

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 5, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, April 5, 2021 in the municipal building located at 42 West 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President Musser presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Sauers, Mark Benner, Rue Rothermel, Maria Brandt, Kyle Jessick, Domenico Barillaro, and Donald Musser were present.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, and Manager Edward Hovenstine were present.

The meeting was opened with the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Barillaro to approve the Council minutes of March 1, 2021 and the Workshop minutes of March 18, 2021 as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Central Keystone COG requested funding from COG members (municipalities) to help offset the substantial losses incurred due to the pandemic. Manager Hovenstine proposed a one-time donation in the amount of \$2,000.00. A motion was made by Councilwoman Brandt to approve a one-time donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 to Central Keystone COG, seconded by Councilman Jessick, and approved by all.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Civil Service Appointment – Manager Hovenstine stated that Robert Lockcuff accepted serving on the Civil Service Commission to fill out the remainder of Eugene Kardoheley term. The Manager recommended that Council consider replacing Girard Hughes on the Civil Service Commission due to health issues prior to year 2023 (expiration of term).

MAYORS REPORT:

Central Keystone COG Update – Property Maintenance – The Mayor contacted Jerry Lloyd with Central Keystone COG regarding the properties on file: Pontius Property has been repaired. Queen Ave property had until the end of March to comply-repairs were not started- Mr. Lloyd will contact property owner to list requirements and will extend deadline for one week at the end of week, if repairs are not started, then non-traffic citation will be issued. Robert Grayston Property located at 2943 N Susquehanna Trail: A hearing was scheduled on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 for non-traffic citations, a continuance was granted with stipulations of a plan in writing will be submitted to Central Keystone COG within three months and the plan will be initiated within six months. All shingles must be removed from the building on the Eleventh Avenue side, so that nearby neighbors do not get any damage if shingles blow off the building. Orchard Hill Cemetery- The old mausoleum needs repaired.

Police Report – Mayor McGranaghan presented the March police report. President Musser reviewed questions with the police report. The Mayor will review questions with Police Chief Bremigen and respond to Council.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Auto Shutoff Valve Project Update – Manager Hovenstine updated Council on the auto shutoff valve project at the reservoir. The targeted installation date is July 1, 2021.

PENNDOT Land Acquisition – Manager Hovenstine reviewed the PENNDOT land acquisition for the CSVT project. A motion was made by Councilman Barillaro to accept the offer from PENNDOT for land acquisition in the amount of \$1,100.00, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

New Mower – Manager Hovenstine recommended replacing the 2005 Ferris mower with a new Ferris brand mower with an estimated cost of \$10,000.00-\$12,000.00. The Manager will get quotes and review with Council.

Liquid Fuels – The Borough received liquid fuels in the amount of \$54,445.98, which was seven percent less than last year. The Manager anticipates having the street project out for bid by the June meeting.

Waterline Replacement Project – Manager Hovenstine reviewed the proposed waterline replacement project for residents on Tenth Avenue.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Slivinski reviewed the proposed ordinance, adopting the Central Keystone COG's Code of regulations respecting building condition, maintenance, and fire protection for enforcement in the Borough. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the proposed ordinance-adopting the Central Keystone COG's Code of regulations, seconded by Councilwoman Brandt, and approved by all.

President Musser reviewed the Lewis property status. The Solicitor stated that the Stephanie Lewis property located at 3042 North Old Trail would be condemned by the court system, and then Council would authorize the Solicitor to move forward with demolition; and place a lien against the property for the cost of demolition.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in April.

WORKSHOP MEETING:

A Workshop meeting was held on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM to discuss the Central Keystone COG Maintenance Code-Property, Fire Safety, and Building. The Workshop recommended adoption of the Central Keystone COG Maintenance Code, Chapters 1-7, contingent upon any objections from Solicitor Slivinski.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$16,127.89, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$55,642.86, 111 W 11th Avenue Fund bills in the amount of \$614.38, and PLGIT Recreation Fund bills in the amount of \$497.25 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary