

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 6, 2025**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, January 6, 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:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Manager Edward Hovenstine, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Mayor Donald Musser, Police Chief Timothy Bremigen, and June Stark were present.

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

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Vice President Bailey to approve the Council minutes of December 2, 2024, and Workshop minutes of December 19, 2024, seconded by Councilwoman Roberts, and approved by all.

**COMMUNICATIOS:**

The Borough received correspondence from PENNDOT regarding the proposed project on state Route 15, section 230 to micro-surface the pavement starting at state Route 11 to Union County. Depending on the availability of funding, the project is tentatively scheduled for Spring of year 2026. PENNDOT requested that the Borough respond with comment prior to January 31, 2025. Councilman Moyer recommended responding that the project be rescheduled after the CVST completion. Council recommended micro surfacing at night.

PENNDOT lighting of Cortland connector for potential lighting – Option 1, three lights on the bridge total, and Option 2, nine lights total including the three lights in option 1, or no lighting. Councilwoman Roberts questioned the lighting options regarding the span of three lights to nine lights. Mayor Musser recommended lighting the connector as specified by PENNDOT. Vice President Bailey recommended lighting should be an option due to safety concerns. Councilman Moyer questioned whether Council should continue the discussion at a Workshop on January 16, 2025. Council tabled discussion until the January workshop.

PENNDOT potential median island on Cortland Drive Connector – Vice President Bailey questioned Police Chief Bremigen whether an island or stop sign would be more beneficial. Police Chief Bremigen agreed that a stop sign would benefit to slow traffic exiting the connector. Councilman Sauers does not recommend an island. Council tabled discussion until the January workshop.

The Borough received correspondence from Slivinski Law Offices regarding retention of services for year 2025 and proposed charges and terms.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Easter Egg Hunt – Councilman Bingaman requested approval to hold an Easter Egg Hunt at Jack Treas Park on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at 1:00 PM, approval of purchasing more items, and approve posting in the spring newsletter. A motion was made by Councilman Moyer to sponsor the Easter egg hunt up to \$300.00 and work with the local associations such as the fire company and the churches in the Borough, seconded by Councilwoman Brandt, and approved by all.

**OPEN BUSINESS:**

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

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Mayor Musser reported that no further action was taken regarding the longevity pay, and that the Mayor and the Police Chief will work together on the 2025 police department schedule.

Police Chief Bremigen reported that the police officers completed the mandatory service training and are certified by the end of the year.

The Police Chief contacted a company to discuss additional security upgrades and will have a proposal by the February Council meeting.

The police department, Manager Hovenstine, Secretary Leitzel, and Police Secretary Morgan have certified in OC (pepper spray) training.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

Manager Hovenstine reported that the upgrades are completed at the property located at 111 W 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, so the property will be ready for bidding. Solicitor Slivinski suggested that the Borough hold a public auction but reserve the right to object any and all bids and schedule the auction in March. A motion was made by Councilman Bingaman to solicit auctioneers and request cost and fees, seconded by Councilman Moyer, and approved by all. President Benner appointed Councilman Bingaman and Councilman Moyer to work as a committee to solicit auctioneers. Mayor Musser recommended that the 2017 police vehicle be sold at public auction.

The Manager mentioned that the 2025 Streets program is scheduled to be Queen Avenue from Maple Street to Spruce Street.

CSV T Waterline Relocation – PENNDOT will be relocating additional water lines and certain valves as part of the last phase CSV T, near the elevated water tank. The work will be done in year 2027 and will be fully reimbursed by the state. The Borough will need to enter into another agreement, like the agreement when the lines were relocated around the 61 Connector area project. Manager Hovenstine will be working with the engineer on finalizing the design of new valving arrangement.

Sewage Enforcement Officer – The Borough is a member of the Snyder County Sewage Enforcement Committee, who uses Russ Goodling, and the Borough needs to appoint the on-lot SEO. Manager Hovenstine recommends Russell Goodling. A motion was made by Councilwoman Brandt to appoint Russell Goodling as the Sewage Enforcement Officer, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

**SOLICITORS REPORT:**

Solicitor Slivinski recommended considering a policy to camera sewer lines of a property when the property is transferred with a specific time (example 5-10 years) to receive an inspection certificate. The Solicitor will gather more information on this subject.

The Solicitor recommended discussing the mayor's salary at the Workshop meeting. The Borough has a population of less than 5,000, and an annual salary for the Mayor would range from \$0.00 up to \$4,190.00. An ordinance would have to be adopted with the salary set after that then any new Mayor position would be paid, does not include current mayor. Councilwoman Roberts reported that Northumberland Borough pays the Mayor \$500.00 annual, and Selinsgrove Borough pays the Mayor \$300.00 annual.

Solicitor Slivinski reported that Aldi, located at 3152 N Susquehanna Trail and Econolodge (SD Lodging), located at 3249 N Susquehanna Trail have filed an appeal with the Board of Assessment. Manager Hovenstine stated that a tax appeal is not for the Borough tax, but for the school tax and county tax.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in January.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

A Workshop was held on Thursday, December 19, 2024, to discuss a personnel issue. A Workshop will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2024, at 7:00 PM to discuss the CSVT discussion (lighting & island).

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

General Fund bills in the amount of \$23,057.55, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$18,767.32, 111 W 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue Fund in the amount of \$539.16, and Fire Protection Tax Fund in the amount of \$2,262.08 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilwoman Roberts to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Vice President Bailey, and approved by all.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council adjourned to executive session at 8:00 PM to discuss a personnel issue; reconvened at 8:40 PM. No action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Roberts to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Moyer, and approved by all. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel  
Borough Secretary