

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 5, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, 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:**

Dave Sauers, Maria Brandt, Mark Benner, and Donald Musser were present.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Karen Roberts, Shawn Bingaman, and Domenico Barillaro were absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Solicitor Matthew Slivinski, and June Stark were present.

Manager Edward Hovenstine was absent due to ill health.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

PUBLIC HEARING, AMENDING ZONING CODE: Hearing began at 7:01 PM and ended at 7:02 PM. No Public comment.

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brandt to approve the Council minutes of June 6, 2022, as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

Golden Chopstick – The Solicitor checked fire insurance escrow policy; however, the policy covers fire insurance not liability insurance.

Weaver Property – Solicitor Slivinski sent correspondence to Jeannie Weaver, property owner at 3517 North Old Trail, regarding the property being considered a nuisance due to no action taken to clean up the fire damaged property.

Fellman Property – Solicitor Slivinski sent correspondence to Shaffer Insurance regarding Russ & Jodi Fellman fire damage at 3507 North Old Trail. Shaffer Insurance responded that Erie insurance is in the process of attempting to settle the loss with the insured; however, the insured has obtained a public adjuster to represent them, which caused delays. Shaffer Insurance noted that the loss at 3507 N Old Trail will not exceed 60% of the aggregate limit of the building coverage for this property and would not trigger the escrow requirement.

The Solicitor reviewed information involving the police department and time off work related to COVID and suggested that the Mayor write a policy.

Ordinance 2022-2, Amending Zoning – Solicitor Slivinski reported that the ordinance was advertised, and property owners were notified of zoning amendment. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to adopt the Ordinance 2022-2, amending the Borough’s zoning code by amending the zoning map to change a portion of two certain parcels from commercial, highway (C-1) to residential, high density (R-2) use, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

Mayor McGranaghan discussed the properties located at 3710, 3718, 3720 North Old Trail regarding the owner Kyle Mirolli and property maintenance. The Solicitor will research the situation at these locations.

Solicitor Matt Slivinski left at this time.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

2022 Fall Newsletter – Secretary Leitzel reviewed the proposed 2022 Fall Newsletter. The Borough will be using North Central Sight Services as a shredding service due to the costs associated with Shred-It, so in September the Borough will hold a second shred event using the services from North Central Sight Service. Council set the Trick or Treat Night for Monday, October 31, 2022, between 6:00PM – 8:00 PM. The Secretary will have the newsletter mailed in August.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Central Keystone COG Update – Mayor McGranaghan reviewed an update from Central Keystone COG on property maintenance in the Borough.

Recreation Area in Orchard Hills Development – The Mayor reported that Councilwoman Roberts contacted Russell Broschious regarding donating a recreation area in Orchard Hills Development with no avail.

CSVT Update – Mayor McGranaghan recommended that the Planning Commission review items that may arise during the construction phase of the thruway such as: construction noise, dust, dirt, decision on new traffic signals, and sound barriers. Councilman Benner reviewed a discussion, which was with Matt Beck of PENNDOT regarding flood mitigation and additional storm water from the thruway. The discussion was whether Fiss Run was included in the storm water management plan of the CSVT.

The Mayor questioned whether the Borough would review the maintenance of the property located at 2943 N Susquehanna Trail, because it has been four months waiting for a determination from PENNDOT on the traffic study for development of Royal Farms store.

Police Report – The Mayor reviewed the June police report.

Officer Hassenplug and Officer Bremigen attended training, Officer Bremigen received a letter of commendation from PA State Police, Police Chief Bremigen applied for a federal grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 to help pay for bulletproof vests and secured a third traffic grant in the amount of \$1,000.00.

The police department experienced issues over the last few months due to COVID and other matters, however changes in the schedule and part-time usage helped the department maintain suitable coverage.

Council President Musser requested that an actual cost of the officer's salary report should be submitted prior to increasing any additional amount of funds for regular overtime budget and the part time budget.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

Personnel Workshop – The Manager requested that a Personnel workshop that was scheduled on Thursday, July 21, 2022, be rescheduled to Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

Building Project Update – The Building Project committee will meet on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, to discuss the proposed design.

Council President Musser reported that the 2022 fuel budget has been spent and the Manager will have to find an area that will cover the expense.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

General Fund bills in the amount of \$41,780.65, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$13,766.91, Fire Protection Tax Fund in the amount of \$20,520.00, and ARPA in the amount of \$1,607.00 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel  
Borough Secretary