

City of Shamokin Special Council Meeting  
April 29, 2022  
5:00 PM

A Special Monthly Meeting of Shamokin City Council was held this evening with Mayor Richard Ulrich presiding.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**PLEDGE TO FLAG:**

**PRAYER:**

**ROLL CALL:** Moyer, Annis, Ulrich  
Absent: None

**CITIZENS COMMENTS** (contingent upon business listed on the agenda):

Chris Grego spoke about something he didn't have a chance to speak about in the last meeting. Conflict of interest for individuals working in City Hall while living or serving another City or community. Feb. 25 article about election procedures in PA where mail-in voting to continue for now. Encouraged attendance at May 3<sup>rd</sup> Commissioners Meeting.

Jesse Storm stated they do not have a quorum present to start the meeting. The Mayor answered that they do, Councilwoman Moyer was on the phone to attend the meeting. Mr. Storm mentioned that according to state rules they have to have a quorum present and disagreed that they do not have a quorum present for this meeting.

Joseph Leschinskie thanked everyone who gave him the opportunity to serve, voted for him and supported him through the election, campaign, and while he was in office and will continue to give his best from the outside. He decided not to appeal the decision from Judge Saylor because going to a higher court would not be to his benefit. He chose to send a letter to state representatives and state senators since he believes if somebody is on the ballot and wins they should be able to serve. He spoke about the agenda item about his seat, he asks that his input be taken by Council since he was elected by the citizens and asks that Council consider Tonya Leschinskie as she would be able to carry on the same views and values that he campaigned on and she would work well with everyone there. He thanked everyone who he got to work with and mentioned they can contact him if they need help and advice.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Acknowledgement of Letters of Interest received at City Hall to fill the vacant position on City Council.

Reading of Letter of Resignation of Councilman Roughton from Shamokin City Council, effective April 29, 2022.

MOTION BY: Annis to accept the resignation of Councilman Roughton.

Second by: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Annis to appoint Tonya Leschinskie as a replacement to City Council filling the vacant position of former Council person Joseph Leschinskie, Jr.

Second by: Ulrich

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

Swearing in ceremony of Tonya Leschinskie as a Councilwoman.

Reading of request by former Mayor John Brown asking the City Administrator to remove his Letter of Interest that was previously submitted by him. His request was acknowledged.

MOTION BY: Ulrich to appoint William Milbrand to fill the vacancy on Shamokin City Council created by the resignation of Scott Roughton as council person on April 29, 2022.

Second by: Moyer

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

The City Administrator stated will make arrangements for Mr. Milbrand to come to City Hall so he can be properly sworn in for his position.

Mayor Ulrich stated that Councilwoman Leschinskie will be in charge of Streets and Public Improvements and Councilman Milbrand will be in charge of Public Safety. Solicitor Greco clarified that these appointments are until the next municipal election.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

Jesse Storm suggested the City review the legislation that states physical presence of Council people as a requirement to be counted in establishing a quorum.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION BY: Moyer to adjourn the meeting.

Second by: Annis

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting ended at 5:21 PM

Minutes taken by Aeman Kamran, Administrative Accountant