

City of Shamokin Regular Council Meeting  
May 10, 2021  
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 FLAG:**

**PRAYER:**

**ROLL CALL:** Moyer, Seidel, Roughton, Verano, Brown  
Absent: None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**BIDS:**

MOTION BY: Seidel to award the American Legion project bid for general construction to H & P construction, Inc. in the amount of \$108,130.

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to award the American Legion project bid for HVAC work to LTS plumbing and heating, Inc. in the amount of \$104,500, with an alternate bid of \$97,780.

Second by: Verano

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**CITIZENS COMMENTS** (contingent upon business listed on the agenda):

**MINUTES:**

*Minutes are not available at this time and will be presented at the June Public Meeting.*

**BILLS:**

MOTION BY: Verano to approve the bill list for April 2021 as listed on the bill list.

Second by: Moyer

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**DIRECTORS' REPORTS:***Accounts & Finance*

General Fund \$ 853,741.35

Motor License \$ 254,685.36

Library \$ 32,209.22

Capital Projects \$ 5,951.80

Debt Service \$ 302,354.94

Recreation \$ 427,303.12

Street Lighting \$ 13,096.67

Total All Funds \$ 1,889,342.46

Fund balances as of May 1, 2021 submitted by Brenda Scandle, City Treasurer.

*Parks and Public Buildings*

Councilwoman Seidel noted upcoming events in the City and thanked Kevin and the Street Department for preparing for the events. She also thanked the Police Department who control traffic and shut down the streets. In addition, she thanked the volunteers who run the events.

*Street and Public Improvements**Public Safety*

Fire Department reported 29 total calls for the month of April 2021.

Police Department reported 972 total calls for the month of April 2021.

*SEDA-COG*

See SEDA-COG report.

Council went into Executive Session at 7:32 PM to discuss personnel. They reconvened at 7:36 PM.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

MOTION BY: Roughton to accept a letter of resignation from Officer Brandon Cohick, effective May, 16, 2021.

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Moyer to accept a letter of intent to retire from Officer Shane Mowery, effect June, 2, 2021.

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to accept the resignation of William Grow, for the Civil Service Board, effective, May 1, 2021.

Second by: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Seidel to approve the CDBG 2021 Citizen Participation Plan.

Second by: Roughton

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to ratify the CDBG 2018 Budget Modification (no comments received).

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to ratify the CDBG 2019 Budget Modification (no comments received).

Second by: Seidel

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to approve the 2020 CDBG Professional Service Agreement with SEDA-COG.

Second by: Seidel

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to begin the process of police testing.

Second by: Seidel

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

MOTION BY: Seidel to allow the Shamokin Area Senior Class 2021 Parade through the City of Shamokin.

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to allow the Shamokin Area School District to place Senior Class of 2021 signs along Market Street.

Second by: Seidel

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

MOTION BY: Seidel to allow the Covered Bridge Brewhaus permission to hold their event on the last Saturday of every month for the remaining months of 2021.

Second by: Verano

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

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Roughton, based on the recommendation of the Civil Service Board and Chief Tobias, to hire Gregory Hoffman as a full-time police officer in the City of Shamokin.

Second by: Verano

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

Nays: Brown

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Seidel, based on the recommendation of the Civil Service Board and Chief Tobias, to hire Alexis Temple as a full-time police officer in the City of Shamokin, contingent upon her signing a reimbursement agreement and her completion of the Police Academy.

Second by: Moyer

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

Nays: Brown

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Roughton to authorize the Northumberland County Tax Claims Bureau to consent to the acceptance of an offer in any amount deemed appropriate by the Northumberland County Tax Claims Bureau for the properties listed in the correspondence dated April 8, 2021 from Janel Barwick.

Second by: Verano

Motion rescinded by Roughton.

MOTION BY: Seidel to table the previous agenda item.

Second by: Roughton

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mayor Brown spoke about the Weis Markets project for the new gas station. It went on to zoning and codes without approval from the planning board. The planning board needs to be included in the process. Mr. Catino was given permission to speak by Council and explained the process that has occurred so far. It was stated that the planning board would be given the plans to review.

### **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**

A vacancy exists on the Civil Service Board for William Grow. It was stated that they will work on getting an appointment by next meeting.

MOTION BY: Seidel to reappoint Margaret Konopka to another term of the Shamokin Coal Township Public Library Board, which would expire May 1, 2024.

Second by: Roughton

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

### **SOLICITORS REPORT:**

MOTION BY: Seidel to accept the second reading of Ordinance 21-03 “Curbstone Market.”

Second by: Moyer

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Seidel to accept Resolution 21-03 “Curbstone Hours.”

Second by: Moyer

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Roughton to accept Resolution 21-04 “LATS.”

Second by: Seidel

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**CITIZENS’ COMMENTS** (contingent upon new business added to the agenda):

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes taken by Robert Slaby, City Administrator

Meeting ended at 8:15 PM