

City of Shamokin Regular Council Meeting  
November 14, 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

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Individual Department Awards for Achievements

1. Tyler Bischof
2. Derek Jenkins
3. Travis Minnig
4. Wesley Fleming
5. Greg Hoffman
6. Jarrod Scandle

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

**BIDS:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

Vinny Clausi inquired about the Act 47 item on the agenda under the Solicitor's Report and why it was pulled from the agenda.

The Mayor responded they needed to review it since they only got the information in the last few days and Councilwoman Moyer saw it tonight, so it would be beneficial for them as well as the citizens for Council to review it.

Mr. Clausi questioned why they don't go through with it and get it done. The Solicitor clarified that the agenda item was to move it forward to advertise it, not approving or disapproving it. The City Administrator said it was the first time for this to be on the agenda. The Mayor stated what Mr. Clausi said will be noted and Council will keep it in mind.

Councilwoman Moyer said she wasn't at the workshop when they officially got this document. It's an in-depth process and she requested more time to think about it, not any particular issue, before actually voting on it to know the particulars.

Joe Leschinskie spoke about the State and the Home Rule that was previously voted on.

### **MINUTES:**

MOTION BY: Milbrand to accept the minutes of The City of Shamokin Council Meeting on October 10, 2022 (Regular Council Meeting).

Second by: Moyer

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

### **BILLS:**

MOTION BY: Annis to approve the bills from October 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 \$ 268,420.10

Motor License \$ 195,681.56

Library \$ 113,959.40

Debt Service \$ 171,922.66

Recreation \$ 449,162.58

Street Lighting \$ 2,267.51

Legion \$ 4,013.21

Neighborhood Mitigation \$ 20,316.34

Total All Funds \$ 1,225,743.36

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

*Parks and Public Buildings*

Councilwoman Moyer stated she had nothing for tonight since there would be overlap with SEDA-COG's report.

*Streets and Public Improvements*

Councilwoman Leschinskie stated that if the forecasted snowfall occurs, the Street Dept. is prepared for it.

*Public Safety*

Fire Department reported 31 total calls for the month of October 2022.

Code Office collected \$6,502.50 in revenue for the month of October 2022.

Councilman Milbrand stated the Code Officers are doing great. They are hoping to get one more Code Officer next year if it's possible. Regarding the Fire Dept., he mentioned the fire apparatus that was moved from one company to another.

The City Administrator mentioned he will approve the hiring of the 2023 Battalion Chief that will become effective in January and that ratification at the earliest General Purpose meeting in December. Councilman Milbrand stated the swearing in of the Fire Chiefs will take place at 7 PM on New Year's Eve at City Hall.

*SEDA-COG*

Aaron mentioned a couple months ago Council approved a motion to submit an extension request for the 2018 CDBG Contract. On 11/10 he received word from DCED that the extension request was approved. The new term date for that contract is now May 1, 2023. The only project that is still active on that contract is the Park. He thinks they shouldn't have any issue with finishing it by that term date. He also mentioned the Change Orders on the agenda tonight.

Betsy spoke about the Pocket Park; the concrete work has started there. The original term date was in December but they were concerned that the work wouldn't get done, especially the planting. With the grant, everything has to be done by that end date. She also went over the report detailing current projects ongoing for the City.

See SEDA-COG report.

*Chief of Police*

Police Department reported 1,263 total calls for the month of October 2022.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion to approve Change Order #2 for the General Construction Contract for the Independence Street Public Improvements Project.
2. Motion to approve Change Order #1 for the Electrical Construction Contract for the Independence Street Public Improvements Project.

MOTION BY: Annis to approve items #1-2 as listed on the agenda under New Business.

Second by: Milbrand

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**

**SOLICITORS REPORT:**

It was stated that Council would postpone voting on item #3 tonight and wait until a future meeting to take any action regarding that agenda item.

1. Request a motion to approve Resolution 22-11, to appoint City Administrator Robert M Slaby and Mayor Richard H Ulrich as signatures for the nationwide pension group.
2. Request a motion to approve Resolution 22-12, which would relieve a taxpayer of additional charges for Real Estate taxes for the failure to receive a Real Estate Tax Notice for a new purchase of property provided certain conditions are met.
3. First reading of Ordinance 22-08, 18 Month Extension Plan for Act 47.

MOTION BY: Milbrand to approve items #1-2 as listed on the agenda under Solicitors Report.

Second by: Annis

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION BY: Milbrand to adjourn the meeting.

Second by: Annis

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting ended at 7:43 PM

Minutes taken by Aeman Kamran, Administrative Accountant