

Regular Council Meeting
October 13, 2014

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, Rhoades, Verano, Kinder, Milbrand

MOTION BY Moyer to approve the minutes of the previous Council meetings of:

September 8, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Second by Kinder

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Rhoades, Kinder, Milbrand
Nays: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

A request from Danville, Sunbury City, and Northumberland Boro for the City of Shamokin fire police to assist those 3 communities with their Halloween parades.

MOTION BY: Rhoades to grant permission for the fire police to assist those communities for their annual Halloween parades.

Second by Kinder

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Rhoades, Kinder, Milbrand
Nays: None

A request from Mountainside Assembly of God Church to hold their annual Light the Night to be held at the Sunbury Street playground from 6-9 PM in conjunction with Trick or Treat night to be held in the City of Shamokin October 30th.

MOTION BY: Moyer to approve the Assembly of God Church Light the Night to be held on October 30th at the Sunbury Street playground from 6-9 PM

Second by Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Rhoades, Kinder, Milbrand
Nays: None

VISITORS:

Rose Bridgeford-109 W. Montgomery- Wanted to thank Code Officer Rick Bozza, Councilman Charlie Verano for their help with having a neighboring property maintained.

Mrs. Judy Lupold-238 S. Diamond Street inquired about when the demolition will be starting on Diamond Street properties. Lynn Dixon Community Development Director informed Mrs. Lupold the bid for the demolition was being awarded tonight and demolition was to start by the end of the month. She thanked all that were involved with the progress.

DIRECTORS REPORT:**ACCOUNTS & FINANCE:**

General Fund \$ 158,996.53
Motor License \$ 2,065.17
Library \$ 6,764.57
Sinking Fund \$ 177,456.53
Recreation \$ 23,256.92
FEMA \$ 17,766.93
Total All Accounts \$ 378,110.90

Fund balances as of September 30, 2014 Submitted by Brenda Scandle, City Treasurer

PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Councilwoman Moyer reported that the City was the beneficiary of a check donated by the Northumberland County Commissioners from their annual Northumberland County Recreation Commission golf tournament held on August 29, 2014. The check was in the amount of \$ 2,660.00 and must be used for the purpose of maintaining the city's playgrounds.

STREET & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS:

Councilman Verano reported to council that we have salt for the upcoming winter season. Mayor took the time to thank Robert Slaby our City Clerk for the time he took to work on the contract.

Also, Councilman Verano wanted to remind residents that the Snowplowers permits are available starting today October 13, 2014 the fee is \$ 100.00 per year.

Street foreman Kevin Richardson came up with a way to bring more revenue into the city and found additional parking spots that will be available to purchase at a cost of \$ 50.00 per year. The locations are as follows: (9) spaces available at 6th & Independence Street, (3) 6th & Commerce Street, (21) Chestnut & Spruce Street. These are permit parking only.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Councilman Rhoades reported that all fire apparatus was in working condition. With the acceptance of Engine 21 which is waiting for state inspection. Also, read the Code office report for month of September with total revenue collected \$ 9,282.00.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilman Verano requested an executive meeting for personnel matters 7:35 to 7:58 PM

PETITIONS: Nothing to report

CONTRACTS: Nothing to report

BIDS: Bids were opened on Wednesday October 1, 2014 at the Council's monthly workshop for demolition of 241-243 S. Diamond Street. Community Development Director Lynn Dixon reported to council that 4 bids were received and after CDBG solicitor reviewed all documents, Affordable Construction & Demolition was the lowest qualified bidder at a cost of \$ 17,400.00

MOTION BY: Rhoades to award the bid to Affordable Construction & Demolition for the demolition project located at 241-243 S. Diamond Street in the amount of \$ 17,400.00

Second by: Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Rhoades, Kinder, Milbrand
Nays: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing to Report

BOARDS & COMMITTEES: Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor and Council members attended a meeting on September 29th held at the Coal Township Municipal Building organized by Northumberland County Planning Commission with regard to the City joining a land bank. (Mayor will explain what a land bank entails) A land bank in theory gives the municipalities the first shot at obtaining properties through tax sales. This will allow the municipalities to demolish and develop blighted parcel or rehabilitate a deteriorated property, sell it and return it to the tax rolls.

MOTION BY: Moyer to approve a letter of intent toward joining a land bank being organized by Northumberland County Planning Commission. With the vote City Officials did not commit to anything officially, final approval would still be needed to join the venture plus a \$ 1,000 buy in.

Second by: Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, Rhoades, Verano, Kinder, Milbrand
Nays: None

SOLICITORS REPORT:

Resolution # 14-13 approving the application for the 2014 Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant.

MOTION BY: Rhoades to approve the 2014 Community Development Block Grant for FY 2014
Second: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Rhoades, Kinder, Milbrand
Nays: None

BILL LIST:

Pay itemized bill list for General Fund, Community Development, Recreation, American Legion, Liquid Fuels, Library, and Contingent Fund for the month of September 2014.

Citizens Comments contingent upon new business items being added to agenda.

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Minutes taken by Robert Slaby, City Clerk
Meeting ended at 8:00 PM