

City of Shamokin Regular Council Meeting  
February 13, 2023  
6:00 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:**

Mark Gilger was recognized for his work as a newspaper reporter in the City.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

**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 January 9, 2023 (Regular Public Meeting).

There was a typographical error on the meeting agenda that listed the meeting date as January 8 instead of January 9. It was verbally corrected.

Second by: Annis

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

**BILLS:**

**MOTION BY:** Annis to approve the bills from January 2023, 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 \$ 313,879.89  
Motor License \$ 133,983.62  
Library \$ 122,098.10  
Debt Service \$ 96,778.41  
Recreation \$ 271,988.54  
Street Lighting \$ 1,464.30  
American Legion \$ 2,043.16  
Neighborhood Mitigation \$ 20,316.34  
Code Department Credit Cards \$ 3,362.50  
Police Department Credit Cards \$ 2,970.74  
Total All Funds \$ 968,885.60

Fund balances as of February 1, 2023 submitted by Brenda Scandle, City Treasurer.

*Parks and Public Buildings*

Councilwoman Moyer spoke about the Legion Building.

*Streets and Public Improvements*

Councilwoman Leschinskie asked if they can add Harrison Street to the 2023 Street Sweeper List.

*Public Safety*

Fire Department reported 34 total calls for the month of January 2023.

Code Office collected \$26,614.00 in revenue for the month of January 2023.

Councilman Milbrand mentioned Engine 11 is down and if the ARPA funds can cover that. Aaron replied that ARPA funds can cover that; they just need the vote from Council to approve the distribution of the funds. The RDA's apparatus is being housed at Station 30. The City Administrator stated he will let him know when they have a meeting with the RDA and the Shamokin Police about the situation with the space there.

*SEDA-COG*

Aaron asked about the fire hoses that were ordered. Councilman Milbrand stated they have not arrived yet. Aaron also mentioned the items that are on the agenda tonight that he spoke about at the work session.

Betsy spoke about her report. 118 people showed up to the reconvening meeting. She mentioned the Façade Grant. There are still two openings from the last round of funding and ten from the current round. Betsy mentioned the Safe Streets for All Grant, H&H Study, Volunteer Park and Footbridge Plan, Independence Street Downtown Makeover, the CFA Multimodal Grant, Illumination Station, the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Book, the Brownfield Grant, and LERTA. She is working with Maggie on the EPA Swiffer Grant. She is also working to extend her time with the City and also to bring in a Downtown Manager.

*Chief of Police*

Police Department reported 1,187 total calls for January 2023.

The Chief mentioned he will be scheduling with the Civil Service Commission for the promotion test. He spoke about the applications for employment for Officers. He also spoke about defibrillators for public buildings and asked about that being done through ARPA. The only concern is the procurement process if it's over \$10,000. The Chief stated he has been discussing this with Councilwoman Moyer. They would need Council approval to allocate the money there and make sure the procurement requirements are followed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Request a motion to approve Mrs Brown's Easter Egg hunt on April 8, 2023 (rain date April 15, 2023) at Volunteer Park from 9am-5pm.
2. Request a motion to approve Friendship Fire Company's Car Show on August 19, 2023 from 10 am -5pm, closing Independence St from Washington St to Rock St from 9:30am-5:30 pm.
3. Request a motion to approve Covered Bridge Brewhaus's Shenanigans on 8th St event on March 11, 2023 from 12pm-10pm, closing 8th St from Independence St to Water St from 9am-12am.
4. Request a motion to suspend the Open Container Ordinance for Covered Bridge Brewhaus's event on March 11, 2023, in the specified event courier, for alcoholic beverages sold within the event corridor.
5. Request a motion to approve Covered Bridge Brewhaus's Rock the Mullet event on April 29, 2023 from 12pm-10pm, closing 8th St from Independence St to Water St from 9am-12am.
6. Request a motion to suspend the Open Container Ordinance for Covered Bridge Brewhaus's event on April 29, 2023, in the specified event courier for alcoholic beverages sold within the event corridor.

7. Request a motion to approve Covered Bridge Brewhaus's Hippy Fest event on May 20, 2023 from 12pm-10pm, closing 8th St from Independence St to Water St from 9am-12am.
8. Request a motion to suspend the Open Container Ordinance for Covered Bridge Brewhaus's event on May 20, 2023, in the specified event courier for alcoholic beverages sold within the event corridor.
9. Request a motion to approve Covered Bridge Brewhaus's Hobutt's Prom Party event on June 24, 2023 from 12pm-10pm, closing 8th St from Independence St to Water St from 9am-12am.
10. Request a motion to suspend the Open Container Ordinance for Covered Bridge Brewhaus's event on June 24, 2023, in the specified event courier for alcoholic beverages sold within the event corridor.
11. Request a motion to approve Covered Bridge Brewhaus's Christmas in July event on July 29, 2023 from 12pm-10pm, closing 8th St from Independence St to Water St from 9am-12am.
12. Request a motion to suspend the Open Container Ordinance for Covered Bridge Brewhaus's event on July 29, 2023, in the specified event courier for alcoholic beverages sold within the event corridor.
13. Request a motion to approve Covered Bridge Brewhaus's Tiki Time event on August 26, 2023 12pm-10pm, closing 8th St from Independence St to Water St from 9am-12am.
14. Request a motion to suspend the Open Container Ordinance for Covered Bridge Brewhaus's event on August 26, 2023, in the specified event courier for alcoholic beverages sold within the event corridor.
15. Request a motion to approve Covered Bridge Brewhaus's Flannel Fest event on September 30, 2023 from 12pm-10pm, closing 8th St from Independence St to Water St from 9am-12am.
16. Request a motion to suspend the Open Container Ordinance for Covered Bridge Brewhaus's event on September 30, 2023, in the specified event courier for alcoholic beverages sold within the event corridor.
17. Request a motion to approve Covered Bridge Brewhaus's Oktoberfest event on October 21, 2023 from 12pm-10pm, closing 8th St from Independence St to Water St from 9am-12am.
18. Request a motion to suspend the Open Container Ordinance for Covered Bridge Brewhaus's event on October 21, 2023, in the specified event courier for alcoholic beverages sold within the event corridor.
19. Request a motion to approve SABER/GoShamokin's Shamokin Warms My Heart on April 8, 2023 (rain date April 15) 11am-5pm, closing W Arch St from 3rd St to Market St from 9am-6pm, including the use of Claude Kehler Park and facilities.
20. Request a motion to suspend the Open Container Ordinance for Shamokin Warms My Heart on April 8, 2023, in the specified event courier for alcoholic beverages sold within the event corridor.
21. Request a motion to approve Change Order#3 for the General Construction Contract for the Independence Street Public Improvements Project.
22. Request a motion to approve Change Order#4 for the General Construction Contract for the Independence Street Public Improvements Project.

23. Request a motion to approve Change Order#5 for the General Construction Contract for the Independence Street Public Improvements Project.
24. Request a motion to approve Change Order #2 for the Electrical Construction Contract for the Independence Street Public Improvements Project.
25. Request a motion to allow SEDA-COG to submit a revision Request to DCED for 2021 Code Enforcement Project funding on behalf of the City of Shamokin.
26. Request a motion to allow SEDA-COG to submit a revision Request to DCED for the 2019 Code enforcement Project funding on behalf of the City of Shamokin.
27. Request a motion to approve Treasurer Brenda Scandle writing a check to Sports Zone Toys and Comics for \$5000 for reimbursement for funds donated for the RC Park that were not used.
28. Request a motion to approve releasing Tax Collector Brenda Scandle from 2022 tax collection as collected and submitted for the records on file.

Item 19 was pulled for discussion. Items 1-18 and 20-28 will be voted on.

MOTION BY: Moyer to approve items #1-18 and #20-28 under New Business as listed on the agenda.

Second by: Leschinskie

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

Regarding agenda item #19, Councilwoman Annis stated the Sixth Street Bridge was included in the areas being closed and she had some concerns about that. The Chief said they could have 6th to 3rd and Market to 3rd, and traffic control at 6th with an early warning. Councilwoman Annis spoke with Sarah, she asked if they could have crossing guards on 6th and keep it open. The City Administrator stated it is different to have people in uniform doing traffic control rather than if they are going to be asking the general public. The Chief recommended that the Fire Police could do that since they are in uniform. Councilman Milbrand asked if there were going to be using the Independence Fire Company parking lot during the event. Sarah said that depends on how many vendors they have but ideally yes. The consensus was to allow them to close Market to one side of 6th and 6th to 3rd as long as they reach out to Fire Police and utilize Fire Police as recommended by the Chief of Police.

MOTION BY: Annis to approve agenda item #19, with the condition that Fire Police are utilized for traffic control and 6th Street remains open, with 3rd to 6th and the other side of 6th to Market being closed.

Second by: Milbrand

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**

**SOLICITORS REPORT:**

1. First Reading of Resolution 2023-01, Traffic Signal Approval from PennDot.

MOTION BY: Milbrand to adopt Resolution 2023-01, Traffic Signal Approval from PennDot.

Second by: Annis

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

Jesse Storm thanked the Code Department. They have helped identify homes in the area that needed help. He mentioned 500-502 Bear Valley Avenue which they've taken 19 and ½ tons of trash out of the six car garage and the basement. They are in the process of putting new doors on the building and renovating the building, hoping to have the occupiable area renovated within the month and then move on to the outside structures like the porches and balconies and refinishing the property. Code identified the property and Mr. Storm is expecting \$600k spent on the building until it's within legal code again. He also mentioned the situation that occurred recently with charges for a City employee and if there is some issue with money that has transpired that they look at dealing with it until there's an outcome and what they need to do to protect the City of Shamokin.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION BY: Annis to adjourn the meeting.

Second by: Milbrand

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting ended at 6:41 PM

Minutes taken by Aeman Kamran, Administrative Accountant