, Kehler

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

NEW BUSINESS: Approval of the bills

MOTION BY: Mayor second by Sosnoskie to approve the payment of the bills.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Schuck, Scandle, Kinder, Sosnoskie, Kehler

A review of the Draft article was gone over extensively.

The Following is the review Government Structure that the Home Rule Committee voted to pass from the partial draft.

Article VIII

Financial Management: Treasurer will be included in the financial plan, the Council has the decision to call the hired qualified employee to do the duties a Treasurer. The employee must have an accounting degree and other qualifications to meet the laws of GASB. The Tax Collector position must be a qualified tax collector thru the State by completing a training and earning the credits by passing the State mandated test.

Submission of a balanced budget: The administrator and the Finance Committee shall prepare the proposed budget on or before June 30th each year. This budget can be changed and reviewed by Council until September 30th. Then the budget changes will be made and submitted for public review. The budget MAY provide estimates for a one- or two-year future expenditure and revenue to give the Council a better understanding of

what will be needed for the future, not just the new year. Council will publicize the budget. The budget will be on display no less than 7 days or more than 14 after publicizing. Public special meetings will take place, NOT on a regular council meeting date, this will ensure the public has input on the budget.

The year following a Municipal election the Council shall have the power to revise the budget and tax levies. This must be done within 45 days of taking office and no later than February 15th. Semi-annually of the calendar year the administrator and department heads shall appear before Council and review revenue and expenditures at a public meeting.

A Term limit was agreed upon for Council members. No elected official can serve more than 3 terms. This does not include an appointed position.

MOTION BY: David Kinder second by Mayor to have a time limit on Council serving no more than 3 terms.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Schuck, Kinder, Sosnoskie, Kehler
Nays: Scandle

For the next meeting PEL will prepare articles of change:

MOTION BY: David Kinder second by Dakota Schuck to have PEL prepare articles of change on the Committee's recommendation tonight. And also prepare new ones for the parts of the Government we did not review yet.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Schuck, Scandle, Kinder, Sosnoskie, Kehler

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Tax Payor Protection: The percentage of the tax increase will be discussed at our next meeting. This needs to be tabled to provide more data research.

SOLICITORS REPORT:

PRESENTATIONS: Patricia Moorhead and Gerald Cross handed out the changes the Committee voted on at the last meeting.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Ian Mahal attended the meeting and gave some input from DCED on changing the budget for purchasing a camera to record the meetings with.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

Michael Deitz

Vanessa Kehler

David Kinder:

Brenda Scandle:

Dakota Schuck :

Charles Sosnoskie:

Richard Ulrich:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION BY: Deitz second by Mayor to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Meeting ended at 7:30PM

Minutes taken by Brenda Scandle, Secretary