

**Regular Council Meeting
October 10, 2011**

The Regular monthly meeting of Shamokin City Council was held this evening with Councilman Strausser presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Strausser called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Led by Councilman Strausser.

PRAYER: Silent

ROLL CALL: William D. Milbrand, Craig Rhoades, William R, Strausser, Michael Snyder were all present. Mayor Rozinskie, Jr. was absent.

VISITORS:

Thomas Bell 51 South Seventh Street: Mr. Bell once again raised several issues concerning neighbors. Mr. Bell has also requested a handicap parking space/permit and provided paperwork to the City. He has not received a permit to date. Called back several times and finally told he would need a variance. He noted there is an ongoing feud with the family next door including numerous complaints associated with permitting for building renovations. He noted he called the Mayor 9 times without a response.

Bill Romanuski 4320 State Route 61: Mr. Romanuski raised concerns regarding dilapidated house at 521 West Mulberry Street. House has been in a state of ill repair for many years. The house has holes in the roof and chimney falling apart. Mr. Strausser noted that the City has probably 100 like that which the City is working on. Mr. Strausser asked that Rick Bozza, Code Enforcement work on this particular complaint. A second concern raised was the Sewer Authority aren't doing as good a job as they could be doing. Mr. Romanuski recently got sewage in the basement at his rentals on Commerce Street, first time ever since owning these properties. Also concerned about disconnecting the rain spouting. Shamokin is looking like a shanty town. Thanked Council for their time.

MOTION BY MILBRAND to approve the minutes of the previous Council meetings including Council Meeting of September 12, 2011.

Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser

Nays: None

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DIRECTORS' REPORTS

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE:

Report read by Treasurer. Fund balances as of October 1, 2011 as reported by the City Treasurer as follows:

○ General Fund.....	\$45,237.09
○ Motor License.....	\$2.45
○ Library.....	\$8,270.59
○ Contingent Fund.....	\$7,571.32
○ Sinking Fund.....	\$169,317.61
○ RDA.....	\$3,938.46
○ Recreation.....	\$11,100.95
○ All Accounts.....	\$245,438.47

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS: Councilman Rhoades noted that Street Department removed two trees on Sunbury Street. The trees were rotted and were a safety issue. Also, identified that the table that was purchased, at cost of \$646.00, was destroyed at the playground. The Race Street playground someone did damage inside the slide. The center tube has a hole punched thru at cost of \$800.00 Mr. Rhoades recommended that these items not be replaced at this time. Council is requesting someone to come forward and report who is doing this damage.

STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVMENTS: Closing up the Fall activities and doing some patching of potholes downtown.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The following reports were provided for Code Enforcement:

- 117 phone calls
- 19 walk in complaints
- 51 property visits
- 22 written warnings filed
- 7 citations

Rick Bozza is doing a fantastic job in a tough situation.

Fire department billing \$1892.00 to Insurance company.

PETITIONS

- Petition signed by resident of Block 127 thru 151 South Franklin Street concerning residence of 142 South Franklin. Code enforcement to look into situation.

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COMMUNICATIONS

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- Request from Mountainside Assembly of God to hold their annual "Light the Night" on trick or treat night in October from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- City of Sunbury Fire Police request Shamokin Fire Police with traffic control during the Sunbury Halloween Parade
- Request from Shamokin Fire Police on Thursday October 27, 2011 to assist Danville Borough Police with Danville -Riverside Halloween parade.
- Set Halloween Trick or Treat Night for City of Shamokin for October 29th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

MOTION BY MILBRAND to approve the communication requests as presented.

Strausser,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser

Nays: None

- Request from Hillside Coaches (Gene Welsh) to use Claude Kehler Park for chicken barbeque on October 22, 2011 from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

MOTION BY RHOADES to approve the communication request as presented pending discussion with contractors on Tuesday.

Milbrand,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser

Nays: None

BIDS

- The City of Shamokin has received a final determination letter from DEP regarding the cleanup of the former City Warehouse Facility. The City Clerk is requesting the Mayor's and Council's approval to enter into discussions with DEP and cleanup contractors to determine next steps for environmental restoration of the aforementioned site.

MOTION BY MILBRAND to approve the request by the City Clerk as presented.

Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser

Nays: None

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CONTRACTS

MOTION BY RHOADES for Conversion of City Hall boiler from oil to high efficiency gas boiler pending approval from the gas company for the service and when the service can be installed to purchase two systems from the Plumbing Outlet not to exceed \$9500.00.

Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser

Nays: None

MOTION BY MILBRAND TO enter into a two year contract with Constellation Energy to purchase the City's buildings electricity at discounted rate.

Strausser,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Snyder, Rhoades, Strausser.

Nays: None

UNFINISHED BUISNESS

Nothing to report.

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

MOTION BY MILBRAND TO appointment Richard Roughton as the Emergency Management Agency Coordinator for the City of Shamokin.

Strausser,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser.

Nays: None

NEW BUISNESS

Nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

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BILL LIST

MOTION BY MILBRAND to pay itemized list of bills for the City, Redevelopment, and Community Development Programs

Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser

Nays: None

MOTION BY RHOADES to adjourn

Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser

Nays: None

The City Clerk recorded the meeting as ended at 8:05 PM

Attest:

Stephen D. Bartos
City Clerk