

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, July 3, 2023, 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, Mark Benner, Shawn Bingaman, Maria Brandt, Karen Roberts, Paige Visneski, and Donald Musser were present.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Manager Edward Hovenstine, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Solicitor Matthew Slivinski, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Police Chief Timothy Bremigen, David Malone, Landon Malone, David Smeltz, and Vicky Bickhart were present.

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

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Roberts to approve the Council minutes of June 5, 2023, as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

**VISITORS:**

David Malone, Borough Resident, spoke with Council regarding information received from State Representative Rowe on recreational grants for the purpose of reinvigorating the current parks and finding a location for a possible park in Orchard Hills development. Mr. Malone reviewed a proposal for upgrading the current parks and forwarded that onto the Manager and volunteered along with Landon Malone, his son, for any assistance. Mayor McGranaghan reviewed plans that were discussed in the past and stated that the parcel of land mentioned is owned by the shopping center. President Musser stated that after completion of the bypass there may be a possibility of acquiring land for recreation. The Mayor stated that the connector between Orchard Hill and Gunter developments will allow access to the parks.

David Smeltz, Borough Resident, discussed two concerns: 1) Requested that Council amend the current ordinance regarding roll off dumpsters being allowed for sixty days to include shipping containers (storage pods). Manager Hovenstine suggested size limitation also. The Manager stated that the storage container located at 123 Ninth Avenue will be removed from the property after the storage shed is constructed. 2) Questioned when Council will be placing the property located at 111 W 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue into the Borough, because then the police department would be allowed to respond to complaints. Mayor McGranaghan stated that the Borough received the boundary lines of the property, the Solicitor will draft an ordinance of the annexation for the Borough and Monroe township to approve. Mr. Smeltz questioned whether there is an expected timeframe for the transfer of property. The Solicitor answered that the timeframe would be by the end of the year.

Visitors left at this time.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council adjourned to executive session at 7:15 PM, to discuss personnel issue; reconvened at 8:25 PM. No action was taken at this time.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The Borough received correspondence from ESCRA stating that the Borough will have a \$27,500.00 credit towards the next quarter sewer charges.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Councilman Bingaman updated Council on the upcoming event on Trick or Treat night to be held at Jack Treas Park.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Golden Arrow Violations – Mayor McGranaghan explained that guests at the Golden Arrow Motel are using that address as a residency address, which is not allowed. Manager Hovenstine sent correspondence to the owner, Dusan Bratic, and received a response denying that the guests are using Golden Arrow Motel address as a residency.

Community Alert System – The Mayor requested that the Borough start utilizing a community alert system which Borough residents would sign up for this service. Police Chief Bremigen will gather information on community alert systems.

Monroe Manor Crime Issue – Mayor McGranaghan reported that there have been multiple cars being broken into in Monroe township. This topic would be a message for a community alert system.

Police Report – Police Chief Bremigen presented the May and June police report.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

Miscellaneous Project Updates –

- elevated tank will be out of service for approximately six weeks.
- street project will be bid in August (Queen Avenue was cancelled due to UGI installing gas lines)
- fish ladder is on schedule for completion date of October 10, 2023
- the water treatment bench top instruments were calibrated by the manufacturer, this is done on a yearly basis.
- the property owner for 3718 & 3720 N Old Trail submitted a plan for a zoning permit and a building permit to raze and rebuild townhouses above the flood plan.
- The Manager will meet on Wednesday with a traffic engineer to finalize the signaling at the Royal Farms location the tentative schedule is as follows: highway occupancy permit approved, liquor license hearing in August, abatement work, and demolition in October.

WTP Building & Site Upgrades – The Borough is making plans to replace the roof at the water treatment plant, pump house, the Borough crew will do the replacement. Manager Hovenstine will request quotes from the paving contractors for the paving work at the water plant.

Workers Compensation Renewal – Manager Hovenstine is completing the application to renew the worker's compensation insurance with AmTrust, waiting on fire fighter roster to complete. AmTrust will renew at an increased rate.

DEP Inspection – A DEP inspection took place for the basins at the water treatment plant, there were no problems.

Workshops-(Building/Finance/Personnel) – Manager Hovenstine requested a workshop meeting to be held on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 7:00 PM for discussion of building-the police department renovation, finance-reinvestments, and personnel-replacement of police secretary.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

Liquor License Hearing Request – Solicitor Slivinski explained the process for the liquor license request: Royal Farms would submit an application for a liquor license which is currently under Franklin Township (Shade Mountain Golf Course), the property would be posted with notice of public hearing then the Borough would hold a public hearing at the beginning of Council meeting,

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in July.

**WORKSHOP:**

A Workshop meeting will be held in July on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 7:00 PM to discuss building, finance, and personnel.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

General Fund bills in the amount of \$49,089.42, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$9,287.18, 111 W 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue Fund in the amount of \$2,700.00, and Fire Protection Tax Fund bills in the amount of \$20,520.00, 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 9:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel  
Borough Secretary