

City of Shamokin Regular Council Meeting
October 10, 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

MOTION BY: Annis to amend the agenda, adding item #12 under the New Business section of the agenda to ratify the hiring of Seth Hart as a Full Time Police Officer effective September 19, 2022, pay and benefits per contract.

Second by: Milbrand

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

SWEARING IN:

Swearing in of Officer Benjamin J. Busko and Officer Preston V. Gehring took place.

PRESENTATIONS:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

BIDS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

MINUTES:

MOTION BY: Milbrand to accept the minutes of The City of Shamokin Council Meeting on September 12, 2022 (Regular Council Meeting).

Second by: Moyer

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

BILLS:

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

Second by: Moyer

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

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

Accounts & Finance

General Fund \$ 315,716.47
Motor License \$ 200,559.64
Library \$ 113,013.71
Debt Service \$ 162,977.80
Recreation \$ 446,827.09
Street Lighting \$ 2,766.66
Zoning Grant Fund \$ 50,027.78
ARPA COVID Care Act \$ 475,047.73
Total All Funds \$ 1,766,936.88

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

The City Administrator mentioned he had an item that would be considered correspondence regarding the portal trail. He received an estimate to light it up for \$62,000 and they can consider what to do next with that.

Parks and Public Buildings

Councilwoman Moyer spoke about the pickle ball league. If anyone would like to participate they have an app called team reach for information about what the next meeting times are, etc. She read a report from Larry about the pool. They are in the process of winterizing it. They served a total of 2,485 lunches this year and had \$61,056.46 in total receipts. She also thanked the Chief of Police, the Police Officers, Larry, and the Pool staff for their help. She spoke about the agenda item for the name change to Volunteer Park. Her and Betsy spoke about grant funding. Music in the Park held their last concert for this year.

The City Administrator mentioned that the Legion Building will remain closed for now and passed out the report regarding that from Mid Penn Engineering to the Council members.

Streets and Public Improvements

Councilwoman Leschinskie spoke about the Downtown Camera Project. She also mentioned the vandalism at Claude Kehler Park.

Public Safety

Councilman Milbrand spoke about Fire Prevention Week. He also mentioned the removal of the apparatus from one station to another.

SEDA-COG

Aaron mentioned the change order on the agenda, item #11 under New Business.

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

See SEDA-COG report.

Chief of Police

Police Department reported 1,442 total calls for the month of September 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request a motion to approve FAR Better Together to host their clothing drive in the Municipal Lot on Independence St on October 22, 2022, 10 am -1pm
2. Request a motion to approve Keri's Kreative Dance Center to host their Halloween in the Park event at Claude Kehler Park on November 1, 2022, 6pm-8pm, closing Arch St at Claude Kehler Park from 530pm-830pm.
3. Request a motion to ratify the hiring of Charles Zarski as a Part Time (28 hr/week) Meter Attendant effective October 4, 2022, \$10/hr with no benefits.
4. Request a motion to formally rename the park located across the creek from Claude Kehler Park, which is now named Claude Kehler 2, as Volunteer Park.
5. Request a motion to allow SEDA-COG's Betsy Kramer to pursue a Department of Conservation of Natural Resources Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grant (DCNR C2P2) for the planning of Volunteer Park, which will include a footbridge to Claude Kehler Park.
6. Request a motion to allow SEDA-COG's Betsy Kramer to organize the Shamokin Blight Task Force in cooperation with Mayor Ulrich and Shamokin City Council.
7. Request a motion to approve the Resolution 22-11 to Apply for the City's FFY 2022 CDBG Entitlement application.

8. Request a motion to approve the Fair Housing Resolution 22-12.
9. Request a motion to approve the Section 504 Resolution 22-13 and designate City Administrator Robert M. Slaby as the City's 504 Compliance Officer.
10. Request a motion to formally acknowledge the receipt of the ARPA SLFR funds second tranche from U.S. Treasury and the reallocation amount from the Commonwealth of PA.
11. Request a motion to approve Change Order #1 from the Independence Street Park Improvement Project.
12. Request a motion to ratify the hiring of Seth Hart as a Full Time Police Officer effective September 19, 2022, pay and benefits per contract.

MOTION BY: Moyer to approve agenda items #1-12 listed under New Business.

Second by: Annis

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

SOLICITORS REPORT:

The Solicitor spoke about Act 57 for next month's meeting.

MOTION BY: Annis to accept Resolution 22- 10: Northumberland County Hazard Mitigation Plan Municipal Adoption Resolution.

Second by: Milbrand

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Jesse Storm thanked the Code Dept. He mentioned he helped the Garden Club by getting water to them. He also asked about Claude Kehler Park and a hydrant on both sides. The City Administrator mentioned the fountain. Councilwoman Moyer stated her and Kevin talked about that. The original plans that included a footbridge were also mentioned.

Jim Keel spoke about the Clay Street house. The City Administrator asked that he reach out to City Hall to coordinate a meeting with the Code Officers.

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Prior to adjournment, Betsy mentioned the work Maggie was doing. There was also an article written by her in the newspaper.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting ended at 7:57 PM

Minutes taken by Aeman Kamran, Administrative Accountant