

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 4, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, April 4, 2022, in the municipal building located at 42 West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President Musser presided.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Shawn Bingaman, David Sauers, Maria Brandt, Karen Roberts, Domenico, Barillaro, and Donald Musser were present.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mark Benner was absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Manager Edward Hovenstine, Solicitor Matthew Slivinski, Elaine Herbert, June Stark, and Marilyn Roberts were present.

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

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brandt to approve the Council minutes of March 7, 2022, as presented, seconded by Councilman Bingaman, and approved by all.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Shred Event – Secretary Leitzel reported that the Community Shred Event will be May 6, 2022, between the hours of 9:00-11:00 AM at the Borough office. This notice was posted on the website and Facebook.

Digital Records Management – Secretary Leitzel mentioned that the Borough is receiving proposals from companies that scan records to a digital format. Permanent records would be digitally scanned freeing up filing cabinet space. Mayor McGranaghan recommended that the document file be searchable by keyword. President Musser questioned whether an annual fee was included in the proposals. Secretary Leitzel answered that an annual fee was included in the proposal. Manager Hovenstine stated that this research is in the beginning stages.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Mayor McGranaghan reviewed the police report for March. The Law Enforcement Treatment Initiative has been adopted by the County. The police department received a grant to participate in Aggressive Driving enforcement for the month of April. Officers work with the Attorney General Office and monitor drug activity in the Borough. The Police Chief continues working with the District Attorney office with the “Peer Support Program.” Patrolman Hassenplug was selected as a Peer. Patrolman Hassenplug will attend a community outreach with the Girl Scouts in the area this month.

The Mayor reported to Council on the property maintenance update: Joe Nevo, property located at 2835 N Susquehanna Trail-a notice of violation was sent, Property located at 3517 N Old

Trail-property owner requested an extension of two weeks, Property owned by Jim Eister located in the Borough-the barn will be removed, Kyle Mirolli property-no update, Kratzer Oil property (Golden Chopsticks)-waiting on insurance outcome regarding remodel or demolition, and Dollar General Property-complaints of denying access to public restrooms.

Mayor McGranaghan reported that Jim Emery of Central Keystone COG conducted a second inspection of the Golden Chopsticks restaurant building and noticed several fire code violations that would have been addressed, if the Borough would adopt the fire safety code, which inspects for fire and life safety requirements. Mr. Emery requested that the Borough reconsider the adoption of the Fire Safety Program/Inspection of Non-residential Structures. Councilman Sauers discussed his objection of rental housing two units, or more being considered commercial, and would consider the program if only businesses would be inspected. Mayor McGranaghan stated that the fire department is in favor of this program. A Workshop meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 7:00 PM to discuss the Fire Safety Program.

The Mayor reported that the police department sent a notice to Sixth Avenue regarding the issue of feeding cats.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

Water System Incident – Manager Hovenstine discussed a water incident that happened on March 11, 2022, regarding a fire in Monroe Township when DH&L fire department used a Borough hydrant, which caused a water break on W Eleventh Avenue. Two residents were without water until the water line could be repaired, and the repair cost approximately \$12,000.00. Manager Hovenstine requested sending a letter to DH&L fire company explaining the proper hydrant procedures.

PENNDOT Reimbursement – Manager Hovenstine submitted an invoice to PENNDOT for the reimbursement of the actual costs incurred for preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and materials necessary for the relocation of the utility facilities. The Borough received the payment in the amount of \$39,461.65. The amount was deposited into the General Fund and will be transferred to the Water/Sewer Fund.

2022 Streets Program – The Manager discussed the 2022 Street Program including Jonathan Road, Maple Street, and an island on Baldwin Blvd.

Weller Field – The Borough crew have been working at Weller Field such as removal of the fence and the scoreboard.

Routes 11/15 Manhole Project – The Borough worked with New Enterprise to fix an issue with a manhole cover across from McDonalds that was being removed by traffic, mainly tractor trailer trucks hitting it. Manager Hovenstine will continue to work with New Enterprise to replace the remaining manholes with similar products.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

Solicitor Slivinski reviewed the annexation of the Eleventh Avenue property.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the sketch land development plan for Royal Farms Store location at 2943 N Susquehanna Trail, Shamokin Dam contingent upon PENNDOT traffic study and preferred permit approvals. A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in April.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

General Fund bills in the amount of \$16,324.64, and Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$90,527.91, were presented for payment. A motion was made by Vice President Sauers to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Roberts, and approved by all.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel  
Borough Secretary