

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 7, 2025**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, April 7, 2025, in the municipal building located at 42 West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President Benner presided.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Shawn Bingaman, Charlene Bailey, Karen Roberts, Maria Brandt, David Sauers, and Mark Benner were present.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Marlin Moyer was absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Solicitor Matthew Slivinski, Manager Edward Hovenstine, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Mayor Donald Musser, Police Chief Timothy Bremigen, Adam Troxell, Tracey Troxell, Matt Siegrist, LaJane Siegrist, Steven Stauffer, David Bobb, and Michael Dunigan 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 3, 2025, and Workshop minutes of March 20, 2025, seconded by Councilman Bingaman, and approved by all.

**BID OPENING:**

Property located at 111 West Eleventh Avenue – Three sealed bids were opened:

1. \$152,000.00 – Adam & Tracey Troxell, certified check in the amount of \$15,200.00
2. \$140,000.00 – Nate Duttry, certified check in the amount of \$14,000.00
3. \$211,750.00 – Word of Hope Mennonite Church c/o Jay Rissler, certified check in the amount of \$21,175.00

A motion was made by Councilwoman Roberts to approve the highest bid in the amount of \$211,750.00 by Word of Hope Mennonite Church, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

Adam & Tracey Troxell requested that the certified check in the amount of \$15,200.00 be returned. Secretary Leitzel returned a certified check in the amount of \$15,200.00 to Adam Troxell at that time.

Adam Troxell, Tracey Troxell, Matt Siegrist, LaJane Siegrist, and Steven Stauffer left at this time.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

PENNDOT – Proposed Project on State Route 15. The scope of the project is a mill and resurface on State Route 15 from State Route 11 to Union County line, in Monroe Township and Shamokin Dam Borough. PENNDOT is currently planning to begin construction activities in 2031, subject to change. PENNDOT is soliciting municipal input, Council would mail the signature page to PENNDOT before May 15, 2025.

PENNDOT – County Maintenance Municipal Outreach Program on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at the East Buffalo Township Building between 9:00 -11:00 AM, RSVP by April 21, 2025.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Code Administrative Services – A workshop meeting will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 7:00 PM to discuss ordinances and fee schedule. Councilwoman Roberts spoke with Marty Sauers, Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc, who had agreed to review the Borough's ordinances and present possible changes. Manager Hovenstine recommended inviting the Planning Commission to the workshop meeting.

Easter Egg Hunt – Councilman Bingaman requested permission to purchase supplies for next year's Easter Egg Hunt. Michael Dunigan mentioned that the fire company held a Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and the Easter Bunny went through the Borough while on the fire truck and gave out little easter baskets. A motion was made by Councilwoman Roberts to approve purchasing supplies for the 2026 Easter Egg Hunt, seconded by Councilwoman Brandt, and approved by all.

Community Picnic, Band – Councilman Bingaman proposed hiring Frank Wicher Band at a cost of \$800.00 for three hours of entertainment at the Community Picnic on September 7, 2025. Councilwoman Roberts questioned whether Council would consider a sound system for entertainment. Manager Hovenstine mentioned that the fire company has a barbeque pit to make the grilled chicken to save on the cost of the meal. Councilman Bingaman recommended having activities, such as horseshoes, volleyball, checkers, and coloring books for the children. A motion was made by Councilman Bingaman to hire Frank Wicher Band at a cost of \$800.00 for entertainment at the Community Picnic on Sunday, September 7, 2025, seconded by Councilwoman Brandt, approved. Councilwoman Roberts opposed. Recreation Committee to discuss options for times of serving the meal, entertainment, and cancellation process of entertainment prior to confirmation, also catering options.

**OPEN BUSINESS:**

Flood Mitigation – President Benner had nothing to report at this time.

Junior Council Person – Councilman Moyer was absent.

Security System – Manager Hovenstine stated that the smoke detectors were purchased in the amount of approximately \$200.00, so the budget in the amount of \$1,000.00 would need to increase due to the quoted price of the metal evidence room door in the amount of \$1,677.82. A motion was made by Councilwoman Roberts to increase the budget for Phase 1b of the Physical

Access Control System to an amount of \$2,000.00, seconded by Vice President Bailey, and approved by all.

Financial Operational Risk Assessment – Vice President Bailey reported that the proposal was sent to the Auditor, and the proposal will be presented at the May Council meeting.

Michael Dunigan left at this time.

Open Recreation Equipment – Councilman Bingaman and Manager Hovenstine gathered information and applied to grants for the Borough parks. No response currently.

Sewer Lateral Line Inspection – Councilman Sauers stated that the Water/Sewer Committee met regarding this topic and questioned: what would the time frame for certification be, who would certify the sewer lateral, who would camera the line, and recommended presenting at the April workshop.

Central Keystone COG Emails – Nothing to report.

Fire Company, Financial Statements – Fire Company Financial Statements were emailed for December of 2024, January and February of 2025. Councilwoman Brandt questioned whether the fire company would reflect on the financial statements the gambling donations to the fire department.

#### **MAYORS REPORT:**

Mayor Musser attended a PENNDOT transportation committee meeting and discussed the safety of pedestrians on Eleventh Avenue near the construction site and discussed the situation with David Bobb. Mr. Bobb discussed concerns with the s turn (blind and the bank comes right down to the white line) when leaving the Borough line. Mayor Musser will present this information to PENNDOT regarding a safe berm.

Police Chief Bremigen presented the March 2025 police report.

#### **MANAGERS REPORT:**

Signs/Entrance Stoop/Sidewalk – Manager Hovenstine proposed maintenance/repairs to the Borough's masonry sign with an approximate cost of \$3,000.00 and the police entrance stoop and sidewalk with an estimated cost of \$5,000.00.

Attig Park Pavilion Reroofing – Manager Hovenstine suggested pricing metal roofing as a replacement at the Attig park pavilion with the recreation committee being involved in the process of choosing the type and color.

2024 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) – Manager Hovenstine submitted the final draft of the 2024 CCR to DEP sanitarian for review and comment, the mandated report must be filed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. The report will be posted to the website and available for review in the Borough office.

Sewer Line Flushing – The Borough has been experiencing a problem with our main sewer lines at two separate locations in the borough; none of the lines appear to be a problem. Council recommends sending information on flyers to residents as a reminder of sewer issues.

Water/Sewer CD – A CD in the amount of \$102,850.00 matured and Manager Hovenstine suggested investing the money in the capital projects in 2025. A motion was made by Councilwoman Roberts to approve not investing CD and use for capital projects, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

Police Chief Bremigen left at this time.

**SOLICITORS REPORT:**

Establishing Mayor's Pay, Ordinance 2025-1 – A motion was made by Councilman Bingaman to adopt Ordinance 2025-1, establishing mayor's pay at \$1,200.00 per year, payable monthly, for Mayors taking office on or after April 14, 2025, seconded by Vice President Bailey, and approved by all.

Patrolmen Contracts – A memorandum of understanding for the patrolmen of the police department was presented. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to approve the memorandum of understanding presented, seconded by Councilwoman Roberts, and approved by all.

Police Chief Contract – Mayor Musser stated that the proposed Police Chief contract was not executed, will discuss with personnel committee, and then present to Council later.

Intergovernmental Agreement SD Lodging – Agreement for intergovernmental cooperation in assessment appeal litigation cost and settlement. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to authorize the agreement between Snyder County, Selinsgrove School District, and Shamokin Dam Borough regarding the assessment appeal, litigation cost, and settlement of 13% for SD Lodging appeal process, seconded by Councilman Bingaman, and approved by all.

Intergovernmental Agreement Aldi - Agreement for intergovernmental cooperation in assessment appeal litigation cost and settlement. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to authorize the agreement between Snyder County, Selinsgrove School District, and Shamokin Dam Borough regarding the assessment appeal, litigation cost, and settlement of 13% for Aldi Inc. appeal process, seconded by Councilwoman Roberts, and approved by all.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

A Planning Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 7:00 PM, to discuss the final land development for 7 Brew Coffee Drive Thru.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

A Workshop was held on Thursday, March 20, 2025, to discuss personnel issue. A Workshop will be held on April 17, 2025, at 7:00 PM to discuss code administrative services and sewer lateral inspections.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

General Fund bills in the amount of \$12,468.07, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$37,560.66, Fire Protection Fund in the amount of \$22,400.00 and PLGIT Recreation Fund in the amount of \$3,165.88 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Bingaman to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Vice President Bailey, and approved by all.

David Bobb left at this time.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council adjourned to executive session at 9:05 PM to discuss a personnel issue; reconvened at 9:25 PM. No action taken.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brandt to authorize the public bid notice for the 2017 Ford Explorer Interceptor, Police vehicle, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brandt to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Bingaman, and approved by all. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel  
Borough Secretary