

City of Shamokin Regular Council Meeting  
May 9, 2022  
7:00 PM

The Regular Monthly Meeting of Shamokin City Council was held this evening with Mayor Richard Ulrich presiding.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**PLEDGE TO FLAG:**

**PRAYER:**

**ROLL CALL:** Milbrand, Annis, Moyer (attending by telephone), Leschinskie, Ulrich  
Absent: None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Certificate of Accomplishments awarded to Hannah Bashore and Samantha Stancavage and National Anthem sang by both.

**BIDS:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

None.

**NOTICE:**

MOTION BY: Moyer to amend the posted agenda to ratify and approve the City Administrator's residence outside of Shamokin City Limits.

Second by: Milbrand

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Milbrand, Leschinskie, Annis, Moyer, Ulrich  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

(The amended agenda will be posted within 24 hours of tonight's meeting).

**MINUTES:**

MOTION BY: Annis to accept the minutes of The City of Shamokin Council Meetings on April 11, 2022 (Regular Council Meeting) and April 29, 2022 (Special General Purpose).

Second by: Milbrand

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Milbrand, Annis, Moyer, Leschinskie, Ulrich

Nays: None

Absent: None

**BILLS:**

MOTION BY: Milbrand to approve the bills from April 2022, as listed on the Bill List.

Second by: Leschinskie

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Milbrand, Annis, Moyer, Leschinskie, Ulrich

Nays: None

Absent: None

**DIRECTORS' REPORTS:**

*Accounts & Finance*

General Fund \$ 832,270.60

Motor License \$ 41,629.77

Library \$ 79,197.28

Capital Projects CLOSED ACCT \$ 0.00

Debt Service \$ 270,733.47

Recreation \$ 99,611.13

Street Lighting \$ 22,143.76

Zoning Grant Fund \$ 50,002.63

Total All Funds \$ 1,395,588.64

Fund balances as of May 1, 2022 submitted by Brenda Scandle, City Treasurer.

*Parks and Public Buildings*

Councilwoman Moyer spoke about agenda item #5 under New Business. It was something already discussed and will be addressed when they get to it.

*Streets and Public Improvements*

Councilwoman Leschinskie stated that if the street sweeper missed somewhere, reach out to her. If there any lights out in the City, reach out to her.

*Public Safety*

Fire Department reported 41 total calls for the month of April 2022.

Code Office collected \$4,384.50 in revenue for the month of April 2022.

*SEDA-COG*

See SEDA-COG report.

Aaron stated that the change order that had been discussed on Wednesday is on the agenda for Council to vote on.

Betsy mentioned that the projects are all on schedule. The process involving the \$2.6 million grant was discussed. An updated was provided for the HOME Program; so far there are two properties under contract with a total of \$120,000. This Wednesday there will be another walkthrough, then the intakes will have to be approved, then inspections will be done. They are looking for contractors from the Shamokin area. If anyone is interested in this Betsy asked that they contact herself or Danielle Rippon from SEDA-COG.

Mayor Ulrich asked about the ARPA money that was needed and when that will have to be voted on. Betsy stated that can be voted on next month.

*Chief of Police*

Police Department reported 1,298 total calls for the month of April 2022.

The Chief stated he spoke to Officer Temple and they've reached out to two training centers for the training and they will see about enrollment. He thanked everyone and there was positive feedback and community relations. Finally, the new vehicle should be in service hopefully tomorrow.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Request a motion to approve Lost Mined's June Jam event on June 4, 2022 12pm-9pm, closing Spruce St from Market to Coal St from 10 am to 10 pm.
2. Request a motion to suspend the open container ordinance for Lost Mined's event on June 4, 2022 12pm-9pm, in the specified event corridor, for alcoholic beverages sold within the event corridor.

3. Request a motion to approve Lost Mined's Fall Festival on October 1, 2022 from 12pm-9pm, closing Spruce St from Market to Coal St from 10 am-10pm.
4. Request a motion to suspend the open container ordinance for Lost Mined's event on October 1, 2022 12pm-9pm, in the specified event corridor, for alcoholic beverages sold within the event corridor.
5. Request a motion to approve The Shamokin Community Gardens' Painting for Our Future event on May 14, 2022 from 9:30am-11:30am at Claude Kehler II and use of buildings to serve food at Claude Kehler I.
6. Request a motion to approve the Shamokin Crime Watch's event National Night Out on August 2, 2022 5pm-8pm, closing W Arch St from 2nd to 5th St from 3pm-9pm, with the use of Claude Kehler facilities.

MOTION BY: Milbrand to approve agenda items #1-6 listed under New Business.

Second by: Annis

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Milbrand, Annis, Moyer, Leschinskie, Ulrich

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Annis to accept William Zalinski's retirement as of May 16th, 2022.

Second by: Leschinskie

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Milbrand, Annis, Moyer, Leschinskie, Ulrich

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Annis to approve CDBG 118-122 E Independence St Demolition Change Order #2 and #3.

Second by: Leschinskie

The Solicitor asked for clarification on whether it was 122 or 112, as the paperwork had 112.

Betsy clarified it was 122.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Milbrand, Annis, Moyer, Leschinskie, Ulrich

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Moyer to ratify and approve the City Administrator's residence outside of the Shamokin City limits.

Second by: Leschinskie

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Annis, Milbrand, Moyer, Leschinskie, Ulrich

Nays: None  
Absent: None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**

MOTION BY: Annis to accept the resignation of William Milbrand from the RDA board, effective April 29th, 2022.

Second by: Leschinskie

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Annis, Moyer, Leschinskie, Ulrich  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Milbrand  
Absent: None

**SOLICITORS REPORT:**

The Solicitor stated he attended code and zoning hearings and they had a favorable result. The sidewalk permit application was prepared in conjunction with the ordinance. He went through the Code Book and Councilwoman Annis helped to go through old codes and ordinances for Codes that needs to be updated.

The City Administrator brought up Citizens for a Better Community and the fireworks that are scheduled for July 2nd with a rain date of July 3rd. It was not on the agenda but he was just giving a heads up; they would wait until the next meeting.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

Vinny Clausi met with the City Administrator today. He brought the property near 2nd & Walnut St. where three corners are commercial and one is residential, the old Kolody store, which was changed from commercial to residential. He said that should remain commercial. The Solicitor responded that they will look into that.

Chris Grego spoke about the City's election last year and questioned why after an election they moved to appointments. Mayor Ulrich stated that when they spoke to the election office, they were told they had to make appointments. Councilwoman Moyer stated she had researched this and there is no provision for special election. Appointments are not the preferred way, but special elections are costly for the City. Solicitor Greco stated that by Third Class City Code, they can defer to the remaining elected officials to appoint someone for the vacancy to serve until the next election.

Brandy Finney stated she was disappointed that Council did not take into consideration the citizens' opinions about the trash and they didn't put in a second option. She asked that they

please re-evaluate it because a lot of people cannot do as the ordinance says and there is no alternative provided.

Councilwoman Leschinskie spoke regarding Officer Zalinski's retirement and thanked him for his service.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting ended at 7:37 PM

Minutes taken by Aeman Kamran, Administrative Accountant