

City of Shamokin Regular Council Meeting
July 11, 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, Leschinskie, Moyer, Annis, Ulrich
Absent: None

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Certificate of Achievement presented to Colton Lynch for recognition of High School Achievements.

Swearing in of Officer Travis M. Minnig took place.

BIDS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

MINUTES:

MOTION BY: Moyer to accept the minutes of The City of Shamokin Council Meeting on June 13, 2022 (Regular Council Meeting).

Second by: Annis

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

BILLS:

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

Second by: Leschinskie

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

Nays: None
Absent: None

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

Accounts & Finance

General Fund \$ 1,020,880.47
Motor License \$ 221,430.63
Library \$ 103,380.41
Debt Service \$ 122,348.37
Recreation \$ 414,933.03
Street Lighting \$ 11,241.46
Zoning Grant Fund \$ 50,012.65
ARPA COVID Care Act \$ 110,081.92
Total All Funds \$ 2,054,308.94

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

Parks and Public Buildings

Councilwoman Moyer read a report by Larry Strausser. Free lunch program at the pool is ongoing until school starts. The Department of Agriculture Bureau of Food Safety had an inspection of the concessions and they were in full compliance. The inspection took place on June 14 and the results are posted on the PA Dept. of Agriculture website. She mentioned her and the City Admin met at the 3rd Street Playground and made a list of things that need work. She hopes they can have a meeting soon with Chief Siko that they will be scheduling this week.

Streets and Public Improvements

Councilwoman Leschinskie spoke about the street lights that they were working on. The orders are in. She mentioned the Street Dept. and the work they are doing, they have everything up to date, such as the grass being cut.

Public Safety

Fire Department reported 28 total calls for the month of June 2022.

Code Office collected \$3,094.00 in revenue for the month of June 2022.

The Mayor mentioned the fire hose discussed at the workshop and asked Aaron about it. Aaron clarified that they can purchase it with ARPA funding but make sure to follow the requirements for spending that money.

SEDA-COG

Aaron spoke about the City receiving the 2021 CDBG money and they will be starting projects with that. He also mentioned the remaining CV funding. The demo of 118-122 is complete. Bids for the park at the 118-122 site for Illumination Station are due July 25th at 1:30. If anyone wants to bid on the project, request the documents from SGA (the engineer for the project) and the bid opening will be at City Hall.

Betsy spoke about the updates on her report. She asked for a list, for the consultant for the Comprehensive Plan/Zoning Book Re-write, for the red X buildings and the tenant to ownership ratio in the City. Councilman Milbrand stated the Code Dept. might have that information.

See SEDA-COG report.

Chief of Police

Police Department reported 1,424 total calls for the month of June 2022.

The Chief mentioned that he will have been the Chief of Police for one year and thanked everyone.

The Treasurer mentioned that Vickie Finney called to thank the City Administrator and Councilman Milbrand for meeting with her. She also asked Councilwoman Annis about items she wanted to go over with her.

The Mayor spoke regarding invoices. He asked the department heads that, when they get their bills, they get them back in to City Hall as soon as possible so they can be paid out.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request a motion to approve Redman Club's event "Redman Block Party" at Claude Kehler Park September 16 & 17, 2022 5pm-10pm, closing W Arch St from 5th St to 3rd St.

2. Request a motion to suspend open container ordinance for the Redman's event on September 16 & 17, 2022 5pm-10pm, in the specified event corridor, for alcoholic beverages sold within the event corridor.
3. Request a motion to approve Oasis Community Recovery Club's event "Overdose Awareness Day" August 31, 2022 6pm-8pm at Claude Kehler Park.
4. Request a motion to approve The Christian & Missionary Alliance Church's event "Church Service" July 31st, 2022 10am-11am at Claude Kehler Park.
5. Request a motion to accept the resignation of Ronnie Herb from the Streets Department effective June 16, 2022.
6. Request a motion to accept the resignation of Joseph Stanley from the Streets Department effective June 17, 2022.
7. Request a motion to approve the VNA's annual butterfly release on August 21st, 2022 at 1:30pm at Claude Kehler Park.
8. Request a motion to amend the City of Shamokin's Premium Pay policy
9. Request a motion to approve to compensate three eligible retired employees with Premium Pay using the City's ARPA SLFR revenue loss allocation.
10. Request a motion to Authorize Northumberland county tax claim bureau to sell parcels listed as repository property in the City of Shamokin.

Councilwoman Annis stated she would abstain from agenda item #9.

MOTION BY: Annis to approve agenda items #1-#8 and #10 listed under New Business.

Second by: Moyer

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Leschinskie to approve agenda item #9 listed under New Business.

Second by: Milbrand

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Annis

MOTION BY: Annis to allocate \$40,000 of ARPA SLFR funding towards the zoning and comprehensive plan rewrite.

Second by: Moyer

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Milbrand to allow SEDA-COG to submit a CDBG-CV contract extension request for the City of Shamokin's 2020 CDBG-CV Contract on behalf of the City of Shamokin.

Second by: Leschinskie

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Moyer to allow SEDA-COG's Betsy Kramer to apply on behalf of the City of Shamokin for a \$1,000,000 CFA Multi-Modal grant to be used for furthering the Independence Street Downtown Makeover project, made possible with \$2,675,000 appropriation from Congressman Meuser's office.

Second by: Annis

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Milbrand to allow SEDA-COG to submit a Revision Request for the 2020 CDBG-CV project funding on behalf of the City of Shamokin.

Second by: Annis

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The City Treasurer asked Councilwoman Annis about a payment made online last year from the General Fund. Since they did not have the paperwork for that available to discuss at that time, they agreed to look at it after the meeting.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

SOLICITORS REPORT:

Second reading of Ord 22-07, Subdivision and Land Development.

MOTION BY: Milbrand to adopt Ordinance 22-07, Subdivision and Land Development.

Second by: Leschinskie

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Reading of Resolution 22-06, authorizing Penndot to request railroad crossing upgrades at Shamokin St from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

MOTION BY: Annis to accept Resolution 22-06.

Second by: Moyer

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Mike Duganitz commended Chief Siko and the Officers for doing a great job at the pool. He mentioned they have a problem with people who are thrown out of the pool who stay around the pool area. He said it's still City property and asked if they can clarify that.

Jesse Storm said the Code Department is doing a fantastic job. He stated that there are areas in the City where the grass is high. He also spoke about an issue with trash in the City and asked the City to adopt a municipal trash ordinance. He asked that they put it out for bid and have a bid on different wards in the City.

Joe Leschinskie asked about who was eligible to receive the ARPA funds that were voted on tonight. The City Administrator stated they are Darwin Tobias, Shane Mowery, and Robert Persing.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION BY: Moyer to adjourn the meeting.

Second by: Leschinskie

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

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Nays: None
Absent: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting ended at 7:50 PM

Minutes taken by Aeman Kamran, Administrative Accountant