

Special Council Meeting
May 19, 2020
5:00 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:

The State ACT47 Team went over our Budget Shortfalls expected due to Covid – 19.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION BY: Seidel to not open The City Pool for the 2020 Season.

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Moyer to cancel the Music in the Park series for the 2020 Season.

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Seidel to not allow the Fireworks for the 2020 Season.

Second by: Verano

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

Absent: None

MOTION BY: Seidel to approve the Lease for the Legion Basement with Oasis Recovery Club.

Second by: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Seidel to open the budget and have meetings

Second by: Verano

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

Curbside recycling will begin this Thursday in zone 4.

SOLICITORS REPORT:

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

Marcella Janine Raup - It's really a shame, not just for the kids. What about people who have already paid for passes for 2020, money will be refunded if you paid.

Donna Kurtz-Yeager - How much money did the pool make last year? Mr. Slaby It cost between a 60,000 and \$80,000 loss each year, Mrs. Seidel – I will not address each individual comment concerning the swimming pool since there are 100 at this point, people going back and forth. The city swimming pool does not make a profit that's not the point as it is a service to the public, and while that does play into the decision that was not trying factor. The other question that came up concerning the pool is that is closed for good, no it is only closed for the 2020 season and if you drive by, you'll see that maintenance is still being done.

Donna Kurtz-Yeager - The recreational fund has 300,000 dollars in the account. That money can not just magically transfer to other programs. _ The City discussed this issue with the State, if you have any further questions please call City Hall and we can discuss this in depth.

Robert Derk Can the City stop the fireworks? Since they are fired off from Coal Twp? I understand the city not participating but can they stop it? Attorney Rovito- Yeah, so we can stop it. I can assure you.

Amanda Krebs – Do you understand it is not about money it is about the health and safety of all citizens and the fact that it would likely void insurances. I am in a band that plays music in the parks, I will miss playing this year and I will miss the fireworks but, I would rather have a year without firework, concerts and the pool then a town with critically ill or dead citizens due to a unavoidable cause.

Jeff Warren – Just reviewed the 2019 budget,(online) Pool revenue was projected at \$53k. Part time labor alone was \$50k. There are an additional \$56K in expenses projected. Pools are a service, not a money maker.

Brian Pufnack - Are we ever going to see any long-term financial plans? I understand that the virus imposes additional strain on the budget. But all we ever hear about is loans and asking for help from the state. So let's kick this can down the road even further. This city has many issues, but you continue to be a reactionary board. Change in philosophy would be nice. Mayor Brown: One of the City's Long Term plans was the Home rule committee which was put on ballot and voted down by the citizens. it will have to be revisited again as a long term issue to stabilize the City.

Marcella Janine Raup - Are they going to allow for the pop ups of fireworks tents like dollar generals to be selling or the other sales locations in the city to sell? Council.- They City does not have any pop up tents in town.

Joe Leschinskie Citizen's comment: Chief Tobias And Mayor Brown, there was another "brawl" style incident in the 5th Ward on Saturday. These are A constant nuisance down here lately. What steps have you and your officers taken to ensure the safety of the residents of our community in the 5th ward and were there any charges filed from Saturday? Also with my comment, a man was recently attacked by a dog down here, in which the dog busted through the fence. Where are we obviously respond as fast as they can. So there are steps being taken and. Matter of fact, me and you (Mayor) sat down with Mr. Leschinskie and addressed some of his concerns, and are looking in different ideas. Chief if you would like to just generally explain the procedure for dangerous dogs, dog with the ASPCA investigations towards cruelty, whereas dog Warden is licensing and other laws regarding their use ,being off leash, not being licensed shots. They also have the dangerous dog law.

ADJOURN:

Minutes taken by Doreen Annis, Administrative Accountant
Meeting ended at 6:57 PM

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