Regular Council Meeting September 12, 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

A Motion by Verano to approve previous Council Meeting Minutes of

August 8, 2016 (Regular Council Meeting)

Second by: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand

Nays: None

BILL LIST:

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

Second by: Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand

Nays: None

VISITORS:

Rev. Bowers- 600 W. Pine Street, God's Chuck Wagon, is here to dispel rumors; No one will be living in the building. He apologized to City Council for the Facebook post. He goes to Gembics every thirty days to get extensions, until all the work is done. They have not served food in over sixty days. Utilities will be turned on in the next two weeks. They are here to serve the community.

Duane Friday – 329 W. Spruce Street – Has a few issues with the Landlord/tenant ordinance. The Inspection Fee is \$30 if you move in January or December. Duane cannot control the people that he rents to.

Gail Mensch – 20 W. Adams Street – Stated that the Rock Street wall at the corner of Rock & Pine Street is not fixed correctly. The Mayor stated that the only repairs to be fixed in the creek had to be damaged by Hurricane Lee. Gail said there is a flat wall by Pine Street that needs to be looked at. Mayor Milbrand stated that he will look at it tomorrow with the foreman.

Willy Marshall – 903 N. Shamokin Street – He asked about the cell tower that is going in the cemetery area. He wanted to know what the status is of the tower. The Mayor stated that the tower is scheduled to be built. They are checking the land to make sure that the there are no leans on the land.

Bob Gilligbauger - 320 N Rock Street – He is a Landlord and a maintenance man. He doesn't think we should pass the Landlord/tenant Ordinance just yet. We should wait until we notify all landlords then we should pass the ordinance. The Mayor stated that this is the second reading of said ordinance and they Landlords had 30 days prior to review and ask any questions on said ordinance.

Richard Fuedule – Attorney – Is here on behalf of Bob Gilligbauger - He stated that the Fair Housing Resolution that we passed could have issues with the New Landlord/tenant ordinance.

Joseph Leshinskie – 518 E. Pine Street. – He is here in favor of the new Landlord/tenant ordinance. We need to put this into effect and we need to make sure that we follow the new ordinance to the max. He has a property by his house that has an owner from New York and has not even been at the property in over two years. There are six feet high weeds coming into his deck. He stated that we need to follow every rule and put pressure on the landlords. Joseph also wanted to commend the Police on the all the things they do for the City.

Tim Vincent – Community Service – Asked if there is anything we as a City can do to help Rev. Bowers with God's Chuck Wagon building. They are behind and if there is anything we can donate or help they would they would be grateful.

Robert Tlcozynski – 519 E. Clay Street - He stated that he called the CBC about the mosquitoes around his property. His neighbor has eight drums full of old rain water and there are tons of bugs from them. The water inside them is black, they do not clean them. There are kids and elderly people in that area and it's a public nuisance and can be very bad for their health.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

ACCOUNTS & FINANCE:

General Fund \$ 413,838.29 Motor License \$ 156,377.62 Library \$ 17,537.49 Debt Service \$ 221,688.74 Recreation \$ 215,304.82 FEMA \$ 6081.05 Capital Projects \$ 2428.50 Street Lights \$1,394.48 Total All Accounts \$ 1,034,650.99

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

PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS: The Pool is closed for the season; the dog swim from Saturday went very well. Dan would like to start a Parks and Rec committee for Claude Kehler Park and Club Echo.

STREET & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS: The walks are going good; Mr. Verano would like to thank the good people of Shamokin. Yellow lines have been painted in different section; please call police if you have any yellow lines were people are parking.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Brown read the Code office report for the month of August which the office revenue collected was \$9694.70with total calls of 48.

Police Department reported 1234 calls for the month of August.

Fire Department had 142 calls for the month of August. All apparatus in working condition.

CORRESPONDENCE:

FROM: Halloween Parade

MOTION BY: Verano granting authorization for First National Bank and The News Item to cosponsor their annual Halloween Parade on October 25, 2016 with a rain date of October 26, 2016 with registration to begin at 5:30 and parade to start at 6:30 at Claude Kehler Park.

SECOND BY: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand

Nays: None

FROM: Northumberland County Council for the Arts

MOTION BY: Moyer granting authorization to the Northumberland County Council for the Arts to hold their downtown Christmas event on December 3, 2016 at the corner of Market and Arch Street at the Vetovich building.

SECOND BY: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand

Nays: None

FROM: Northumberland County Housing Authority

MOTION BY: Verano to support the Northumberland County Housing Authority in their request in applying for Grant Funding of the Keystone Communities Program Grant.

SECOND BY: Brown

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand

Nays: None

FROM: James Picarelli (Housing Authority)

MOTION BY: Verano accepting the resignation of James Picarelli from the Shamokin Housing Authority effective immediately.

SECOND BY: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand

Nays: None

FROM: Richard Jilinski (Public Works Employee)

MOTION BY: Verano accepting the retirement letter received from Richard Jilinski from the Public Works Department effective October 31, 2016.

SECOND BY: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand

Nays: None

FROM: Public Works Employee

MOTION BY: Brown authorizing the City Administrator to immediately advertise in the local newspaper for a

replacement for the Public Works Employee.

SECOND BY: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand

Nays: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MOTION BY: Verano to pay the remaining balance of \$31,812.00 to Robert Gusick Demolition for the work completed at Commerce and Shamokin Street.

SECOND BY: Milbrand

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Milbrand

Nays: Brown, McGaw

NEW BUSINESS:

Omega System

MOTION BY: Verano to enter into a contract with Omega System out of West Lawn, PA. They will be providing a new computer system for the entire City Government through Grant Funding from ACT47 and approved by DCED. Total Grant Funding \$110,000.00

SECOND BY: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Milbrand, Brown, McGaw

Nays: None

Moorefield Communications

MOTION BY: Verano to enter into a contract with Moorefield Communications. This will replace all city phones through Grant Funding for this Project from ACT47 and approved by DCED.

SECOND BY: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Milbrand, Brown, McGaw

Nays: None

Trick or Treat Night

MOTION BY: Brown to hold Trick or Treat Night on October 29, 2016 from 6-8pm.

SECOND BY: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Milbrand, Brown, McGaw

Nays: None

Shamokin Coal Township Joint Sewer Authority

MOTION BY: Verano authorizing the City Administrator to notify the SCTJSA that effective immediately the

SCTJSA will be subjected to the same costs for opening of any streets in the City as all others are.

SECOND BY: Brown

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, Milbrand, Brown, McGaw

Nays: None

SOLICITORS REPORT:

MOTION BY: Verano to accept the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 16-03

Second by: Brown

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand

Nays: None

MOTION BY: Verano to accept the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 16-04

Second by: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand

Nays: None

MOTION BY: Verano to adopt Resolution 16-09

Second by: Brown

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand

Nays: None

ADJORN:

Minutes taken by Doreen Annis, Administrative Accountant Meeting ended at 9:00 PM