

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, February 8, 2021, due to inclement weather on Monday, February 1, 2021, 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:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Manager Edward Hovenstine, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Brian Kerstetter, Robert Mourlas, Police Chief Bremigen, Nathan Fisher, and Riley Bremigen 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 January 4, 2021 as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

Council President requested a moment of silence to honor Vice President Andrew Bickhart and his service on Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Benner to appoint Rue Rothermel to replace Vice President Bickhart on Council, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

Oath of Office – Mayor Joseph McGranaghan administered the Oath of Office to appointed Council Member Rue Rothermel.

**VISITORS:**

Suez, Utility Service Co, Inc.- Elevated Tank – Robert Mourlas reviewed the proposed contract between Suez and the Shamokin Dam Borough regarding the elevated tank rehabilitation and maintenance. The contract would be a term of ten years with an annual payment of approximately \$55,000.00. Suez inspected the water tank and reviewed the results, the rehabilitation/maintenance would be conducted in the third year of contract, visual inspections would be conducted in years one, two, four and five, warranty would be a term of five years.

A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to accept the proposed contract from Suez for the elevated tank rehab, seconded by Councilwoman Brandt, roll call vote called: Don Musser-Yes, Mark Benner-Yes, Maria Brandt-Yes, Dom Barillaro-Yes, Kyle Jessick-Yes, Rue Rothermel-Yes, David Sauers-Yes. 7-Yes, 0-No

Robert Mourlas left at this time.

Brian Kerstetter – Brian Kerstetter introduced himself to Council as a candidate for judge in Union & Snyder Counties for election year 2021 and reviewed personal notes and his work history.

Brian Kerstetter left at this time.

Police Chief Bremigen introduced the new part time police officers, Nathan Fisher and Riley Bremigen. The Police Chief reviewed duties that were performed by the part time officers and reviewed the volunteer hours completed by Riley Bremigen. The Mayor reported that all officers in the police department completed the required physicals.

Police Chief Bremigen, Nathan Fisher, and Riley Bremigen left at this time.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

PENNDOT, Traffic Data – Manager Hovenstine received correspondence from PENNDOT stating that beginning in January 2021 through April 2021, vendors will collect traffic data on municipally owned roads. The data collected will be used to complete a statewide network screening and prioritize locations for safety improvements. Traffic counters will be set on the municipality roads.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Resolution 2021-2, County Liquid Fuels – A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to adopt Resolution 2021-2, application for County aid to purchase salt and/or anti-skid material for Borough streets in the amount of \$1,435.00, seconded by Councilman Jessick, and approved by all.

Non-Uniform Pension Plan Amendment and Police Pension Plan Amendment – Plan amendment effective date is January 1, 2021 and the expiration date is December 31, 2021. Non Uniform Pension Plan amendment is contribution requirement is an amount equal to three percent of compensation. Police Pension Plan amendment is contribution requirement is an amount equal to zero percent of compensation. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to adopt the agreement amendments of the non-uniform pension plan and the police pension plan for year 2021, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all.

Exonerate Deann Lockcuff, 2020 Taxes – Secretary Leitzel stated that the 2020 Delinquent Real Estate Taxes will be sent to the Snyder County Tax Claim Bureau and the 2020 Delinquent Per Capita Taxes will be sent to the Statewide Tax Recovery for collection. A motion was made by Councilman Benner to exonerate the Tax Collector Deann Lockcuff from collection of the delinquent 2020 real estate and the delinquent 2020 per capita taxes, seconded by Councilwoman Brandt, and approved by all.

Shred Event –The Shred Event will be held Friday, April 23, 2021 from 9:00-11:00 AM at the Borough Office.

Annual Cleanup – The annual cleanup will begin on Monday, May 3, 2021.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Police Report – Mayor McGranaghan presented the January police report.

Central Keystone COG Update – Property Maintenance – Mayor McGranaghan reviewed correspondence from Central Keystone COG in September 2020 regarding citations sent to the property owner of Phillips Motel property. The Mayor reported that Jim Emery with Central Keystone COG had nothing new to report. Representative of Central Keystone COG spoke with the Mayor, a contractor was working on the roof at Pontius property and Queen Avenue property has until end of January 2021 to fix violations. Manager Hovenstine will meet with Jim Emery and Supervisor of Central Keystone COG to discuss the Phillips Motel property violations.

Solicitor Slivinski reported that Stephanie Lewis contacted his office regarding the court order for the Sheriff sale of property scheduled for March 21, 2021. The Solicitor gave Ms. Lewis the amount due for payoff of lien; also stated that the property status is condemned, because of the condition of the property.

Solicitor Slivinski stated that the Borough is obligated to enforce the building code, it was set up through the Central Keystone COG. The Borough doesn't have to use Central Keystone COG to enforce the maintenance code.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

MMO Statements – Pension MMO – The Non-Uniform Pension Plan Obligation to be paid by the Borough for 2021 is \$56,276.00 and the Police Pension Plan Obligation to be paid by the Borough for 2021 is \$23,284.00 due December 31, 2021. These obligations do not consider the anticipated state aid reimbursement.

AT&T Project – Manager Hovenstine reviewed the final drawing and contract for the lease with the AT&T switch hub, and anticipates finalizing the contract for approval at the 2021 March Council meeting.

Chapter 94 Report Submission – The calendar year 2020 Chapter 94 Report was submitted and accepted to Gannett Fleming for ESCRA, which reviews the flows and loads of the Borough sewer system. I&I Committee will be formed to create a five-year plan for municipalities.

CSV, Water Line Relocation – HRG Engineers are nearing completion of the design plan for the water line relocation due to the CSV highway project.

Mapping & GPS Systems – Manager Hovenstine recommended expanding the RAFA System with mapping (water lines, sewer lines, hydrants, street signs, and a message board) and GPS system. This expansion could possibly offer an opportunity for part time help with data entry.

Filter Bed Inspection – Roberts Filter Company performed a filter inspection at the water treatment plant last week.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

Deed of Dedication Eleventh Avenue – The Solicitor will advertise ordinance for the deed of dedication for the East Eleventh Avenue.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in February.

**WORKSHOP MEETING:**

A Workshop meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM to discuss Ambulance Service.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

General Fund bills in the amount of \$29,699.42, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$33,512.77, and Fire Protection Fund bills in the amount of \$1,800.00 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel  
Borough Secretary