

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2023**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, in the municipal building located at 42 West 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President Musser presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Manager Edward Hovenstine, David Smeltz, John Shirk, Vicar Mindy Bartholomew, Elaine Herbert, Diana Bickhart, Marilyn Roberts, June Stark, Paige Visneski and Dr. 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 December 5, 2022, as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Vicar Mindy Bartholomew – Vicar Mindy Bartholomew thanked Council for support of the tree lighting service that was held on Sunday, December 4, 2022, and anticipates this service to be an annual event.

David Smeltz – David Smeltz questioned whether Council members understood how Americus Ambulance Service billed for emergency calls, explained a situation regarding billing services out of Pittsburgh with a mailing address of PO Box 90, Danville, PA, and appreciates any assistance on resolving any billing service issues. Mr. Smeltz stated that the ambulance service did their job, however the billing service needs improved.

COMMUNICATION:

Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement (TSMA) – Manager Hovenstine received correspondence from PENNDOT regarding an optional traffic signal maintenance agreement, a resolution would be adopted for a yearly traffic signal maintenance agreement for each traffic signal intersection.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Resolution 2023-1, Disposal of Municipal Records – Resolution 2023-1, Disposal of Municipal Records – A motion was made by Councilwoman Roberts to adopt Resolution 2023-1, authorizing destruction of disposal of certain municipal records, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

Fire Company-January Workshop – A workshop meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM to discuss monthly financial statements overview (if year end is available),

review rules and regulation of the charter, 2021 Audit, and revisions of the lease. The lease agreement states that the audit is to be completed by June of the following year; after completion of the audit funding is transferred into the capital funds for the fire department.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan reported that the police officers have been medically qualified for duty.

Police Chief was out of the office due to illness, so a December police report was not submitted at this time.

Mayor McGranaghan reviewed property maintenance: The new owner has been working on the properties located at 3710 N Old Trail, 3718 N Old Trail, and 3720 N Old Trail. Eagles Wind Coffee Shop located at 3175/3179 N Susquehanna Trail has been being demolished in sections.

REAPPOINTMENTS:

Appointments: The following terms have expired as of December 31, 2022.

- Zoning Hearing Board, 2 Year – June Stark
- Civil Service Commission, 6 Year – Jon Gray
- Landfill Commission, 5 Year – Ed Hovenstine, Vacancy-2 Year-Mark Benner
- ESCRA, 5 Year – Thomas McBryan
- East Snyder Park Board, 3 Year – Citizen, 2 Vacant appointments
- Vacancy Board, 1 Year – Rue Rothermel
- Snyder County Tax Collection Commission, 1 Year – LaDawn Leitzel, Ed Hovenstine
- Franchise Committee – Citizen, Vacant appointment

A motion was made by Vice President Sauers to reappoint Boards, Commissions, Authorities, Misc. Committees, and Services as listed, seconded by Councilman Bingaman, and approved by all.

MANAGERS REPORT:

CSVT Update – Manager Hovenstine and Mayor McGranaghan reviewed the CSVT update. The water line replacement/relocation will begin.

Fish Ladder Update – The project that is ten percent completed has shut down due to the river level and the cold weather.

Building Renovation Changes – Manager Hovenstine received the estimated pricing for the building renovations, which were higher than anticipated, so the proposed change would be to move the police department to the garage area, renovate the Council Chambers, and accommodate the upstairs with the proposed renovations.

East Eighth Avenue Stop Sign – Manager Hovenstine reported that the flashing stop sign was installed at the intersection of Eighth Avenue and North Old Trail. Councilman Bingaman commented that the new stop sign was not enough and requested police presence. Mayor McGranaghan will discuss this issue with the Police Chief.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Slivinski discussed that the land that will be annexed from Monroe Township to Shamokin Dam Borough must have a survey plot plan and monuments installed at the lot corners where the Monroe Township boundary would change. Manager Hovenstine spoke to Stahl, Shaeffer Engineering regarding the survey information. The Solicitor mentioned that after a survey and installation of monuments would be completed, then required ordinances and a joint public hearing for public comment would be held.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting was not held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$16,618.39, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$5,713.94, 111 W 11th Avenue Fund in the amount of \$358.68, and Fire Tax Protection Fund in the amount of \$1,200.00 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Vice President Sauers to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary