

Special Council Meeting  
March 23 ,2020  
6:00 PM

The Special 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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Letter was read that was sent from the ACT47 Team regarding Police Negotiations.**

Council read and discussed the letter with the ACT47 Team.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

MOTION BY: Roughton to approve to extend the Declaration of Disaster Emergency issued by the Mayor, with the expiration of the Emergency to coincide with the States Declaration.

Second by: Seidel

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

**SOLICITORS REPORT:**

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

**Judy Allen-** Addressed the Letter about form the ACT 47 Team in regards to a Labor Attorney, She asked if we have anyone in mind with these qualifications for Labor Council other than the ACT47. Mrs. Seidel stated that we had answered that when we had proposed Attorney Rovito to do the negotiations.

Council spoke about the Newspaper article regarding the Police force and the ACT47 3 year exit plan. All council spoke about the article and the need to have a meeting with the public to discuss this.

**Judy Allen -** I understand because of unqualified people used previously, it cost the taxpayers \$60,000.00 per year to pay out just the illegal portion of the pensions paid out to previous police officers. Is this correct? She would like a clarification from DCED or ACT 47. Ryan Hottenstein would need to go back to provide good data. Mayor Brown stated that is a hard number to verify, because not only do you have the payments, you have the increased MMO and COLAs. It also changes with the accrual assumptions.

Councilwomen Seidel asked a question to the ACT47 team regarding the original ACT47 recovery document there was mention of the unlawful pension and the recommendation to go back and rectify those pensions, in the current 3 year exit plan there is not mention. Mr. Hottenstein stated that this was fixed in the current bargaining agreement; the unlawful benefits have been removed. Mayor Brown stated that all the all the unlawful benefits have been removed and we have a clean Audit from the Auditor General.

#### **ADJOURN:**

Minutes taken by Doreen Annis, Administrative Accountant  
Meeting ended at 6:42 PM

Executive Session was held after the meeting for personnel and Contracts.