

Regular Council Meeting
December 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:

Mary Straub – Shamokin Street – What is the status of the house across the street from her house, the roof is starting to open up now. What is the junk vehicle ordinance about junk and abandoned vehicles on private property. Council stated that PA Vehicle code is used on streets and on Private property it is handled by the code office.

David Sage - His daughter works in downtown Shamokin, She buys a parking permit every three months. She should not have to pay for December since city council gave free parking for the entire month of December. He would like a refund, it is \$50 for three months which is \$16.67 a month. Mr. Slaby tried to give Mr. Sage money out of his own pocket for the month of December, Mr. Sage would not take Mr. Slabys money. Council stated that we would look into it and consider changing it for 2020.

Jamie Yerkes - She understands that the website is handled by a 3rd party outside of the city. Can we get help from someone else. The Corner of Market and Spruce, Charlie and Kevin meet her there and the street is not in immediate danger. There are some cars that need to be moved from that location.

Sandra Thomas – 551 s 1st street - Right next door to her home the house is out of control. The person that bought the home took out all of the windows. Her outside walls are warmer than her inside walls. On Sunday before Thanksgiving she put a corn bag on her back, she left it on her couch and when she came back the bag was ripped apart. Then another bag was ripped apart. She got rat poison, she put it in her basement steps and the whole bag was gone. That was two bags that are gone. She got Orkin to do a rat exclusion on her property. There was a whole in the wall in the basement that they put steel wool in. She has lived there for 52 years. Chris will call the property owner next door and he will take care of his property this week.

Joseph Leschinskie - Thanks to Dan McGaw for the last four years. Joe brought Dan a cake. Can someone take a look at the back of the Shuey building downtown, it looks like it separated and is falling down.

Andrea Rollman – Commence Street - The owner of the property near hers has four DUI's and is driving a car that he spray paints, it is now Black. He is now started to throw garbage

out of his windows of his car. They moved stuff into the home the other morning from 2:30-4AM. They unloaded 3 pickup trucks full of stuff. There are seven mattresses, 4 grocery carts, a washer and human feces in the yard of this property. They have rats, skunks, and raccoons. She called the water company and they will not give her any info. He owes over \$700 on the sewer bill. This person owns five property's in the city and she believes he is taking trash out of this home and moving it to his property on 2nd street.

MINUTES:

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

November 11, 2019 (Regular Council Meeting)

Second by: McGaw

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

BILL LIST:

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

Second by: Roughton

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

DIRECTORS REPORT:

ACCOUNTS & FINANCE:

General Fund \$ 260,428.82
Motor License \$175,120.95
Library \$ 7,609.35
Debt Service \$ 196,320.43
Recreation \$ 285,394.65
Capital Projects \$ 5,947.76
Street Lights \$2,099.37
Total All Accounts \$ 932,921.33

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

PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Oasis Board came and looked at the building, they are in the process of trying to rent the basement legion from the City. The Lights are on the poles on Market Street, and the Christmas Trees will be put in this week. In the last four years we have use the parks more than we ever have. It has been a pleasure to serve on Council the last 4 years.

STREET & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS:

We are doing the everything that we can. We hear you and sometimes are hands are tied.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department reported 710 calls for the Month of November 2019.

Fire Report for the month of November 2019, 152 Total Calls.

Code office report for the month of November 2019-office revenue collected, was \$9,351.87

SEDA-COG - - See SEDA-COG report

BIDS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION BY: Roughton to grant authorization to advertise the 2020 Meeting Schedule.

Second by: McGaw

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Verano to grant authorization to allow the 1.9% COLA for all retirees that retired prior to January 1, 2018 on the recommendation of Girard Pension Services.

Second by: McGaw

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Brown

BOARD & COMMITTEES:

None

SOLICITORS REPORT:

Executive Session were held for contracts prior to the workshop, and After the workshop for Personnel.

MOTION BY: McGaw to accept first reading of Ordinance 19-05 (Tax Levy)

Second by: Moyer

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.**

ADJORN:

Minutes taken by Doreen Annis, Administrative Accountant
Meeting ended at 7:58 PM