

City of Shamokin Regular Council Meeting  
December 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:**

**PRAYER:**

**ROLL CALL:** Roughton, Moyer, Verano, Brown  
Absent: Seidel

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**BIDS:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

Jesse Storm encouraged the Council members to vote no on the Landlord Tenant motion on the agenda. Mayor Brown clarified that was one of the items they removed from the agenda and they would not be voting on that tonight.

Joe Lechinskie spoke about the first item under the Unfinished Business section of the agenda. Mayor Brown stated that was also a removed agenda item that would not be voted on tonight.

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION BY:** Roughton to accept the minutes of The City of Shamokin Council Meeting of November 8, 2021 (Regular Council Meeting).

Second by: Moyer

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

**MOTION BY:** Roughton to accept the minutes of The City of Shamokin Council Meeting of April 12, 2021 (Regular Council Meeting).

Second by: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to accept the minutes of The City of Shamokin Council Meeting of May 10, 2021 (Regular Council Meeting).

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to accept the minutes of The City of Shamokin Council Meeting of June 14, 2021 (Regular Council Meeting).

Second by: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Moyer to accept the minutes of The City of Shamokin Council Meeting of July 12, 2021 (Regular Council Meeting).

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Verano to accept the minutes of The City of Shamokin Council Meeting of December 3, 2021 (Special Council Meeting).

Second by: Moyer

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

The City Administrator mentioned that the City was now up-to-date with all the 2021 Council Meeting Minutes and that they would be uploaded to the City's website.

## **BILLS:**

MOTION BY: Roughton to approve the bills for November 2021, as listed on the Bill List.

Second by: Verano

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

Nays: None

Absent: Seidel

## **DIRECTORS' REPORTS:**

### *Accounts & Finance*

General Fund \$ 513,646.82

Motor License \$ 149,117.13

Library \$ 55,050.39

Capital Projects \$ 369,798.44

Debt Service \$ 196,320.09

Recreation \$ 8,043.07

Street Lighting \$ 943.21

Total All Funds \$ 1,292,919.15

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

### *Parks and Public Buildings*

### *Street and Public Improvements*

Councilman Verano noted the progress of the Street Department since he joined as a Council Member until now. He thanked multiple people, including boards and committees, the previous and current Chief of Police, the Street Department, Mayor Brown, and the Fire Department. Mayor Brown also thanked Councilman Verano.

### *Public Safety*

Fire Department reported 37 total calls for the month of November 2021.

Police Department reported 627 total calls for the month of November 2021.

Code Office reported \$1,639.75 in revenue for the month of November 2021.

### *SEDA-COG*

See SEDA-COG report.

It was mentioned that the suggested consultant chosen by SEDA-COG was a firm called Gannett Fleming.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

MOTION BY: Roughton to allow The City of Shamokin to host the Coal Drop on Friday December 31st from 9:00 pm- 1:00 am on Market and Independence St.

Second by: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Moyer for the approval for resolution 21-08 to pay the city's share owed to LATS in the amount of \$1518.

Second by: Roughton

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to allow Betsy Kramer, Revitalization Coordinator of SEDA-COG, to hire the selected firm for the City of Shamokin Zoning Update, Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Rewrite.

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Roughton to accept the verbal resignation of Councilwoman Jennifer Seidel from Shamokin City Council, effective December 31st, 2021.

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Verano to accept AFSCME contract proposal provided to the city by the city's labor attorney with the term of the agreement January 1, 2022- December 31st 2024.

Second by: Roughton

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

MOTION BY: Roughton on the recommendation of Chief of Police, the hiring of Francis Petrovich as a Part Time Police Officer in the City of Shamokin with maximum hours of 28 per week, per the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Second by: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Roughton, Moyer, Verano

Nays: Brown

Absent: Seidel

MOTION BY: Roughton to accept the resignation of Sarah Shepard as the receptionist in the Code Office, effective December 31, 2021.

Second by: Verano

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

Nays: None

Absent: Seidel

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

MOTION BY: Roughton to allow Covered Bridge Brew Haus to host all of their events as listed under the Unfinished Business section on the agenda.

Second by: Moyer

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

Nays: None

Absent: Seidel

MOTION BY: Roughton to suspend the open container ordinance at the events voted through on the agenda.

Second by: Verano

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

Nays: None

Absent: Seidel

#### **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**

#### **SOLICITORS REPORT:**

#### **CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

Jarrold Scandle asked about the distribution of the COVID funds. Mayor Brown explained the process the City went through before distributing them, including contracting with SEDA-COG.

He also stated the criteria for receiving the bonuses. The time period employees must have worked was March 3, 2021 to December 1, 2021. Full-time employees must have worked 800 hours and part-time employees must have worked 400 hours. The employees needed to be current employees to be considered. Mayor Brown also offered Mr. Scandle a meeting to discuss the matter.

Jesse Storm thanked the Council members. He also stated that he was against the bonuses for the City employees, as they had been employed during COVID. He mentioned there were other places the money could be spent for. Councilman Verano responded by saying there is a criteria for what the money could be spent towards.

Joe Lechinskie thanked the Controller, Councilman Verano, and Mayor Brown.

Jarrod Scandle mentioned that the Police Department would be holding their Christmas party for underprivileged children for the 14<sup>th</sup> year.

Judy Allen thanked the Mayor and the Council members.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION BY: Verano to adjourn the meeting.

Second by: Moyer

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes taken by Aeman Kamran, Administrative Accountant

Meeting ended at 8:18 PM