

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bradley called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Led by Mayor Bradley

PRAYER: Silent

ROLL CALL: Garth Hall, R. Craig Rhoades, George Rozinskie Jr., Michael Snyder, and Mayor Bradley were all present.

An Executive Session was held and the Council reconvened at 7:45 PM

VISITORS: Caroline Weaver, 138 Elm St., whined about the condition of her neighborhood and is almost afraid to live there. She complained about the property located at 135 Marshal St., which the people owe taxes. She said the house is a mess and she went three nights without sleep. She wanted to know the rule on occupancy limits. She said that the people have scanners and disperse when the police arrive.

Jill Todzia, of 141 N. Marshall St. complained about the condition of a house next to her former house that she is selling. She said she saw several piles of dog dirt and high grass.

MOTION BY SNYDER to approve the minutes of previous council meetings
Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS: The Director stated that the swimming pool has closed with a good year and we'll wait to see how it did financially. He said we are also waiting to see about our finances before doing anything with city buildings.

STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVMENTS: The Director stated the dept. is working on general maintenance.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Director stated the former Korbich Bldg. on Pearl St. is cleaned-up and said we should send a letter of thanks to Mr. Porto. He read the fire bureau report.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE: The August Treasurer's Report was read.

PETITIONS: NONE

COMMUNICATION: Councilman Hall read a letter from Jeanne Shaffer requesting to replace trees where the city decides they should be placed and what type.

MOTION BY HALL to approve the request
Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder
Nays: None

The City Clerk read a letter from the Hillside Coaches to request use of the Claude Kehler Park.

MOTION BY SNYDER to approve the request
Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder
Nays: None

The City Solicitor read a resignation letter of the City Clerk/City Manager

MOTION BY SNYDER to accept the resignation
Bradley,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder
Nays: None

BIDS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

The Community Development Director read the CDBG report.

MOTION BY HALL to approve renewing the City's Insurance Policies at the following rates: State Workers' Insurance Fund at \$10,809 down \$86 from the past policy, Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance with the Housing and Redevelopment Insurance Exchange at \$\$43,211.30 down

\$6,372.70 from the past policy, VFIS at \$13,020 down \$181 from the past policy, and the City's Package Policy with St. Paul Travelers at \$78,952 down \$917 from the past policy for a total savings of \$7,556.70

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

MOTION BY HALL to approve adopting the City's 2009 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO), which is the city's expected financial obligation for the coming year. These are based upon an estimate of the 2008 W-2 wages of the employees covered under the plan and the calculations are set forth on the attached worksheet. The 2009 Police Pension Plan MMO is \$61,767. The 2009 Non Uniform Pension Plan MMO is \$0.00

Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

MOTION BY SNYDER to utilize the services of Eastern Industries for anti-skid materials at \$10.37 per ton including delivery, which is \$2.13 dollars less than the State Anti-Skid contract and will save the City approximately \$852 over the winter season

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

MOTION BY SNYDER to allow Phoenix Rehabilitation to use the parking lot section on 541 N. Franklin St. for a festival on Wednesday, October 1, 2008

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

MOTION BY HALL to encumber funds out of the Contingent Fund for the training, installation, and purchase of a server to integrate the City's financial management system

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

MOTION BY HALL to authorize the City Manager to open a separate account for the City's DCNR grant of \$208,000 for the Claude Kehler Community Park Project and to authorize the Community Development Officer to begin implementing the project

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

MOTION BY HALL to appropriate any left over funds from the Price of Freedom Memorial grant to plant trees in the monument complex and to authorize the planting of two trees on the Market St. park plot

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

MOTION BY HALL to advertise for the open positions of Ward Assessors in the City of Shamokin

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

Hall noted that Barry Wiekel and Mr. Splane are the city only current assessors.

MOTION BY SNDYER to retroactively authorize a Youth Football League parade on September 6, 2008

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

MOTION BY SNDYER to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a recycling agreement between the City of Shamokin and Coal Township, and, whereas, the City desires to promote and encourage the collection of recyclables and to use from time to time the Coal Township Recycling Center to drop-off said materials

Rhoades,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

MOTION BY RHOADES to authorize the current City Manager to advertise for the position as it was circulated

Hall,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

Rozinskie questioned Rhoades if he told the police department that the city had \$350,000 when we only about \$100,000 in the contingent fund. Rhoades stated he didn't understand the question, but then stated that an employee asked him if we had that money and he told that employee he didn't know. Rhoades then questioned the discretionary use of the emergency funds noting that a super majority was need. The City Clerk did report that all motions on those funds did carry unanimously. As to when it became discretionary, the Solicitor will have to review.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

MOTION BY RHOADES to adopt ORDINANCE 08-08 (Final Reading / 3rd St. Angle Parking)

Hall,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

MOTION BY HALL to approve the itemized bill list for the City, Redevelopment, and CDBG program for payment

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

MOTION BY SNYDER to adjourn

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

The City Clerk recorded the meeting as ended at 8:28 PM

Attest:

Dave Bohanick
City Clerk