

**Regular Council Meeting  
September 10, 2012**

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

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

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Led by Acting Mayor Strausser

PRAYER: Silent

ROLL CALL William D. Milbrand, Craig Rhoades, Mike Snyder, and William R. Strausser was all present. George R. Rozinskie, Jr. was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:01 PM to 7:15 PM on personnel & pending contracts.

VISITORS: Molly Paczkowyski, 226 E. Dewart Street – Mrs. Paczkowyski provided Mayor and Council an overview of a complaint regarding Michon Van Meter at 222 W. Sunbury Street. Her complaint was that the property owner did not do a cleanup after the September 2011 flood. She is requesting city intervene to require cleanup of the property.

Stephen Drunkenmiller, 713 East Sunbury – Complaint regarding how police handle themselves in an unprofessional manner. Primarano why was Mayor's office contacted regarding a complaint made by Drunkenmiller about an investigation of a drug house. Mr. Drunkenmiller noted that the Chief of Police was yelling at his mother. Noted he has contacted the police since 2011 providing detailed descriptions of what was going on at the home in question. Noted in these reports the cars, license plates, and people. Numerous complaints with nothing happening. Now receiving threats on their residents and their wellbeing. Chief Griffith noted that an investigation was done by the police and Children In Youth and nothing could be done at this time. Mr. Drunkenmiller continued to state that drugs were being sold from the house. He noted his dissatisfaction regarding the police investigation and demanded something be done about this property. Mr. Strausser stated he would setup a meeting with the Mayor and himself.

Mrs. Tonya Renn – Requested an update on the garbage discussions. Mr. Strausser noted nothing has been done and they will be contacted when and if the city does act.

Tim Vincent, Community Service Report – Provide a report on the group's activities this past summer.

Richard Wright, 137 East Independence Street – Gold buyer shop downtown. Raised several concerns regarding the new Second Hand Shop Ordinance. Provided an overview of his concerns. He stated he is the only licensed buyer in the city. Noted he follows the rules and cooperates with the police. Mr. Strausser thanked him for his cooperation.

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

- Special Meeting August 1, 2012
- Council Meeting August 13, 2012
- August 29, 2012

Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser

Nays: None

**DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE:

Report read by Treasurer. Fund balances as of September 1, 2012 as reported by the City Treasurer as follows:

○ General Fund.....	\$,58,962.94
○ Motor License.....	\$1,417.31
○ Library.....	\$667.34
○ Contingent Fund.....	\$1253.11
○ Sinking Fund.....	\$195,144.42
○ Recreation.....	\$11,520.82
○ All Accounts.....	\$268,966.46

**PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS:** Councilman Milbrand reported that the pool has been closed for the season. The food stand operated at a profit. He invited some folks to the next workshop regarding changing the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Program into street hockey rink and creating a street hockey league.

**STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVMENTS:** Councilman Snyder noted that the sweeper is out for repair. The City Clerk reported on the Shamokin Creek Flood Wall project noting \$2 Million has been appropriated for work to be performed on various flood projects throughout the city.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Rhoades noted progress and then read the Fire Bureau report and submitted to Council. Report was read from the Code Officer and submitted to Council.

**PETITIONS**

- Nothing to report

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

MOTION BY Milbrand to approve St. John's United Church of Christ to close Grant Street (between Arch and Church) to host a Fall Festival on October 14, 2012.

Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser

Nays: None

MOTION BY Rhoades to approve the request by Zerbe Township Board of Supervisors to have City of Shamokin Fire Police assist with traffic control on Saturday October 13, 2012 during their Fall Festival Parade.

Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser

Nays: None

MOTION BY Milbrand to approve the request by Mr. Christiano to set aside up to 30% of the City of Shamokin's CDBG funds for a blight in support of grant applications for blight funds.

Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser

Nays: None

**BIDS & CONTRACTS**

- Nothing to report

**UNFINISHED BUISNESS**

- Nothing to report

**BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

- Nomination of members to the Planning Commission were waived until next month's Council meeting

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**NEW BUISNESS**

MOTION BY Rhoades to approve Trick or Treat night on October 31, 2012 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM for the City of Shamokin

Milbrand,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser

Nays: None

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

MOTION BY Milbrand to pass Resolution 12-13 as read by the solicitor regarding the sale of the Shamokin Street properties.

Rhoades,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser

Nays: None

**BILL LIST**

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

Rhoades,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser

Nays: None

MOTION BY Rhoades to adjourn

Strausser,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Snyder, Strausser, Rozinskie

Nays: None

Strausser,

The City Clerk recorded the meeting ended at 8:30 PM

Attest:

Stephen D. Bartos  
City Clerk