

Regular Council Meeting  
September 8, 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 Kinder** to approve the minutes of the previous Council meetings of:

August 11, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Second by Verano

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

A request from Jeanne Shaffer and the Arts Council to hold the Downtown Christmas on Saturday December 6, 2014.

**VISITORS:**

Molly Pachkoskie: Sunbury Street had a concern about home next to her being filled with garbage, rodents, etc. it's causing her health problems. Mayor and Code Officer told her they would meet with her to discuss the many code issues.

Resident- Brought pictures to show Mayor and Council the damage that is being caused at the Claude Kehler Park. Told Council that 15-50 kids gather at the park and are disrespectful and causing damage to their personal property. Chief Tobias said he would talk to officers to keep a better eye on things and issue citations to anyone trespassing.

Resident-Sunbury Street offered concern about kids gathering at the parking lots on Independence Street in the middle of the evening, racing their cars and causing disturbance with their loud motors. Chief Tobias said this has been an ongoing problem with the kids gathering from on lot to another however most of them are young adults that don't have to abide by a curfew but he did say he would meet with resident and discuss his concern.

**DIRECTORS REPORT:****ACCOUNTS & FINANCE:**

General Fund \$ 58,113.76  
Motor License \$ 2,396.68  
Library \$ 6,588.47  
Sinking Fund \$ 176,946.95  
Recreation \$ 30,173.96  
FEMA \$ 446.22  
Total All Accounts \$ 265,383.10

Fund balances as of August 31, 2014 Submitted by Brenda Scandle, City Treasurer

**PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS:**

Councilwoman Moyer reported that the Lawton Schroyer Memorial Pool has closed for the season and will be winterized within the next few weeks. Also, would like to thank Dave Spotts and the After Hours Swing band that performed a free concert at the Claude Kehler Community Park. In speaking about the Claude Kehler Park I feel for the neighbors that live near an event space, I to have chased kids from the park pointing out to them the no trespassing signs, which they look at you like you have two heads. I will work with the Chief and discuss options for trespassing. I think the people deserve a nice event space to hold future gathering. I have heard positive feedback from Parents, Police, and residents with regard to Club Echo I along with Mayor and Council will meet with personnel to possibly re-open Club Echo. One more thing I would like to thank a retired businessman who wishes to be kept anonymous for his generous donation of new shrubs and lighting to the Stanley Covelskie Memorial located on Market Street.

**STREET & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS:**

Councilman Verano had nothing to report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Councilman Rhoades reported that all fire apparatus was in working condition. Also, read the fire bureau report for the month of August. Police report month of August. Code office report for month of August with total revenue collected \$ 15,003.00.

Mayor Milbrand asked City Clerk Robert Slaby if he could catch us up on the 2013 bills. Mr. Slaby told Mayor and Council that we received the loan from DCED and he has been paying certain accounts that were in jeopardy of going into collections. It has been a slow and tedious process, I need to contact each creditor to discuss bill. 80% of the creditors have agreed to waive late charges or interest charges. For example one of the business owners that I have talked with gave a deduction from 169,000 down to 132,000 just by talking and explaining our situation. With the lack of staff, and still managing the 2014 bills were doing OK. The bills did not happen overnight and I cannot pay them overnight but we are making progress.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Nothing to report

**PETITIONS:** Nothing to report

**CONTRACTS:** Nothing to report

**BIDS:** Bids were opened on Wednesday September 3, 2014 at the monthly Council's workshop for the 2014 Street Paving Project; Eastern Industries were the low bidder at a cost of 103,919.00.

Bids for demolition of 241-243 S. Diamond Street will be advertised and accepted at our October 1, 2014 Workshop and awarded at our Council Meeting October 13, 2014.

3 quotes were submitted for a demotion project using Keystone Communities Grant funding for the following properties: 1-3 S. First Street, 726 E. Sunbury Street, 133-135 S. Shamokin Street. The lowest qualified bidder was Affordable Construction & Demolition at a cost of \$ 34,300.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nothing to Report

**BOARDS & COMMITTEES:**

MOTION BY: Kinder to accept the resignation of David Hughes from the Redevelopment Authority due to health reasons.

Second: Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, Rhoades, Verano, Kinder, Milbrand

Nays: None

MOTION BY: Milbrand to appoint Kevin Richardson to the Shamokin City Planning Committee effective September 8, 2014 expires (date to be determined)

Second: Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, Rhoades, Verano, Kinder, Milbrand

Nays: None

MOTION BY: Milbrand to re-appoint Michael Bradley to the Civil Service Board effective September 8, 2014 expires January 1, 2016

Second: Rhoades

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, Rhoades, Verano, Kinder, Milbrand

Nays: None

MOTION BY: Milbrand to re-appoint William Grow to the Civil Service Board effective September 8, 2014 expires January 1, 2017

Second: Rhoades

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

MOTION BY: Milbrand to appoint James Catino to the Civil Service Board effective September 8, 2014  
expires January 1, 2018  
Second: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, Verano, Kinder, Milbrand  
Nays: Rhoades

**NEW BUSINESS:**

MOTION BY: Kinder to award Eastern Industries the CDBG 2014 Street Paving contract.  
Second: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Kinder to award Affordable Construction & Demolition the contract to demolish the  
properties located at 1-3 S. First Street, 726 E. Sunbury Street, and 133-135 S. Shamokin Street.  
Second: Verano

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

MOTION BY: Verano to approve Trick or Treat night to be held on Thursday October 30, 2014 from 6 to 8  
PM.  
Second: Moyer

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

MOTION BY: Verano to approve the Halloween Parade to be held on Wednesday October 22, 2014.  
Second: Rhoades

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

MOTION BY: Moyer to approve the Art Council's Downtown Christmas to be held Saturday December 6,  
2014.  
Second: Kinder

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

**SOLICITORS REPORT:**

MOTION BY: Rhoades to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of Ordinance 14-04 amending Ordinance 02-06 Fire Chief Residency  
Second: Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, Rhoades, Verano, Kinder  
Nays: Milbrand

MOTION BY: Kinder to adopt Resolution 14-12 Lease with SEDA-COG Joint Railroad Authority.  
Second: Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Moyer, Rhoades, Verano, 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 August 2014.

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

**ADJORN**

Minutes taken by Robert Slaby, City Clerk  
Meeting ended at 8:30 PM