

City of Shamokin Regular Council Meeting
September 13, 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: All

PRAYER:

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

PRESENTATIONS:

BIDS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Read letter from the Shamokin Fire Chiefs

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

Joe Lechinskie asked about recreational vehicles and about the Ordinance being read tonight. Mentioned the Shamokin Police Department and the beginning of testing for hiring new officers.

The response by the Mayor and City Administrator was that the Ordinance had yet to be voted on by Council and the counter copy would be available the day after. Replying to his question regarding recreational vehicles, Councilwoman Seidel read out from the ordinance how recreational vehicles are defined.

Larry from the News Item asked about the letter from the Fire Chiefs that was on the agenda. Mayor, Councilman Roughton, and Councilwoman Seidel elaborated on the topics discussed in the letter.

MINUTES:

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

BILLS:

MOTION BY: Roughton to approve the bill list for August 2021

Second by: Verano

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:*Accounts & Finance*

General Fund \$ 1,063,988.36
Motor License \$ 199,382.05
Library \$ 82,474.86
Capital Projects \$ 369,789.22
Debt Service \$ 159,172.22
Recreation \$ 386,632.42
Street Lighting \$ 4,543.24
Total All Funds \$ 2,265,982.37

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

Parks and Public Buildings

Trick-or-Treat on 31st from 6 – 8 PM. Proclamation for Recovery Month presented to Oasis at annual second annual congratulations to Oasis community walk community event on Sept 19. Benches and tables replaced from COVID money from 2020. Thanked Kevin and St. Dept. employees. Thanked Larry and the staff at the pool and everyone who helped out at the pool. Noted that the first annual waffle fest was being held on the 18th.

Street and Public Improvements

Updates on the recent rainstorms in the city and on traffic paint. Mayor Brown noted the preparation and efforts of everyone who helped before and throughout the rainstorm.

Public Safety

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

Police Department reported 855 total calls for the month of August 2021.

SEDA-COG

See SEDA-COG report.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION BY: Roughton to allocate CDBG FFY 2021 funding in the amount of \$316,934 as follows: Administration, \$53,700; Demolition, \$78,900; Street Reconstruction, \$169,334; Sunbury Street Community Garden, \$10,000; Code Enforcement, \$5,000.

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to enter into a Service Agreement between ProChamps and the City of Shamokin, related to the rental properties in the City of Shamokin, based on the information meeting attended by City Council Members on September 8, 2021.

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to increase the rate of part-time code enforcement officers to \$10.00 per hour.

Second by: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Verano to allow SABER to host the annual Halloween parade, following the parade route of past years, on October 26, 2021, with a rain date of October 27, 2021, contingent on approval of the Chief of Police and Street Department Foreman.

Second by: Seidel

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

MOTION BY: Seidel to allow Mayor John Brown to host a Shamokin Football Pep Rally following the conclusion of the Halloween Parade, on October 26, 2021, with a rain date of October 27, 2021, in the municipal parking lot on East Independence Street, contingent on approval of the Chief of Police and Street Department Foreman.

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Verano to begin the police testing process.

Second by: Seidel

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ministries – worked out, City Administrator reached out to Pastor.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

SOLICITORS REPORT:

MOTION BY: Seidel to approve Resolution of the City of Shamokin, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, of the Central Business District (CBD) Zone and Gateway (GW) Zone map.

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Seidel to approve Resolution of the City of Shamokin, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania Zoning Districts designations and uses.

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Seidel to approve the first reading of the “City of Shamokin Trailer, Commercial and Recreation Vehicle Parking Ordinance.”

Second by: Moyer

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

CITIZENS' COMMENTS (contingent upon new business added to the agenda): through email

Angie Arnold asked about the status of the burned home in the Bunker Hill section of Shamokin, loose debris for nearby dwellings. Councilman Verano and Mayor Brown stated there have been citations issued, pending in court.

Jeff Hager thanked Fire Dept, Public Works Dept, and everyone who helped during the storm.

Robert Dirk inquired about the Library account balance and if the money could be used to put newspapers on microfilm to preserve them. Councilwoman Seidel responded by stating that this is a question for the library and the City can contact them to see if that is possible.

ADJOURNMENT:

An executive session took place after the Regular Council Meeting. Council reconvened and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes taken by Robert Slaby, City Administrator

Meeting ended at 8:15 PM