

City of Shamokin Regular Council Meeting
August 8, 2022
7:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE TO FLAG:

PRAYER:

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Certificate of Achievement presented to Maximus Madden for recognition of High School Academic, Football, and Miscellaneous Athletics Achievements.

BIDS:

Opened bids for the 2022 Recycling Truck.

- Ferrario Ford 2022 Ford F550 Truck Chassis for \$51,335

Councilman Milbrand questioned if they have it available in stock. The City Administrator answered yes.

MOTION BY: Milbrand to accept the bid pending review of the specifications by the City Solicitor.

Second by: Leschinskie

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

MOTION BY: Annis to award the electrical construction bid for the Independence Street Public Improvement project to H & P Construction Inc. Pending SEDA-COG review.

Second by: Moyer

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

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Milbrand to award the general construction bid for the Independence Street Public Improvement project to H & P Construction Inc. Pending SEDA-COG review and DCED Sole-bidder approval.

Second by: Annis

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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 July 11, 2022 (Regular Council Meeting).

Second by: Milbrand

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

BILLS:

MOTION BY: Annis to approve the bills from July 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 \$ 1,022,055.17

Motor License \$ 220,213.21

Library \$ 110,530.87

Debt Service \$ 137,507.27

Recreation \$ 436,694.84

Street Lighting \$ 3,489.70

Zoning Grant Fund \$ 50,017.59

ARPA COVID Care Act \$ 110,068.77

Total All Funds \$ 2,090,577.42

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

Parks and Public Buildings

Councilwoman Moyer spoke about her meeting with representatives of SABER and the remote control park. They are no longer following through with that because the individual previously involved with it is no longer interested. She spoke about repainting the sheds at Claude Kehler Park with vintage postcards. She also mentioned about the consideration to change the name to Volunteer Park and developing a process to honor people there. In addition, she mentioned potentially having the farmers' market at Claude Kehler Park in 2023. She asked that the water application for Aqua be filled out for the Shamokin Community Garden Club to have their water hookup restored. She also mentioned the need for more trash receptacles.

Streets and Public Improvements

Councilwoman Leschinskie mentioned that the Street Dept. finished painting the playgrounds. She spoke about people throwing their home trash downtown and asked that people don't dump their household garbage in those City trash cans.

Public Safety

Fire Department reported 29 total calls for the month of July 2022.

Code Office collected \$6,720.50 in revenue for the month of July 2022.

SEDA-COG

Aaron mentioned that they would be voting on projects for next year. He also went over the report outlining those projects.

Betsy went over the report detailing current projects ongoing for the City.

See SEDA-COG report.

Chief of Police

Police Department reported 1,586 total calls for the month of July 2022.

The Chief mentioned the police testing and that they have 6 applicants. He read a letter from Skylar Truchon stating she was resigning from her position at the Shamokin Police Department, effective August 15, 2022. He also mentioned National Night Out and that the turnout for that event was nice.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request a motion to grant permission for Family Planning Plus to have a clinic bus at the East parking lot off of Independence St August 23rd, 2022, 10am-2pm.
2. Request a motion to approve the addition to local restaurants and food trucks to the Halloween Parade, October 25 2022, rain date October 26.
3. Request a motion to approve the date change of Lost Mined Brewing Company's already approved Fall Festival on October 1, 2022 to October 15, 2022.
4. Request a motion to approve FAR Better Together to host the Fifth Ward Clean Up on August 14, 2022 9am-12pm.
5. Request a motion to approve Heather Reigle's event Fall Fundraiser at Claude Kehler Park on August 28, 2022 11am-6pm, closing Arch St from 3rd St to 5th St 10am-7pm.
6. Request a motion to approve the 7th St PM Church to host an outdoor church service on September 25, 2022, 11am-2pm at Claude Kehler Park.
7. Request a motion to approve Mark Rebuck's event Shamokin Cruise and Events' Cruise Night in Downtown Shamokin August 20, 2022, 7pm-10pm.
8. Request a motion to approve James Bower from God's Chuckwagon event Christmas in July on July 22, 2023, 10am-7pm at Claude Kehler Park, closing Arch St from 3rd St to 5th St.
9. Request a motion to approve the property located at 524 N 2nd St to change the zoning district from R-MT to Commercial.

MOTION BY: Moyer to approve agenda items #1-4 and #6-9 listed under New Business.

Second by: Annis

Councilwoman Leschinskie questioned for the Halloween Parade do they have a general idea where the food trucks will be. Sarah answered on Independence Street, but they don't have an exact location. They would speak to Kevin and the Fire Chiefs.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Milbrand to allow SEDA-COG to submit a Revision Request to DCED for the Independence Street Public Improvement project funding on behalf of the City of Shamokin.

Second by: Moyer

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Annis to approve the FFY 2022 CDBG projects and allocations as presented.

Second by: Milbrand

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

MOTION BY: Milbrand to reappoint Gene Belles to the Redevelopment Authority board for an additional 5 year term, expiring 5/2027.

Second by: Leschinskie

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

SOLICITORS REPORT:

1. Resolution 22-09 - reference The Storm Water Act
2. Request a motion to approve Resolution 22-07, to ratify the Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant \$1,971,275 (Independence St Improvement Project) to designate the City Administrator and Shamokin Mayor as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Shamokin and Commonwealth Finance Authority.
3. Consider and Take action to adopt Resolution 22-08 to apply for a Keystone Communities Façade Grant.

MOTION BY: Milbrand to accept agenda items #1-3 under the Solicitors Report section of the agenda.

Second by: Moyer

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

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Mike Duganitz mentioned that on July 28 he posted on Facebook about Police Officers helping kids at the City Pool and it received around 17,000 views. He thanked the Shamokin Police Officers.

Jesse Storm thanked the people who helped clean up the trash on Coal St. He also provided Council with a list of topics he wanted to discuss with them and went over those topics.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting ended at 7:58 PM

Minutes taken by Aeman Kamran, Administrative Accountant