

City of Shamokin Regular Council Meeting
June 13, 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: Leschinskie, Moyer, Annis, Ulrich
Absent: Milbrand

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Swearing in of Officer Derek A. Jenkins took place.

The acknowledgement for Colton Lynch was postponed to a later meeting.

BIDS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

VNA Memorial Butterfly Release – July meeting to vote

Vacancy on RDA – Letter of Interest (on the agenda today)

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

None.

MINUTES:

MOTION BY: Moyer to accept the minutes of The City of Shamokin Council Meeting on May 9, 2022 (Regular Council Meeting).

Second by: Leschinskie

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

BILLS:

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

Second by: Leschinskie

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

Nays: None

Absent: Milbrand

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

Accounts & Finance

General Fund \$ 988,096.65

Motor License \$ 41,634.02

Library \$ 99,277.34

Debt Service \$ 203,576.95

Recreation \$ 204,147.54

Street Lighting \$ 19,849.42

Zoning Grant Fund \$ 50,007.56

ARPA COVID Care Act \$ 110,024.24

Total All Funds \$ 1,716,613.72

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

Parks and Public Buildings

Councilwoman Moyer spoke about the Music in the Park budget on the agenda. The first concert for that will be in June. The City's Pool passed the general and electrical inspections and the new lifeguard chairs and new tables. They also had a successful opening day.

Streets and Public Improvements

Councilwoman Leschinskie spoke about the Street Department's work during the Heritage Festival and Memorial Day. She also mentioned if anyone has missed the street sweeper on their street, they can reach out to her so they can address that.

Public Safety

Councilman Milbrand was absent.

SEDA-COG

Aaron mentioned that voting on 2021 CDBG PSA is on the agenda. He stated the demo on Independence Street is going well. He also spoke about the park portion of the project and went over the schedule for bidding, for contractors interested in bidding on that project.

A general PSA for fireworks was given to be careful.

Chief of Police

Police Department reported 1,519 total calls for the month of May 2022.

The Chief asked for a short executive session for personnel. He also stated he completed a traffic study on Franklin Street. His recommendation was to put a stop sign at least at one intersection there to slow down the speed of cars. He also mentioned four wheelers and that they are getting complaints about them being on the roads seven days a week.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request a motion to approve Transitions of PA event at Claude Kehler Park on June 15 from 9am-3pm.
2. Request a motion to approve Carrington Family Investments, LLC's event, Fifth Ward Block Party, on August 17, 2022 from 11am-10pm, closing East Chestnut St from Franklin St to Pearl St and North Pearl from East Chestnut to Race from 8am-11pm.
3. Request a motion to suspend open container ordinance for Carrington Family Investment LLC's event on August 17 2022, 11a-10p, in the specified event corridor, for alcoholic beverages sold within the event corridor.
4. Request a motion to approve the roadside fireworks collection on Friday July 1st, 2022, 4pm-8pm at Jack Williams and Pool World.
5. Request a motion to approve the roadside firework collection Saturday July 2nd, 2022 11am-9pm at Sixth St and Jack Williams Automotive, Route 61 at Pool World, and Second and Walnut Streets.
6. Request a motion to approve the Fireworks on July 2nd, 2022, rain date July 3rd, with proper insurance and written permission from the landowner.
7. Request a motion, based on the recommendation of the City Treasurer, to close the FEMA Fund bank account.

8. Request a motion to approve Shamokin Cruise & Events' event, Shamokin Cruise, on June 25, 2022, 7pm-10pm in Downtown Shamokin.

MOTION BY: Annis to approve agenda items #1, #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8 listed under New Business.

Second by: Moyer

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

Council spoke about agenda items 2 and 3. The City Administrator said that they should ask the Chief of Police to provide his input about closing the streets. The Chief said there wasn't a problem, but if there was a fire during that time period, even though no one would be on the street, they would let them know if there was an emergency and they needed to go through. The open container request was discussed as well, since there may be alcohol infused cupcakes, so just in case that request was put in. Alcohol may be sold at the event but not consumed because of the vendors that will be present. They also asked Roxanne, who was present to answer questions about the event, to clarify about the two agenda items about the event and she stated that it was sealed bottles being sold.

MOTION BY: Leschinskie to approve agenda items #2 and #3 listed under New Business.

Second by: Annis

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

MOTION BY: Moyer to approve the Music in the Park budget of \$4,000.

Second by: Leschinskie

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

MOTION BY: Annis to ratify the hiring of Bruce Rogers as a Full Time Code Enforcement Officer, with a salary of \$38,000 with benefits effective May 24, 2022.

Second by: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Annis to ratify the hiring of Kerri Lindermuth as Full Time Code Enforcement Secretary, at the rate of 14.50/hr, with a maximum of 35 hours/week, with benefits, effective May 16, 2022.

Second by: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Leschinskie to ratify the hiring of Joseph Swope as Code Enforcement Sub-Contractor effective May 24, 2022.

Second by: Annis

Councilwoman Annis questioned how many hours he will work in a week. The City Administrator stated approximately 20 to 25 hours.

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

MOTION BY: Moyer to approve to enter into a professional services agreement with SEDA-COG for Administration of the City of Shamokin's Community Development Block Grant award for Federal Fiscal Year 2021.

Second by: Annis

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

Resolution 22-05 was read by the Solicitor.

MOTION BY: Annis to approve Resolution 22-05, paying Shamokin's share of the LATS bus service of \$1945.

Second by: Leschinskie

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Annis inquired about whether the letter from SABER that was discussed at the workshop was reviewed by anyone. She stated she liked the part about the graphics on the street,

for anyone who is not familiar with the City and they get lost. The Mayor said they should ask Kevin and Tonya and set-up a meeting with them.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

MOTION BY: Annis to appoint Cameron Jacoby to the RDA board to replace William Milbrand who resigned from his position effective April 29th, 2022, term expiring May 2026.

Second by: Moyer

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

Nays: None

Absent: Milbrand

SOLICITORS REPORT:

First reading of Ordinance 22-07 Subdivision and Land Development.

MOTION BY: Annis to advertise Ordinance 22-07 Subdivision and Land Development.

Second by: Moyer

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

Nays: None

Absent: Milbrand

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Mike Duganitz spoke about kids on the street and asked that Council please consider putting a stop sign. He cited that the cars fly down the street and there are traffic accidents. He asked for something between Chestnut and Spruce Streets. The City Administrator asked the Chief about temporary stop signs. The Chief said as long as ordinance protects it, they can enforce it. The City Administrator asked if they could do it on a temporary basis, such as through the summer months. The Chief said there is an enforcement problem if they don't have an ordinance. He will try to do a time and speed study in the area. Councilwoman Moyer asked why not make the stop sign permanent.

Vickie Finney spoke about the trash can ordinance and if there was any consideration towards what the citizens have said about it. The City Administrator stated that the Director of Public Safety was not here, but it was not discussed in the workshop. The City Solicitor noted that there were no citations issued yet in relation to this ordinance. The Mayor stated that he would talk to Councilman Milbrand and set up a meeting with him to discuss this.

Joe Leschinskie asked the Chief of Police about what was mentioned earlier about ATVs and that they weren't allowed 7 days a week. The Chief responded yes. Joe wanted to get clarification and cited ordinance 20-05 and it didn't mention certain days, times, and events. The Chief said state vehicle code should be followed in this case over City ordinance. Joe also asked about the ATV routes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council went to executive session for personnel purposes at 8:01 PM. They reconvened to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes taken by Aeman Kamran, Administrative Accountant