

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, February 7, 2022, 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, Shawn Bingaman, Maria Brandt, Domenico Barillaro, Karen Roberts, and Donald Musser were present.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Manager Edward Hovenstine, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Police Chief Timothy Bremigen, Margie Kardohely, Stan Rohrbach, Mark Haefner, Elaine Herbert, Diana Bickhart, John Shirk, June Stark, Russ Fellman, Drew Leidich, Jared Fencil, and Debra Bingaman were present.

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

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Councilman Benner requested that the minutes be amended for the ambulance service to change Station 54 versus 54-1. A motion was made by Vice President Sauers to approve the Council minutes of January 3, 2022, as amended, seconded by Councilwoman Brandt, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Mark Haefner-KCI Technologies, Inc. – presented a preliminary land development plan for Royal Farms Store location at 2943 N Susquehanna Trail, Shamokin Dam. The proposed store would be a convenient store with gas pumps and a carwash at this location. President Musser questioned whether access to Queen Avenue would be restricted. Mark Haefner answered that there would be no access to Queen Avenue and a privacy fence/buffer area would be between the store and residential area-Queen Avenue. The parcel behind Burger King Restaurant has no proposed development plan would be open space grass area. A sketch plan will be submitted to the Planning Commission on Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

Mark Haefner left at this time.

Drew Leidich reviewed the proposed fish ladder and requested an approved easement agreement. Mayor McGranaghan questioned what the Borough may be entitled to by signing the agreement. Mr. Leidich mentioned that DCNR has a planning grant for development of a park, DCNR would assist the Borough with applying for this planning grant and reimburse the Borough for Solicitor fees. Solicitor Slivinski had no adverse comment regarding the easement agreement and the agreement is required to be notarized, so Council could approve the agreement and sign and notarize the document when a notary is available. Councilman Benner questioned whether the roadway would be repaired after completion of any projects or construction. DCNR answered that the Borough could inspect roadway prior to the completion of contract. A motion was made by Councilwoman Brandt to approve the easement agreement between the Borough of Shamokin

Dam and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), seconded by Councilwoman Roberts, roll call vote called: Don-Yes, Mark-Yes, Maria-Yes, Domenico-Yes, Karen-Yes, Shawn-Yes, Dave-Yes. 7-Yes, 0-No

Drew Leidich and DCNR representatives left at this time.

John Shirk, newly elected Fire Chief for a two-year term, reviewed call reports for year 2021, introduced himself to Council and explained that the fire company will be training for approval to carry Narcan for drug overdoses.

Dr. Michael Dunigan questioned whether Council had any questions after review of the 2020 financial statements. Dr. Dunigan mentioned that a feasibility study will be done regarding the use of fire trucks with the help of Fire Chief Shirk before the end of the year.

John Shirk and Dr. Michael Dunigan left at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS:

KOEZ Approval Letters – Manager Hovenstine reviewed the KOEZ for Sunbury Generation site, currently three sites (Sunbury Generation, INSA, Hummel Station) receive that waiver that remains for two more years. Sunbury Generation may request an extension on the KOEZ.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Resolution 2022-2, County Liquid Fuel – A motion was made by Councilman Barillaro to adopt Resolution 2022-2, 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 Benner, and approved by all.

Resolution 2022-3, Disposal of Municipal Records – A motion was made by Vice President Sauers to adopt Resolution 2022-3, authorizing destruction of disposal of certain municipal records, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

Exonerate Deann Lockcuff, 2021 Taxes – Secretary Leitzel stated that the 2021 Delinquent Real Estate Taxes will be sent to the Snyder County Tax Claim Bureau and the 2021 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 2021 real estate and the delinquent 2021 per capita taxes, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all.

MAYORS REPORT:

Police Report – Police Chief Bremigen presented the January police report.

Mayor McGranaghan and Police Chief Bremigen toured the updated Sunbury police department station and recommended that the Manager tour the station for possible ideas for the future renovations at the Borough office.

Nathan Fisher resigned as a patrolman at the police department and thanked the Borough for the opportunity to serve. Resignation was dated January 16, 2022 effective immediately.

Police Chief Bremigen left at this time.

Mayor McGranaghan reported that PPL will be installing the automatic switch in April 2022, the switch will assist with power outages in the Orchard Hills area.

Property Maintenance Update – The property located at 3517 North Old Trail had a house fire, no update to report. The Mayor reported that Central Keystone COG was contacted regarding the condition of the property located at 3718&3720 North Old Trail, however Central Keystone COG hasn't been in contact with the owner yet. Police Chief Bremigen will contact Joe Nevo regarding the parking lot condition.

MANAGERS REPORT:

MMO Statements – Pension MMO – The Non-Uniform Pension Plan Obligation to be paid by the Borough for 2022 is \$56,910.00 and the Police Pension Plan Obligation to be paid by the Borough for 2022 is \$25,472.00 due December 31, 2022. These obligations do not consider the anticipated state aid reimbursement. The Borough will pay this obligation after state aid is received in September.

Filter Inspection – The annual DEP required filter inspection was done on January 25, 2022.

DEP Reports – Chapter 94 Report Submission – The calendar year 2021 Chapter 94 Report was submitted and accepted to Gannett Fleming for ESCRA, which reviews the flows and loads of the Borough sewer system. The Act 110 report, which is an annual water withdraw and consumption report, was filed with DEP.

I&I Inspections – Inflow & Infiltration Committee was formed and meets every other month. Manager Hovenstine suggested that the Borough have inspections and mapping of the sewer system. The Manager will have information in the spring newsletter. Some discussion suggested that sewer lines need inspected as a process of selling property.

A Zoning Hearing Board will be held on Thursday, February 17, 2022 for a use variance for property located at 2972 North Old Trail. Applicant required a variance from a use restriction within the R-2 zone for construction of three additional residential units.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Slivinski reviewed with Council the procedure to annex Borough owned property located at 111 W 11th Avenue in Monroe Township. A petition must be signed by a minimum of 33 registered voters of Shamokin Dam and a minimum of 90 registered voters of Monroe Township and filed with the County Board of Elections to have the referendum question on the official ballot for the 2022 general election. The Solicitor suggested having someone at the primary election in May to request signatures in Monroe Township. President Musser questioned whether a letter should be sent to Monroe Township Supervisors regarding this property situation. The Solicitor will send correspondence to Monroe Township supervisors.

Stephanie Lewis property court date is scheduled in May 2022.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in February. President Musser distributed the updated 2022 Council workshop committees. Civil Service Commission, the East Snyder Park Board, and the Franchise Committee have vacancies.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$13,196.16, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$10,967.79, and Fire Protection Fund bills in the amount of \$1,800.00, were presented for payment. A motion was made by Vice President Sauers to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Bingaman, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary