

Special Council Meeting
February 20, 2020
12:00 PM

The Regular monthly meeting of Shamokin City Council was held this evening with Mayor John J. Brown presiding.

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: All

PRAYER: Silent

ROLL CALL: Moyer, Roughton, Seidel, Verano, Brown
Absent: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION BY: Seidel to allow Mr. Smith to use Claude Kehler Park for a public rally on March 1, 2020 from 1:00-3:00pm (Organizational effort to bring awareness of drug addiction, drug use and trade in this area)

Second by: Roughton

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, Roughton, Seidel, Verano, Brown
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION BY: Verano to accept the second reading of the Shamokin ACT47 Three year exit plan.

Second by: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, Roughton, Seidel, Verano, Brown
Nays: None
Absent: None

SOLICITORS REPORT:

MOTION BY: Roughton to approve the second reading of Ordinance 20-01 (Multi-use streets)

Second by: Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Seidel, Moyer, Roughton, Brown
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION BY: Roughton to approve Resolution 20-04 (HUD – Satisfaction Piece)

Second by: Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Seidel, Moyer, Roughton, Brown
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION BY: Roughton to approve Resolution 20-05 (HUD – Satisfaction Piece)

Second by: Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Seidel, Moyer, Roughton, Brown
Nays: None
Absent: None

- **Citizens Comments contingent upon new business being added to the agenda at this part of the meeting.**

Judy Allen – Asked about the ACT47 three-year exit plan, She did not read the plan, but she heard it's in there about laying off police officers or is it a recommendation. Mayor and council stated that there is a section in the plan that calls for eliminating the department as a cost savings, if we cannot come up with the ability to continue the current EIT rate. This was part of the reason why we put the home rule government study commission on the ballot. If this plan were not approved, we would go right into conservatorship. We have three years to come up with a way to keep the current EIT. Mrs. Allen stated that she believes we get most of our money from taxes; she thinks there are a lot of taxes not being paid in the city. There is a lot of tax money outstanding. Mayor and council stated that even if we collected 100% of our taxes we would still be short without the current EIT. It would still not be the solution. The point of the government study commission is to study the current form of government and come up with a plan to keep the current EIT. Mrs. Allen said that we pushed the Home Rule, and the group that we picked worked here at city hall were on that ballot. How do the senior citizens pay their taxes? Mayor and council stated that there were no groups; the end result was to put together a home rule charter. The commission was to establish a home rule charter. The State told us that the optional plan was not available to us. What we were trying to do was establish a commission to look into the ability to put a home rule charter into effect. Mrs. Allen asked if anyone has asked if they will take a drop in pay? Mayor and Council Stated that the employees are paying more now than they have ever paid, even the ones that retire pay a portion.

ADJORN:

Minutes taken by Doreen Annis, Administrative Accountant
Meeting ended at 12:40 PM