

Regular Council Meeting
January 13, 2020
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: Moyer, Roughton, Seidel, Verano, Brown
Absent: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

MOTION BY: Verano to accept the letter of resignation from Frank J. Konopka, Solicitor.

Second by: Roughton

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, Roughton, Seidel, Verano, Brown
Nays: None

Executive session held for Personnel Issues – 7:05-7:15

MOTION BY: Verano to request a Motion to Hire Vincent Rovito as the City Solicitor (Retainer cost \$10,200 a year)

Second by: Seidel

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Ayes: Roughton, Seidel, Verano, Brown
Nays: Moyer

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

John Gembic - Today is a historic day in the area. With Mr. Slaby and His son and Mr. Rovito What makes Coal Township look good or bad does the same for Shamokin. We should share ordinances and information. Thanks for moving the area forward.

Ryan Tomarchio- Lives in the bunkerhill area and like this area, but there are issues with a barking dog near his home and he has seen several out of state tags at a property near his home.

Cameron Murray - The three year exit plan strategies, it feels like these are the only options we have. Everyone has a limit as to how much they can give before they give up. Cameron has done research on Blight and vacancy taxes; in Philly they do a vacancy license. We already have the landlord tenant ordinance, on the ordinance it says the owner must live 20

miles within the city, so that we have a point of contact, we need to insure that we have that point of contact. It can take up to 90 days to transfer a deed. She believes we should look into the blight and Vacancy tax.

Don Poatoski - Former resident of the City- Seen on Channel 16 they are honoring our World War II Veterans. We have a veteran here In the City, it would be an honor for him to be recognized. Don applied for the code officer job, has there been any training offered to Chris since he was hired. Council stated that Chris has done one day of training and we are looking send him to other trainings.

Jesse Storm – Local Business owner - Spoke about the Landlord tenant ordinance and that you must be a licensed real estate professional, he gave us the 400 page real estate code. We need to tighten these areas up.

MINUTES:

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

December 9, 2019 (Regular Council Meeting)

Second by: Verano

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

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

December 30, 2019 (Special Council Meeting)

Second by: Roughton

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

BILL LIST:

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

Second by: Seidel

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

December 9, 2019 (Regular Council Meeting)

Second by: Verano

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

Nays: None
Absent: None

DIRECTORS REPORT:

ACCOUNTS & FINANCE:

General Fund \$ 302,478.37
Motor License \$163,326.07
Library \$ 6,729.99
Debt Service \$ 111,013.88
Recreation \$ 282,489.30
Capital Projects \$ 5,943.01
Street Lights \$5.00
Total All Accounts \$ 871,985.62

Fund balances as of January 1, 2020 submitted by Brenda Scandle, City Treasurer.

PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Mrs Seidel thanked Mr. McGaw for reaching out to her. She is looking for a decorating committee, is anyone is interested see her after the meeting.

STREET & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department reported 651 calls for the Month of December 2019.

Fire Report for the month of December 2019, 156 Total Calls.

SEDA-COG - - See SEDA-COG report

BIDS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION BY: Verano to give permission to SABER to solicit donations for Holiday Decorative Swag to be placed on designated poles on Independence Street, pending approval by PPL.

Second by: Roughton

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to give permission to waive the 2020 Farmers Market Individual Permit Fee.

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to approve the route for the AOAA rides for the use of Terrance Ave Route

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to approve the route for the AOAA rides for the use of the James Pizza Route

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to approve the route for the AOAA rides for the use of the Downtown District (Independence Street)

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Verano to approve the route for the AOAA rides for the use of Turkey Hill Route

Second by: Roughton

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

Failed due to a lack of Motion: to approve the route for the AOAA rides to cross Market Street to Coal Street.

MOTION BY: Verano to approve the City of Shamokin AOAA Ride of March 21, 2020.

Second by: Roughton

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

BOARD & COMMITTEES:

MOTION BY: Verano to reappoint Joseph Wightman Jr to the SCTJSA Board for an additional 5 year term.

Second by: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Verano to appoint Bill Dobson to the vacant position on the Housing Authority Board (2 Year Term) (Replace Dave Kinder)

Second by: Roughton

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

MOTION BY: Verano to appoint Dan McGaw to fill a four-year term on the Housing Authority Board

Second by: Roughton

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

SOLICITORS REPORT:

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

MOTION BY: to approve Resolution 20-01 (CDBG- Certifying Officer)

Second by:

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.**

Bill Miller – Spoke about Meeting Minutes from July 2019 being incorrect, spoke about a property owner that purchased properties for one dollar, Mr Rovito asked to speak to Mr. Miller after the meeting.

ADJORN:

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