

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 1, 2024**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, July 1, 2024, 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, Charlene Bailey, Karen Roberts, Maria Brandt, and Donald Musser were present.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Manager Edward Hovenstine, Solicitor Matthew Slivinski, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Cyril Runkle, Diana Bickhart, and David Bobb were present.

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

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Benner to approve the Council minutes of June 3, 2024, seconded by Councilwoman Bailey, and approved by all.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council adjourned to executive session at 7:02 PM, to discuss personnel issue; reconvened at 7:45 PM. A motion was made by Councilwoman Brandt to make a onetime payment of salary for the patrolmen from beginning of the year 2024 to current within thirty days, seconded by Councilman Bingaman, and approved by all.

Cyril Runkle and David Bobb left during the Executive Session.

VISITORS:

Diana Bickhart – Diana Bickhart thanked the Borough for all the services that the Borough offers, such as recycling, brush pickup, etc. and thanked the Borough crew.

COMMUNICATIONS:

University Park Plaza Corporation has sold the Colonial Village Plaza to Stone Fortress Plaza Holdings, LLC, whose intent would be to renovate the property.

OPEN BUSINESS:

Fire Company, Lease – Solicitor Robert Slivinski was absent.

Playground Equipment Upgrade, Councilman Bingaman received a catalog and looked at the playground equipment at the parks. Councilwoman Brandt suggested holding a Recreation Committee meeting. Playground Equipment upgrade was sent to the Recreation Committee with the recommendation to have June Stark present. Councilman Bingaman recommended also having additional lighting at the parks.

Flood Mitigation – Councilman Benner reported that a meeting was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, with representatives from PA DEP/Bureau of the Waterways-Brodie Englert & Shane Erdman, PA Senator Lynda Schlegel Culver-Jeff Cole, Councilman Benner, and Borough Manager Hovenstine. Mr. Englert and Mr. Erdman requested a walk through the area of the Borough that is affected by flooding. The initial analysis needs to be completed to see whether it would be a feasible project.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan was absent due to medical reasons.

Police Report – The June police report was distributed by Elaine Morgan prior to the meeting. President Musser reviewed the report:

- Officer Shipman and Police Chief Bremigen attended Camp Cadet.
- The In Car Camera/LPR System was ordered at the start of June and will arrive in August/September.
- Officers were involved with community engagement as in prior months.
- Officers focused on several areas with the Borough upon learning that transient salespeople were within.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Manager Hovenstine attended a CSVT Coordination meeting to discuss some of the impacts specifically for the Borough as projects progress in and around the Shamokin Dam interchanges and Cortland Connector. Officials from PENNDOT have offered to attend a future council meeting to review and finalize the design alternatives.

The 2024 Streets Project will be out to bid in July and opening of the bids in August.

Items for Consideration:

1. Exploring/pursuing a DEP grant to install solar panels at the reservoir site on Sunbury Road. A representative from their department offered to meet and analysis the site for the possibilities.
2. Purchasing a mower deck that would attach to the John Deere tractor for larger mowing application. Council recommended that the Manager get quotes on a mower deck.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Matthew Slivinski had no report at this time.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in July.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$16,163.83, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$10,017.68, 111 W 11th Avenue Fund in the amount of \$300.00, Fire Protection Fund in the amount of \$20,520.00, and PLGIT Recreation Fund in the amount of \$96.21, 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 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary