

City of Shamokin Regular Council Meeting  
October 11, 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:** Led by Councilwoman Seidel

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

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**BIDS:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

Jesse Storm objected to the second reading of Ordinance 21-06 "City of Shamokin Trailer, Commercial and Recreation Vehicle Parking Ordinance" as it had not yet been 30 days since the first reading of the ordinance.

In an email to the City Administrator, Joe Lechinskie objected to approving events past February 28, 2022 to leave up to new Council.

**MINUTES:**

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

The City Administrator noted that they are working on getting previous minutes prepared and thanked Councilwoman Seidel for completing agendas.

**BILLS:**

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

Second by: Verano

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

## **DIRECTORS' REPORTS:**

### *Accounts & Finance*

General Fund \$ 1,150,696.53  
Motor License \$ 194,484.61  
Library \$ 83,049.82  
Capital Projects \$ 369,789.26  
Debt Service \$ 168,319.59  
Recreation \$ 323,650.59  
Street Lighting \$ 5,063.84  
Total All Funds \$ 2,295,054.24

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

### *Parks and Public Buildings*

Councilwoman Seidel noted and thanked Judy Allen for donating Halloween candy for the parade. She thanked the Police Department for the incident on Dewart St. and thanked Chief Siko for the quick response on the incident on Dewart St. by the playground. She thanked the Street Department for working on recreation equipment from the COVID CARES money. She thanked SEDA-COG for the informational meeting prior to the City Council Meeting. On behalf of Mother Cabrini, she thanked the City for letting them display the monument and moving it. She noted upcoming events in the City, such as the Halloween Parade on the 26<sup>th</sup> (rain date 27<sup>th</sup>), Food Truck Frenzy on the 30<sup>th</sup> (no rain date), Coffee, Cars, and Cigars on the morning of the 30<sup>th</sup>, Trick-or-Treat on the 31<sup>st</sup>, Lost Mined's Fall Festival on the 16<sup>th</sup>, Music in the Park final concert on the 17<sup>th</sup> at Claude Kehler Park.

### *Street and Public Improvements*

Councilman Verano noted about the Street Light outages and asked Chief Siko to ask the night shift Officers to report outages to Sarah (Code Office), who would report them to PPL. He noted that Market St. and Lincoln St. are PPL's responsibility. He acknowledged the issue with Arch

St. which the City owns and they are working on it. It was a light output issue and they are switching to LEDs.

### *Public Safety*

Fire Department reported 325 total calls for the month of September 2021.

Police Department reported 875 total calls for the month of September 2021.

Code Office reported \$2,413.25 in revenue for the month of September 2021.

Mayor Brown noted for citizens to not throw candy from their vehicles during the Halloween Parade. He also noted that there is a Pep Rally right after the parade in the Municipal Parking Lot.

### *SEDA-COG*

See SEDA-COG report.

It was stated that motorized road scooters are allowed on non-motorized trails for the AOAA Rails to Trails project. They are working on changing the date for the public meeting for this project.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

MOTION BY: Roughton to approve using CDBG funding to demolish 122 E. Independence Street

Second by: Seidel

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Roughton to approve using Keystone funding to demolish 721-723 N. Shamokin Street.

Second by: Verano

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Roughton to approve the Updated Citizen Participation Plan (CDBG)

Second by: Seidel

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

MOTION BY: Seidel to adopt the Annual Section 504 Resolution (CDBG).

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to adopt the Annual Fair Housing Resolution (CDBG).

Second by: Seidel

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to adopt the Resolution to Apply for 2021 CDBG Funding.

Second by: Seidel

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to allow Lost Mined Brewing Company to change its Fall Fest date to Saturday October 16, 2021, from 12:00 – 9:00 pm, pending approval of the Chief of Police, and the Street Department Foreman, with the event corridor to be determined by the same city officials

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to suspend the open container ordinance for the Lost Mined Brewing Company's Fall Fest event on Saturday October 16, 2021, from 12:00 – 9:00 pm in the specified event corridor, for alcoholic beverages sold within the event corridor.

Second by: Seidel

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

Nays: None  
Absent: None

MOTION BY: Seidel to allow A & B Children's Theatre to use Claude Kehler Park for a children's dance recital on Wednesday October 27, 2021, from 5:00 – 8:00 pm, with a rain date of November 3, 2021.

Second by: Roughton

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to allow Edward Manning to hold a Coffee, Cars, & Cigars event on Saturday October 30, 2021, from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm, pending approval of the Chief of Police, and the Street Department Foreman, with the event corridor to be determined by the same city officials

Second by: Seidel

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

Mayor Brown asked if anyone checked with Jeanne Shaffer about Coffee, Cars, and Cigars possibly interfering with Food Truck Frenzy. No definitive responses. Councilman Verano questioned the AOAA route and the Mayor said to have them use Lincoln St.

MOTION BY: Roughton to suspend the open container ordinance for the Coffee, Cars, & Cigars event on Saturday October 30, 2021, from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm, in the specified event corridor, for alcoholic beverages sold within the event corridor.

Second by: Seidel

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

MOTION BY: Moyer to allow SABER to hold the Home for the Holidays event on November 27, 2021, from 1:00 – 6:00 pm, pending approval of the Chief of Police, and the Street Department Foreman, with the event corridor to be determined by the same city officials.

Second by: Roughton

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

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Seidel to suspend the open container ordinance for the Home for the Holidays event on November 27, 2021, from 1:00 – 6:00 pm, in the specified event corridor, for alcoholic beverages sold within the event corridor.

Second by: Roughton

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Moyer to allow SABER to hold the Light Up Lincoln event on November 27, 2021, with a rain date of November 28, 2021, from 5:00 – 9:00 pm, pending approval of the Chief of Police, and the Street Department Foreman, with the event corridor to be determined by the same city officials.

Second by: Verano

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Roughton to suspend the open container ordinance for the Light Up Lincoln event on November 27, 2021, with a rain date of November 28, 2021, from 5:00 – 9:00 pm, in the specified event corridor, for alcoholic beverages sold within the event corridor.

Second by: Seidel

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Seidel to allow the Northumberland County Council for the Arts to hold a Downtown Christmas Market event on December 4, 2021, from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, pending approval of the Chief of Police, and the Street Department Foreman, with the event corridor to be determined by the same city officials.

Second by: Moyer

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Roughton to allow SABER to hold the Shamokin Warms My Heart event on April 9, 2022, from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm, pending approval of the Chief of Police, and the Street Department Foreman, with the event corridor to be determined by the same city officials.

Second by: Seidel

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

Councilman Verano questioned if the next Council could review events that are already approved by previous Council. Solicitor Konopka stated that to overturn the previous approval it would have to be properly moved and seconded.

MOTION BY: Roughton to suspend the open container ordinance for the Shamokin Warms My Heart event on April 9, 2022, from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm, in the specified event corridor, for alcoholic beverages sold within the event corridor.

Second by: Seidel

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to allow SABER to hold the SABER the Heritage 5k event on May 28, 2022, from 9:00 – 10:00 am, pending approval of the Chief of Police, and the Street Department Foreman, with the event corridor to be determined by the same city officials.

Second by: Seidel

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to allow SABER to hold the Independence on Independence event to be held the same day as the fireworks, tentatively July 2, 2022, from 1:00 – 9:00 pm, pending approval of the Chief of Police, and the Street Department Foreman, with the event corridor to be determined by the same city officials.

Second by: Seidel

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

MOTION BY: Verano to suspend the open container ordinance for the Independence on Independence event to be held the same day as the fireworks, tentatively July 2, 2022, from 1:00 – 9:00 pm in the specified event corridor, for alcoholic beverages sold within the event corridor.

Second by: Seidel

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to allow SABER to hold the Waffle Fest event on September 10, 2022, with a rain date of September 11, 2022, from 1:00 – 8:00 pm, pending approval of the Chief of Police, and the Street Department Foreman, with the event corridor to be determined by the same city officials.

Second by: Seidel

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to suspend the open container ordinance for the Waffle Fest event on September 10, 2022, with a rain date of September 11, 2022, from 1:00 – 8:00 pm in the specified event corridor, for alcoholic beverages sold within the event corridor.

Second by: Seidel

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

MOTION BY: Moyer to allow the Oasis Recovery Club permission to hold their 3rd Annual Community Recovery Awareness Walk and Street Fair in the City of Shamokin on Sunday, September 18, 2022, from 1:00 – 5:00 pm. The route and street closures will be determined, and approved, based on the recommendation of the chief of police and the Street Department foreman.

Second by: Roughton

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to allow SABER to hold annual Halloween Parade on October 25, 2022, with a rain date of October 26, 2022, from 6:00 – 9:00 pm, pending approval of the Chief



of Police, and the Street Department Foreman, with the event corridor to be determined by the same city officials.

Second by: Seidel

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Roughton to allow SABER to hold the Home for the Holidays event on November 26, 2022, from 11:00 am – 6:00 pm, pending approval of the Chief of Police, and the Street Department Foreman, with the event corridor to be determined by the same city officials.

Second by: Moyer

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Roughton to suspend the open container ordinance for the Home for the Holidays event on November 26, 2022, from 11:00 am – 6:00 pm, in the specified event corridor, for alcoholic beverages sold within the event corridor.

Second by: Seidel

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Seidel to allow SABER to hold the Light Up Lincoln event on November 26, 2022, with a rain date of November 27, 2022, from 5:00 – 8:00 pm, pending approval of the Chief of Police, and the Street Department Foreman, with the event corridor to be determined by the same city officials.

Second by: Roughton

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Roughton to suspend the open container ordinance for the Light Up Lincoln event on November 26, 2022, with a rain date of November 27, 2022, from 5:00 – 8:00 pm, in the specified event corridor, for alcoholic beverages sold within the event corridor.

Second by: Seidel

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

Nays: None  
Absent: None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**

Mayor Brown noted that Edward Manning's term is ending for the IDA and this would be addressed in the agenda for the next meeting.

**SOLICITORS REPORT:**

The second reading of Ordinance 21-06, the "City of Shamokin Trailer, Commercial and Recreation Vehicle Parking Ordinance." was presented for approval but as stated by Jesse Storm in the Citizens' Comments section, the adequate amount of time had not passed since the first reading. Solicitor Konopka agreed and postponed the second reading to a future Council Meeting.

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

Jesse Storm asked to speak about maintaining cemeteries, but as it was not related to new business on the agenda, Solicitor Konopka objected. However, after discussing it, he and Council agreed to let Jesse speak.

Jesse Storm asked if funds from the City's Parks and Recreation account could be used towards maintaining the City's cemeteries. Councilwoman Seidel stated that Shamokin Cemetery is a privately owned company and that the City cannot legally provide funds to private companies.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

An executive session was scheduled to take place after the Regular Council Meeting. Council reconvened at 8:20 PM and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes taken by Sarah Shepard, Code Office Secretary, and Aeman Kamran, Administrative Accountant

Meeting ended at 8:20 PM