

Regular Council Meeting
October 10, 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:

MOTION BY: Verano to award the Bid for the Claude Kehler Park Phase II Project to Anskis Contracting of Elysburg, They were the lowest-qualified bidder at \$247,022.16

Second By: Moyer

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

MINUTES:

A Motion by Verano to approve previous Council Meeting Minutes of
September 12, 2016 (Regular Council Meeting)

Second by: McGaw

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

BILL LIST:

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

Second by: Verano

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mary Straub – 17 S Shamokin Street - Mary stated that a property next to hers had a fire and is still sitting without anyone doing anything. She asked if there is an ordinance on parking on the sidewalks. Code and Police stated that there is. Mary asked if the city notifies the neighbors when a sex offender moves into the neighborhood. Chief Tobias stated that we do not need to notify them unless they are a certain tier on Megan's Law. In Chief Tobias' three years he only had one that he had to notify the neighbors about. Sex offenders are allowed to live next playgrounds. Mary asked if tractor-trailers are allowed to park on city streets. Code and Police stated that yes, they are. Mary asked if there is a Jake break ordinance. Code and Police stated that there is, but only on Market and Sunbury Street.

Sharon Tloczynski - 519 s 8th Street - The rain barrels are still at the house near hers. Sharon was asking if we have an ordinance on green water, if not we need to put together one. Rick and Mayor Milbrand will go up to the house when they are watering the grass, which is when it smells really bad.

Ron McElwee – 812 N 6th Street – Ron is here in support of SYBL wanting to put LED Lights and Security in at the Legion. They will do this at their cost and no cost to the city. We should move on this tonight if we can. This is a great idea and we need to get the ball rolling. The City administrator stated that Larry has reached out to SBYL and we will be moving forward accordingly. Ron also commended the police department for all the work they do, and Ron said that he can assist in painting yellow lines.

Christine Feese – 819 E Clay Street - Wanted to know about yellow lines being painted on Cherry and Clay Street. People are parking on the yellow lines. There are also three dumpsters on three different streets and if there were a fire the fire trucks could not get up there. Charlie said that they will go up and look at getting that fixed before the end of the week. There is also a car up there with a tow sticker on it for months. Police stated this should be resolved soon.

Tim Vincent – General Community Service – Wants to thank council for their help with his community service program. They cleaned up the patsy steps about a month ago and they keep getting household garbage up there. He asked the city permission to cut down the path a little more so that it is visible from the street. There is no lighting up there, which council stated is from vandalism. Council gave Tim permission to cut down the trees and weeds as needed. There is also a car on Race and Vine Street with NY plates that is in the way.

Joseph Leshinskie - 518 E. Pine Street - Would like to thank the General Community Service for cleaning up the house next to his. This is the cleanest he has ever seen the property. There is still Code tickets on the door. Code stated that there is a process that we must follow and just because there is tickets on the door does not mean nothing else was done. They were cited though Judge Gembic's office. Joseph would like they city to give access to the General Community Service the way that Coal-Township does. Vincent said that the city does provide all that he asks for. Joseph asked about ACT47 though DCED, is this a plan that we need to follow and who does the negotiations for the city? Council stated they the City Administrator has weekly calls with DCED and they recommend what we should do to get the city out of ACT47, and that we hired a labor attorney to negotiation the contracts. Joseph asked why the city refused to negotiate with the police force. Mayor Milbrand stated that they city did not refuse to negotiate but at this point we cannot or we risk an unfair labor practice. Joseph stated that the police are over worked.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

ACCOUNTS & FINANCE:

General Fund \$ 516,117.13
Motor License \$ 143,325.12
Library \$ 17,809.84
Debt Service \$ 218,954.71
Recreation \$ 213,610.89
FEMA \$ 6,081.43
Capital Projects \$ 2428.57
Street Lights \$1847.60
Total All Accounts \$ 1,120,175.29

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

PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS: Claude Kehler Park Phase II is moving along. SYBL would like to change all lights to LED in the Legion, and put a security system in at their cost. Larry will speak to SYBL and get all the details.

STREET & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS: Councilman Verano would like to recognize Tim Vincent on helping out the community with clean ups.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Brown has no code Report for the month of September; the code office truck was out of service for repair, will give September's report at next month's meeting.

Police Department reported 1233 calls for the month of September.

Fire Department had 133 calls for the month of September. All apparatus in working condition.

CORRESPONDENCE:

FROM: Mountainside Assembly of God

MOTION BY: Brown granting authorization for Mountainside Assembly of God to hold their annual Light the Night event on October 29, 2016 at the Sunbury Street Playground from 6-9pm.

SECOND BY: McGaw

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

FROM: Experience Works

MOTION BY: Verano granting authorization for the City Administrator to give a donation to Experience Works in the amount of \$500.00

SECOND BY: Moyer

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

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:

Verano to

ADJORN:

Minutes taken by Doreen Annis, Administrative Accountant
Meeting ended at 8:12 PM