

Regular Council Meeting  
November 14, 2016  
7:00 PM

The Regular monthly meeting of Shamokin City Council was held this evening with Mayor William Milbrand presiding.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** All

**PRAYER:** Silent

**ROLL CALL:** Moyer, Verano, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand  
Absent: None

**BIDS:**

**MINUTES:**

A Motion by Verano to approve previous Council Meeting Minutes of  
October 10, 2016 (Regular Council Meeting)

Second by: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand  
Nays: None

**BILL LIST:**

MOTION BY: Verano to approve the bill list for September 2016.

Second by: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand  
Nays: None

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Robert Tloczynski – 519 s 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Shamokin, PA. Robert stated that the driveway by his home is illegal, it goes all the way though the property. When it rains the ashes from the driveway wash into the street. Mr. Verano stated that if this happens he will address it with the Street Department and deal with it at that time. If the driveway does wash out they will be cited and billed. Mr. Tloczynski also is here about the rain barrels. DEP did not look at the rain barrels when they were there. The

people that lived in that house have moved and the Code Officer stated that he can now start the process of getting rid of the rain barrels. There are six rain barrels left on the property, they owners took two with them when they moved. They have not been cleaned in over 22 years since Mr. Tloczynski has lived there. The Mayor stated that we are not able to go onto someone's property without their permission.

Joseph Leschinskie - 518 E. Pine St, Shamokin, PA. – Joseph apologized for last month's meeting and the way he reacted. Mr. Leschinskie asked about the Parks and Rec and all the work that Sunbury has had done to their Parks. He asked if there was any way that the city could do to get grants for their parks and Rec. The Mayor stated that there is a project going on behind the old warehouse. Mr. Leschinskie spoke out about the police working 12-16 hour days. He asked how much we pay for the labor attorneys. The Mayor stated that the police have a sweetheart contract and we are in this situation because of prior administration. Mr. Leschinskie stated that for the last three years the police have come in under budget. Council stated that before 2015 the budget was useless; the budget was not even given to each department before. Ms. Moyer feels like we are finally on solid ground with the budget. Mr. Leschinskie asked why are the police retirees still receiving insurance? They are still receiving this because it was in their contract. Which was negotiated by prior council. This is the reason we are now using a labor attorney. Council stated that half of our budget goes to the police force. Joseph wanted to know how much it is costing the city for the labor attorney.

Tim Vincent - Asked about putting benches and some plants in the lots that the city owns by Dunkin donuts, so they will not be empty lots. Tim would also like to commend council for the work they have done in the city.

Executive Session was held from 7:43 to 8:02 for Contracts

#### **DIRECTORS REPORT:**

##### **ACCOUNTS & FINANCE:**

General Fund \$ 269,082.12  
Motor License \$ 126,473.11  
Library \$ 17,715.61  
Debt Service \$ 220,055.34  
Recreation \$ 202,375.23  
FEMA \$ 6,957.84  
Capital Projects \$ 2,377.11  
Street Lights \$2,031.48  
Total All Accounts \$ 847,067.84

Fund balances as of November 1, 2016 submitted by Brenda Scandle, City Treasurer.

**PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS:** Legion furnace is fixed. The roof of the Legion needs fixed. Halloween Candy giveaway was great for the first year that Dan has done this. There will be a City Christmas Tree placed somewhere on city property. Mr. McGaw would like to purchase a portable Ice Skating Rink and make a Dog Park.

**STREET & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS:** Councilman Verano would like to remind everyone who drops a plow in the City of Shamokin that a Snow Plow license is needed; they can be purchased at City Hall for \$100 for the year.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Brown read the Code office report for the month of October which the office revenue collected was \$7,970.10 with total calls of 34.

Police Department reported 1127 calls for the month of October.

Fire Department had 154 calls for the month of October. All apparatus in working condition.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Friendship Fire Company**

MOTION BY: Verano to grant authorization for the Friendship Fire Company to hold a door to door fund drive in November.

SECOND BY: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Milbrand, Brown, McGaw  
Nays: None

**Northumberland County Council for the Arts and Humanities**

MOTION BY: Verano to grant authorization for Northumberland County Council for the Arts and Humanities to hold their annual Christmas Parade on December 3, 2016 at 1pm

SECOND BY: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Milbrand, Brown, McGaw  
Nays: None

**BOARD & COMMITTEES**

**Shamokin Coal-Township Joint Sewer Authority**

MOTION BY: Moyer to reappoint Charles Sosnoskie of Shamokin to the Shamokin Coal-Township Joint Sewer Authority with a five year term expiring January 1, 2022.

SECOND BY: Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Milbrand, Brown, McGaw  
Nays: None

**SOLICITORS REPORT:**

MOTION BY: Verano to accept the first reading of Ordinance 16-05

SECOND BY: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Milbrand, Brown, McGaw  
Nays: None

MOTION BY: Verano to accept Resolution 16-10

SECOND BY: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Milbrand, Brown, McGaw  
Nays: None

**ADJORN:**

Minutes taken by Doreen Annis, Administrative Accountant  
Meeting ended at 8:38 PM