

**Regular Council Meeting  
September 12, 2011**

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

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

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Led by Mayor Rozinskie.

PRAYER: Silent

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

VISITORS: County Commissioner Vinny Clausi: He was alerting Shamokin officials regarding a special meeting on Tuesday morning regarding flood victim assistance. NO other information was provided at this time.

Charlene Hoke, Shamokin Housing Authority (SHA) Raspberry Hill: Raised concerns and issues regarding SHA. Residents have an issue with the 72 hour visitation rule. The question was do SHA Board members have to have an ethical or morale code of conduct and how these individuals can hold these offices with questionable behavior.

Christie Lewis, SHA Raspberry Hill: Ms. Lewis brought along a copy of complaint she swore out against Mr. Splane, SHA Board member. Ms. Lewis stated her complaints were the same as Ms. Hoke's concerns. A copy of the complaint along with a petition from Raspberry Hill residents were provided to the Mayor and Shamokin Council members.

Thomas Bell 51 South Seventh Street: Several issues concerning neighbors. One of the neighbors is a constant drunk and has repeatedly threatened neighbors. Mr. Bell has also requested a handicap parking space/permit. Mr. Bell had put in for the permit with Mr. Stoud and he later received a letter from the City noting he required a variance. Concerned about receiving tickets for parking without a permit. Needs to know about status of variance, so that he is not ticketed. Mayor stated "City would look into these issues."

Daryl Peck, Concord Financial: Mr. Peck provided an overview of proposals received for the refinance and restructure of the City's debt. First Keystone Community Bank of Berwick provided a response to the City's Request for Proposal.

MOTION BY MILBRAND to approve the minutes of the previous Council meetings including Council Meeting of August 8, 2011; and Special meeting of August 23, 2011.

Strausser,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

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**DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

**ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE:**

Fund balances as of September 1, 2011 as reported by the City Treasurer as follows:

○ General Fund.....	\$90,722.05
○ Motor License.....	\$2.41
○ Library.....	\$7452.66
○ Contingent Fund.....	\$8115.94
○ Sinking Fund.....	\$159,383.60
○ RDA.....	\$13,168.84
○ Recreation.....	\$13,057.23
○ All Accounts.....	\$291,902.53

**PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS:** The pool did rather well awaiting final tally on income. Some damage due to flooding with most severe damage at the Public Library basement.

**STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVMENTS:** No report this month.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** No report this month. Councilman Milbrand reported that due to the flooding and a busy time the Fire Chief did not send along a report this month. Mr. Milbrand expressed his highest praise to the Fire Department, EMS, Police Department, and County who helped with the disaster. Mr. Milbrand also responded publically on the letter to the editor of the News Item regarding Mayor's and Council's decision to allow a piece of fire apparatus to be taken and used as a vehicle to take a test for a CDL license. No piece of fire apparatus is exempt from the CDL program and he wishes this to be known. The letter noted that being allowed to use the fire apparatus for the CDL license and would have enhanced response time. Mr. Milbrand noted that City of Shamokin Fire Bureau had paid to have an Aerial Device Driver Operator class for all operators to have training and only one person showed up for the class. Mr. Milbrand felt that one member of the Fire Bureau should not receive personal gain from City equipment.

**PETITIONS**

Raspberry Hill residents petition regarding their concerns and disagreement of the new visitor's policy instituted by the SHA, including invasion of privacy.

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

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- Request for City of Shamokin to co-sponsor Halloween Parade with First National Bank.
- Letter of support from the City regarding grant for the Arts and Ed Program in partnership with the Library.
- Request from Carl Milofsky Bucknell University to have students conduct public walking survey on Sunday September 25, 2011.

MOTION BY ROZINSKIE to approve the communication requests as presented.

Strausser,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

**CONTRACTS**

MOTION BY STRAUSSER TO approve the contract with Bressi & Martin to extend the listing for Legion Building (Mathlene Campbell) at no cost.

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

MOTION BY MILBRAND TO approve a change of the life insurance contract from Standard to The Hartford administered through Benecon at an 11% savings to the City.

Strausser,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

MOTION BY STRAUSSER TO approve a change of Dental Insurance from Dentemax administered through Bollingers and enter into a contract with United Concordia Advantage which will be administered through Benecon.

Milbrand,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

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MOTION BY STRAUSSER TO approve a change of cell phone providers from Sprint Nextel and enter into a contract with Precision Wireless/Verizon Wireless for cell phone service for the City of Shamokin at cost savings of approximately \$500.00 per year.

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

MOTION BY RHOADES that Mayor and Council sign the Resolution approving the application for the 2011 Pennsylvania CDBG funds and as read by the solicitor.

Milbrand,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

MOTION BY MILBRAND that we give the authority to the City Clerk to begin applying for the Tax Revenue Anticipation Note (TRAN) for CY 2012.

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

**UNFINISHED BUISNESS**

MOTION BY STRAUSSER to authorize Daryl Peck, Concord Financial to work with the City Solicitor to secure final documents for refinancing/restructuring the City of Shamokin's current debit as proposed by First Keystone Community Bank of Berwick's proposal and Mr. Peck's analysis

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

SUPPLEMENTAL MOTION BY STRAUSSER to select option 1 or option 2 as presented by Daryl Peck, Concord Financial.

Milbrand,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

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MOTION BY RHOADES TO eliminate the existing skate park, not install the fence, and to offer the equipment to an existing community if they chose to use it.

Strausser,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

**BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Nothing to report.

**NEW BUISNESS**

MOTION BY MILBRAND TO APPROVE that the City move the physical office location of the City Treasurer and Controller to former Tax Office Collection building next door to City Hall, while providing a private office space for the new Code Enforcement Officer in the former Treasurer's office in City Hall not to take place until November 1, 2011.

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: Rhoades

MOTION BY RHOADES to advertise for a streets department employee and for applications and resumes be submitted.

Milbrand,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Nothing to report.

**BILL LIST**

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

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

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MOTION BY ROZINSKIE to adjourn

Milbrand,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Milbrand, Rhoades, Strausser, Rozinskie.

Nays: None

Absent: None

The City Clerk recorded the meeting as ended at 8:10 PM

Attest:

Stephen D. Bartos  
City Clerk

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