

Regular Council Meeting  
June 8, 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:**

**MINUTES:**

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

May 11, 2020 (Regular Council Meeting)

Second by: Roughton

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

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

May 19, 2020 (Special Council Meeting)

Second by: Verano

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

**BILL LIST:**

MOTION BY: Verano to approve the bill list for May 2020

Second by: Seidel

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

Nays: None

Absent:

## **DIRECTORS REPORT:**

### **ACCOUNTS & FINANCE:**

General Fund \$ 776,761.04

Motor License \$323,600.52

Library \$ 11,749.70

Debt Service \$ 311,400.86

Recreation \$ 423,826.03

Capital Projects \$ 5,949.25

Street Lights \$4,497.75

Total All Accounts \$ 1,857,785.15

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

## **PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS:**

I would like to say congratulations to all the Shamokin area seniors and all the local graduates, especially my daughter Maggie Bowers. I won't be able to be here doing this without the support from my family. My hope for all the seniors, whatever their plans for the future. My goal is that the work we do here at this table in a room makes a better place for all of them to stay, or come back to. I pray that this becomes a place where we can find opportunities and a place they are proud to call home. I love you, Maggie I am sorry I could not be there tonight, and I am so proud of you. I'd also like to thank Jeannie Schaffer and Judy Allen again they completed the project on Market Street, and donated all the flowers and all of the materials. In addition, thank you, Jeannie for coordinating volunteers with watering the plants. And the volunteers who took over those responsibilities. We did have one person reach out concerning the community gardens, they are available this year, we ask that if you're interested in adopting one of those gardens for the summer, please give us a call at City Hall and we'll be in contact with you. I would like to thank the police for their presence at the park for the protests that were held on the first and fourth. Everything went extremely well. The community was glad to see you there. Thank you, Kevin Richardson and the Street department for all their work cleaning up the planters. The summer lunch program will begin at Rock Street Pool on Monday June 15. For the first week, it will be grabbing go lunches are Monday through Friday from 11am to 1pm rain or shine. Thank you everybody for all the work that they did on the budget. I know there was a little bit of a tussle back and forth, but just the progress in that short amount of time. Thank you

**STREET & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS:** Nothing to report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Police Department reported 1040 calls for the Month of May 2020.

Fire Report for the month of May 2020 – 134 calls.

Code Revenue for the Month of May \$7,984.70

**SEDA-COG**

**BIDS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

MOTION BY: Roughton to declare 120 E. Independence Street as unfit for human habitation and a clear and present danger to the neighborhood and City Residents.

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to declare 661 Bear Valley Avenue as unfit for human habitation and a clear and present danger to the neighborhood and City Residents.

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to declare 663 Bear Valley Ave as unfit for human habitation and a clear and present danger to the neighborhood and City Residents.

Second by: Moyer

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

Nays: None  
Absent: None

MOTION BY: Roughton to authorize SEDA-COG to do an environmental review on the following addresses for the purpose of demolition:

- *721-723 North Shamokin Street*
- *710 North Sixth Street*
- *712 North Sixth Street*
- *661 Bear Valley Ave*
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- *120 E. Independence Street*
- *25 W. Church Street*

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Seidel to approve the lease with SYBL for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Legion Building.

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Verano to approve the Heritage Restaurant located at 52 N. Market to allow them to place outdoor seating. (7 tables in the front of the business, and 6 tables in the rear of the business for outdoor service, seating and dining area )

Second by: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Seidel to approve the Ale House Bar & Grill located at 147 E. Independence Street to allow them to place outdoor seating. ( 5 tables in the front of the business for outdoor service, seating and dining area)

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Seidel to approve the Shamokin OHV Zone Map or Street Rides.

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to extend the Mayors Executive Order for Outdoor Seating for 90 days.

Second by: Roughton

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

#### **BOARD & COMMITTEES:**

MOTION BY: Verano to appoint Erik Seidel to the Planning Commission Board.

Second by: Brown

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

MOTION BY: Verano to appoint Robert Derk to the Planning Commission Board.

Second by: Roughton

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

#### **SOLICITORS REPORT:**

MOTION BY: Seidel to approve Resolution 20-09 (LATS – Local Match

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Verano to approve the Second reading of Ordinance 20-03(200-300 E. Commerce Street- One Way)

Second by: Roughton

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

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

**Judy Milbrand Allen**

I'd like to thank the city police dept, especially Shane Mowery, for working so diligently on finding the vandals who vandalized the Shamokin Cemetery! We truly have a great police dept!!!

**Mary Straub**

Can something be done with the speeders on Shamokin St? It's like a freeway! The Dunkin Donuts Traffic? Blocking lanes of travel and you have to go into the oncoming lane to get around them. How about lowering some of the meters in town. There are some that are way too high. I can't even read how much time I get for my money. Even a handicapped person wouldn't be able to see it.

**Michael Baker**

Get the person ya go g illegal no parking signs on Franklin st to take them down! Right above Friendly Choice

**Donna Sands**

I wish they could catch the guy who flies down arch st every night all hours

**Martha Doone**

Can we have a second vote on fireworks???!!!!!!

**Kelly Jones**

Playgrounds going to open soon

**Darrell Jackson**

Good evening city council and Mayor John Brown I realized last month that the city voted against having parades in the city of Shamokin and we are one week away from going green on Friday I would like to ask the city council personnel the reconsider their decision about the parade and have one for the seniors of 2020 please and thank you

**Alicia Lahr**

I live on shamokin st and can we do something about how there trash along side of houses and that's stack up in the sunroom and it's stinks?? And how about my neighbors freaking smoking pot and smelling whole neighborhood and there a lot of kids up here like come on. Like I know weed going to be legalized but shouldn't do it out in the open and having our kids breathing it in. Keep it to yourself!!!!

**Joe Leschinskie**

Dear Mayor and Council. I am glad to see that you have approved OHV riding routes within the city. Unfortunately, these routes are basically allowing only a Coal Township business to come here and ride on our City Streets, meanwhile people in Shamokin are being chased and arrested. In the past, Mr. Porzi has been present at meetings and said that doing this in Southern Municipalities has generated millions for those municipalities in revenue for both government and their local businesses. With this being discussed at the workshop

Executive Session was held after the meeting With SEDA-COG for Contractual Matters.

**ADJOURN:**

Minutes taken by Doreen Annis, Administrative Accountant  
Meeting ended at 8:15 PM