

Regular Council Meeting
September 9, 2019
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: Verano, Moyer Roughton, McGaw, Brown
Absent:

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Joseph Leschinskie - Please take a moment to remember Francis Jones, who passed away recently. He sees on the agenda the route for the AOAA, he spoke with residents of the 5th ward and the manager of James Pizza, they are asking if they could be included in the route. The Keep America Beautiful grant, James would like an Ash Receptacle. The old Tax Office was there an agreement. The tax collector was moved quickly in order to do so before the tax bills came out. Is it a crime to deposit money into the bank from a federal illegal business? He only gets three minutes a month and we cant even answer his questions.

Jennifer Seidel - The Special Meeting on the 19th, How many applied for the job, how many were interviewed, etc. Mr. Slaby asked Mrs. Seidel to fill out a right to know for this information. Mrs. Seidel stated that it is hard to hear at these meetings, can we bring the speakers from city hall down to mill square. The Minutes are only online until March, 2019. Mrs. Annis will get this fixed tomorrow during office hours. Does the citizens have any input on the budget? Some letters were sent to commence street residents about eminent domain, from PennDot. The City will follow up with Penndot on this.

Susa Zaner - AOAA Terrance Ave. She lives on academy hill above the ave. She is worried about noise bouncing off the hill, atvs on Terrance ave seven days a week to going to be too much. How are pedestrians going to be able to have foot traffic on Terrance Ave. City stated that it will not be seven days a week this year. What about next year? We have nothing on the agenda for next year as of now. What about snow Mobiles? And the barriers on the patsy steps. There is a chain place on the steps, and she is not able to walk there now, Mr. Verano will look into it. This is going to cause noise and air pollution on Terrance Ave.

Joseph Leschinskie - Nobody asked what the public though, there was no public input, City Council sits there and don't say a word. All the money we are giving away to grants, and everything is a big secret. Thanked Lynn Dixon for her work for the city.

Mike Sansberry - Pearl Street - He makes an animated series on the Cox Cable series and wanted to know if he could have our permission to use the City Logo at the end of the Credits. To bring attention to the City of Shamokin

Jeff Geiser – Marshall Street - Has a deed that is 12*201 Feet does not want any ATVs going across his back yard, We asked that he bring his deed to city council for review.

Raymond Splane – Wanted a status of the Shoryer building, Bob just spoke to Lycoming Supply and they are sending plans to replace the sidewalks at the property. This is the same constructor that tore down the eagle silk mill they can be held liable. All the trucks coming and going from the dollar general are not covered, Bob will talk to the Chief of Police.

MINUTES:

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

August 12, 2019 (Regular Council Meeting)

Second by: McGaw

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

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

August 19, 2019 (Special Council Meeting)

Second by: Moyer

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

BILL LIST:

MOTION BY: Verano to approve the bill list for August 2019.

Second by: Moyer

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

DIRECTORS REPORT:

ACCOUNTS & FINANCE:

General Fund \$ 743,886.69
Motor License \$ 254,023.86
Library \$ 6,407.59
Debt Service \$ 246,231.93
Recreation \$ 443,549.98
Capital Projects \$ 5,946.76
Street Lights \$ 4,766.50
Total All Accounts \$ 1,704,813.31

Fund balances as of August 1, 2019 submitted by Brenda Scandle, City Treasurer.

General Fund \$ 773,331.80
Motor License \$ 243,489.19
Library \$ 6,734.71
Debt Service \$ 256,336.20
Recreation \$ 434,015.50
Capital Projects \$ 5,942.01
Street Lights \$ 3,571.23
Total All Accounts \$ 1,723,420.64

Fund balances as of September 1, 2019 submitted by Brenda Scandle, City Treasurer.

PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

The Pool is Closed, the Park is painted, M&T is finishing the painting that Oasis started. And they will seal and pin the 2nd street Playground. In need of volunteers for Friday. Would like to do a pumpkin roll and donate the proceeds to the PTA & Library. CSO and Great Dane will have meals at Claude Kehler Park on Friday.

STREET & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS:

Thanks everyone for the help with the August 24 Car show and Doowop.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department reported 842 calls for the Month of August 2019.

Fire Report for the month of August 2019, 192 Total Calls.

Code office report for the month of August 2019-office revenue collected, was \$8,577.90.

BIDS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION BY: Verano to grant permission for First National Bank, Area Service and The News Item to cosponsor the 2019 Halloween Parade on October 22 with a rain date of October 23, 2019

Second by: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Verano to grant permission for Hillside Coaches to hold a Pep Rally in the City of Shamokin East Lot on Independence Street on October 22 immediately following the annual Halloween Parade.

Second by: Roughton

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to grant authorization from SABER to hold a Christmas Festival in downtown Shamokin on Saturday, December 14, 2019 from noon-3pm.

Second by: McGaw

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to grant authorization for Far Reachers Inc. give away school supplies at Sunbury Street Playground on September 14, 2019 from 12-4pm.

Second by: McGaw

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

MOTION BY: Verano to accept the Pension Benefit Calculation for Scott Weaver as provided by Girard Pension LLC.

Second by: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: McGaw to subcontract out the City's CDBG Program with SEDA-COG effective October 1, 2019, in addition to eliminating the existing position of CDBG Director in the City.

Second by: Roughton

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

Nays: None

Absent: Moyer

MOTION BY: Roughton to enter into a three year MOU with SEDA-COG.

Second by: McGaw

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

Nays: None

Absent: Moyer

MOTION BY: McGaw to allow the proposed route for the September 21, AOAA – Taking it to the Streets Ride.

Second by: Verano

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

BOARD & COMMITTEES:

None

SOLICITORS REPORT:

MOTION BY: Verano to accept Resolution 19-12 Winter Service Agreement

Second by: McGaw

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

Joseph Leschinskie - James Pizza will not be included in this ride, could it be included in the next one, In February he complained about the property next to his, the grass is high and there is garbage. There was a Heroin dealing on this corner the police were called and it took one hour for the police to show up.

ADJORN:

Minutes taken by Doreen Annis, Administrative Accountant
Meeting ended at 8:20 PM