

Special Council Meeting  
August 24 ,2020  
6:30 PM

**CDBG – Final Public Hearing**

The Special monthly meeting of Shamokin City Council was held this evening with Mayor John J. Brown presiding, starting at 6:35

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** All

**PRAYER:** Silent

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Judy Allen- When was this meeting posted? Linda Sterling: this was posted with the CDBG Ad.  
Judy: How will the locals get to this designated route from their homes? If someone lives at Lombard and Race Streets? Will they have to trailer it to the route. I have a question on Article 7 of the ordinance. I want to make something very clear to Mr. Porzi, I have nothing against the AOAA, this was against the City. How is bringing the ATVs to Shamokin going to do anything for the City, as far as I see it, it is costing the city money. On the day they come to the city we are paying a meter maid to work and he is not ticketing any vehicles. We had to bring the street dept in to put the signs up in the city, this was extra. I see the Mayor and his wife go out on Sunday Mornings and cut weeds. Coal Street, I was under the impression that Coal Street was not on the route and it was there the whole time, I am aware of that now. How are you getting the vehicles to Kathys Lot, Coal Street is a one way on Arch Street. You are going to have to go up to 6<sup>th</sup> Street to Chestnut and come around and down Coal Street. Are you thinking of entering from Arch Street. Mayor: The Locals with the current route, there are no provisions to drive from bunker hill, Springfield,, the route is the only route it is the only place the Dual Use roadways are in place. They will have to trailer or pickup truck there ATV. Attorney: PA Motor Vehicle Code, the guidelines are set by the state but the municipally has the ability to make things more stringent. Mayor: Title 77 has a full ATV chapter. Jen: Coal Street Issue, Coal street was always on the original route. I made a statement that if we were going to allow citizens to decide if we were going to charge fees, we should take into account Coal Street, I made this comment outside of a meeting and I did not address council, however my comment was taken seriously, I appreciate that level of professionalism. Less than 18 hours later, I noticed that it was taken off and emailed the mayor and Mr. Rovito less than 23 hours later it was changed back to include Coal. This route was never made public so I am not sure how you got that copy. Judy: I got this copy from Joe Leschinskie, I got a copy from the newspaper that does not have Coal Street on it. It was in August 11 after the meeting. This was a story done by the NewsItem that did not include coal Street. Charlie: The Signs, The street dept did put them up, it was on city time

and I gave them permission. The AOAA has nothing to do with the littering in the downtown area. We have a serious problem with littering. As far as Terrace Ave, before the ride I asked the street Dept foreman to go over and check it. It was a mess. I asked Kevin to set a day aside to clean it up. That was not from AOAA this was from City Residents. Judy: This route is not in front of any of your homes. Mayor: As far as how does this have anything to do for the City. Specially Multi Million dollar motels, service fees, staying at the hotels will out way the cost the city put forward for this project. The only thing I have to bring tourism to the city is. This is my baby and I have taken a lot of my time to convince the other council members of this. People will be able to open new business and maintain the ones they have. The Street dept did it during working hours, Meter clerks do not tag during special events. This all ends with the ordinance. My original plan was to make coal street a two way street, but it did not pan out. All traffic patterns stay the way they are. The Street Dept will again post the route. The Signs were given to us from DCNR, there was no charge for signs. We are being looked at very carefully by DCNR.

Susan Zaner – This is the beginning of the end with the ATVs going up and down the streets, They are ruining my property, they are going up on my property. Now when its time to fix my property no one wants to fix it. Patsys hill is deplorable. Terrace Ave is deplorable, Charlie you went onto my property cleaning up the property. The Citizens have to walk up those deplorable steps. They are going to ruin this town, I have talked to many people they do not want it. The are noisy and polluting my town. Mayor: As for the it being a deplorable dump, absolutely it was a lot of the trash seemed to be coming from the houses up above. So you are welcome for cleaning it up. The AOAA is gating the Cemetery Property. IF someone is one your property you are more than welcome to call the police, we have the maps here. The city owns approx. 30 feet of right away from the creek. The AOAA paid for the survey. Jen: I went back at one point and that area was in deplorable condition, I climbed up that bank to get some of that garbage. It was not put there from ATV riders. It is our citizens it is the people that live here that are putting the garbage there. While I do agree atvs can be noisy. I wanted Bunker hill to be on the route to get some control, it is our people here in town that have a disregard for this town. We got to be blaming the right people.

Joe Leschinskie – Weather you are support this route or not this is new to this area The people who live here I see that someone local not have the DCNR Plates and Insurance. We need to lead by example. Be reasonable. We need to try something different.

Kathy Vetovich - We are trying to change our city, we need to start with our own citizens. They see the energy and they want to invest in our town.

Dave Porzi – We will be doing some provision on the property's due to our lease terms with the cemetery. The AOAA was started on a concept. I hope this does pass, please if this does not pass come to us to pick some dates.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

MOTION BY: Seidel to donate a couch from the legion basement to Skyloft Youth Center

SECOND BY: Roughton

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

MOTION BY: Veraon to approve the amended budget

SECOND BY: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Seidel to have the City administrator send a letter for support for the Regional Independent Community College Project.

SECOND BY: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Roughotn to acquire 122 E. Independence Street using CDBG funds, Pending DCED approval.

SECOND BY: Verano

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

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

MOTION BY: Verano to Hire John Britton as a Part Time Street Department Employee at \$10 an hour and no more than 28 hours per week.

SECOND BY: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Verano to Hire Eugene Schnee as a Part Time Street Department Employee at \$10 an hour and no more than 28 hours per week.

SECOND BY: Roughton

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

Absent: None

**SOLICITORS REPORT:**

MOTION BY: Seidel to approve the Second reading of Ordinance 20-05(OHV), Contingent upon it being properly advertised in the Newspaper.

Second by: Roughton

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

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

**ADJOURN:**

Minutes taken by Doreen Annis, Administrative Accountant  
Meeting ended at 8:32 PM