

Regular Council Meeting
February 10, 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:

CITIZEN COMMENTS: No Comments

MINUTES:

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

January 6, 2020 (Reorganizational Meeting)

Second by: Roughton

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

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

January 13, 2020 (Regular Council Meeting)

Second by: Roughton

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

BILL LIST:

MOTION BY: Moyer to approve the bill list for January 2020

Second by: Verano

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

DIRECTORS REPORT:

ACCOUNTS & FINANCE:

General Fund \$ 213,834.03

Motor License \$153,357.18

Library \$ 4,542.62

Debt Service \$ 129,623.60

Recreation \$ 282,145.36

Capital Projects \$ 5,943.26

Street Lights \$413.42

Total All Accounts \$ 789,859.47

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

PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Mrs. Seidel thanked everyone for the interest in the decorating committee, so have they have 10 people, if anyone else would like to join please contact Jen or Judy Allen. Mrs. Seidel invited Michelle up to speak about her community cupboard box.

STREET & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS:

Mr. Verano made a correction to what he stated at the Workshop. He said that Weis markets will collect the carts, and that is incorrect. Mr. Verano is working with the 5th ward committee, they will be going around and help pick up the carts and return them to Weis.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mr. Roughton thanks the Shamokin 5th ward, they spent two hours up on Orange Street cleaning the trash that was dumped there. Mr. Roughton also thanked Mr. Storm, Mr. Storm donated two cameras to the code department.

Police Department reported 943 calls for the Month of January 2020.

Fire Report for the month of January 2020, 156 Total Calls.

SEDA-COG - - See SEDA-COG report

BIDS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION BY: Roughton to approve the CDBG polices as follow: Procurement Policy, Integrity Policy, Drug and Alcohol Policy, Program Reutilization Plan, Financial Management Policy, Code of Conduct, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 Action Plan, Citizen Participation Plan, Minority and Women’s Business Enterprise Action Plan, Anti- Displacement and Relocation Plan.

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Verano to enter into a cooperation agreement for the redevelopment assistance capital program grant (RACP) with Keystone Health Development Corporation.

Second by: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to declare 54 East Sunbury Street as unfit for human habitation. The said property is a clear and present danger to the neighborhood and City Residents.

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to declare 9-11 West Sunbury Street as unfit for human habitation. The said property is a clear and present danger to the neighborhood and City Residents.

Second by: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Seidel to grant approval to Northumberland County Council for the Arts and Humanities the following dates: May 23, 2020 The Annual Heritage Festival, October 31, 2020 Food Truck Frenzy, and December 5, 2020 Downtown Christmas.

Second by: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Seidel to grant approval for the Downtown Doo-wop date of August 22, 2020

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Moyer to accept the first reading of the Shamokin ACT47 Three year exit plan.

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Seidel to allow a Community Cupboard box to be placed on City Property at Spruce and Pearl Street, all Maintenance and Stocking of the box will be handled by Michelle McCrary DiNoia.

Second by: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Moyer to ratify the hiring of Vicki Finney as of February 3, 2020 as a part time (25 Hours Per Week) Clerk in the City Tax Office at \$8.50 per hour, this cost will be split 1/63 with the County and School District.

Second by: Roughton

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

MOTION BY: Seidel to hire Nika Yeager as a Clerk at the City of Shamokin Police Station (28 Hours per week, \$8.50 per hour)

Second by: Verano

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

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Roughton to approve the EMA Policy, as provided by, EMA Coordinator Jeff Hager

Second by: Verano

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

BOARD & COMMITTEES:

MOTION BY: Roughton to reappoint Bill Allen to a 5-year term on the Zoning Board expiring January 1, 2025.

Second by: Moyer

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

SOLICITORS REPORT:

MOTION BY: Roughton to approve Resolution 20-02 (CDBG- Excessive Force)

Second by: Verano

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Verano to approve Resolution 20-03 (RACP Application)

Second by: Moyer

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Verano to approve the first reading of Ordinance 20-01(Multi-use streets)

Second by: Seidel

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

Dennis Kaleta & Kathy Vetovich - Asked council to reconsider crossing market Street with the ATV Rides, we are missing many businesses on that side of Market street, such as Weis, Lost Mined, Maurer's Dairy, etc... Council and the Solicitor stated that the Ordinance was written to allow it to be amended. They asked council to think about allowing the riders to cross Market Street. They also asked about parking on Water Street for ATV Riders.

MOTION BY: Roughton to designate Water Street Lot for parking for ATV's (Purple Route)

Second by: Verano

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

Jesse Storm - Questioned the Ordinance on the Multi-Use Roads, said adopting this would make it a full time route. Believes this would increase the cost of auto insurance. Asked council to consider hosting a first time homeowners meeting. Mr. Storm said that the atv ride seems to be a bar crawl, Mr. Rovito stated that it is not our intent to target certain businesses, the ordinance allows for expansion and deletions and it is for special events only.

Joseph Leschinskie - Has a question on the Act 47 three-year exit plan, do we have to follow every Initiative? City Council stated that these are recommendations from the Act 47 team and there are some we much follow. Mr. Leschinskie thanked our new police officers, they are doing an awesome job. He asked what would happen if we do not do a second reading of the three year exit plan. Council stated that our labor attorney said we would go right into receivership. Mr. Leschinskie asked council to consider before they take the next vote on the exit plan, there is no way we can cut our police force.

Dave Porzi - Thanked council for doing the ATV Rides. If anyone has any questions, he is available to answer them. Mr. Porzi stated that his board has approved one route into and out of town, the side route to enter the 5th ward was not approved by his board. If they city is going into the 5th ward, then his board stated the city will need to procure the leases with Mr. Gurna and the Cemetery. We have all taken risks here and would like everyone to take a look at West Virginia and the economic impact from their ATV Trails.

Judy Allen - Asked council to consider another route, beside Coal Street, if they cross Market Street. A wider Street without large garages, Coal Street to too narrow.

Joseph Leschinskie - When council considered the route, they voted and approved the James Pizza route. He does not think we should go back and let people strong arm us. Mr. Roughton stated that the AOAA is not saying we cannot use that route, but if we do we need to procure the lease.

Cameron Murray - Thanked Mr. Roughton and Mrs. Seidel for helping with the clean up on Orange Street. Also thanked Council and the Mayor, she recently attended her

first workshop and she appreciates the hard work behind the scenes. She gets asked a lot about electronic recycling, Northumberland County does not have any electronic recycling areas. ACT108 is the Covered device electronic recycling act. She asked council to help figure out a solution to this issue. There is a sample letter on Keep America Beautiful Grant that she shared with council.

Pam Sassani - Spoke to the chief after the meeting regarding her brother who passed away at a residence on Rock Street.

ADJORN:

Minutes taken by Doreen Annis, Administrative Accountant
Meeting ended at 8:04 PM