

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 1, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, March 1, 2021 in the municipal building located at 42 West 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President Musser presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Sauers, Mark Benner, Maria Brandt, Domenico Barillaro, Kyle Jessick, Rue Rothermel, and Donald Musser were present.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Manager Edward Hovenstine, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Solicitor Matthew Slivinski, and June Stark 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 February 8, 2021 as presented, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Resignation – Eugene Kardohely submitted a letter of resignation from the Civil Service Commission on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 to be effective on Monday, March 1, 2021. Manager Hovenstine stated that Girard Hughes and Joseph Hughes are currently appointed to the Civil Service Commission. The Manager explained that Eugene Kardohely spoke with Michael Romano as a replacement, and Manager Hovenstine spoke with Mr. Romano, who replied that he would think about it. President Musser suggested asking whether Robert Lockcuff would be interested in serving on the Civil Service Commission. The Manager reported that the Commission would meet every two years to reorganize, and for the process of hiring a police officer.

OTHER BUSINESS:

FEMA – The Borough received correspondence dated February 24, 2021 from FEMA of proposed modified flood hazard determinations affecting the Flood Insurance Rate Map and the Flood Insurance Study report for Snyder County, PA. Manager Hovenstine and Solicitor Slivinski responded to the notification dated February 14, 2020 with no comment. The Borough would be required to adopt or show evidence of adoption of floodplain management regulations with modifications prior to August 24, 2021 for continued eligibility in the NFIP program.

MAYORS REPORT:

Central Keystone COG Update – Property Maintenance – The Mayor and the Manager met with Central Keystone COG(CKCOG) to discuss the properties in the Borough that were in violation of the property maintenance code. CKCOG filed against Robert Grayson regarding the Motel property located at 2943 N Susquehanna Trail. Mayor McGranaghan mentioned that the Borough did not adopt the CKCOG maintenance code, which includes three parts: Property, Fire Safety, and Building. The Manager and the Mayor suggested adopting the property maintenance

section of the code. The Mayor forwarded the fire safety section to the Fire Chief Gray, who was in support of the fire section. The fee schedule would be set by CKCOG. A motion was made by Councilman Jessick to authorize the Solicitor to draft and advertise an ordinance adopting the entire Central Keystone COG maintenance code property section, seconded by President Musser, after discussion Councilman Jessick withdrew the motion. Questions: Is the proposed code truly three distinct codes, and How will adopting this code prevent delays in code enforcement as opposed to the current code? A workshop will be held on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM to discuss the maintenance code further and answer questions with Central Keystone COG.

Robert Grayston Call – The Mayor was contacted by Robert Grayston because of the receipt of fines from Central Keystone COG and questioned whether the Borough would stop the process of violations, charges, and fines. Mayor McGranaghan answered that Mr. Grayston should tear the motel down or bring it up to code. Councilman Sauers reported that prior to the purchase of the property at 2943 N Susquehanna Trail, Mr. Grayston was aware of the condition of the property; and was warned of the possibility of maintenance code violations if the condition of the property was not addressed.

Police Report – Mayor McGranaghan presented the February police report. The parttime officer salaries will exceed the overtime budget. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to designate \$5,000.00 to part time officer salary for the remainder of the year with quarterly budget updates, seconded by Councilwoman Brandt, roll call vote called: Roll Call Vote: Dave-Yes, Don-Yes, Mark-Yes, Maria-Yes, Domenico-Yes, Kyle-Yes, Rue-Yes

MANAGERS REPORT:

Audit Update – The auditors from Herring Roll & Solomon, PC were at the Borough Office on February 24, 2021 gathering audit information.

Gas Line Project – Manager Hovenstine met with UGI to discuss proposed 2021 gas line projects in the Borough: Orchard Hills on Jonathan Road, Tenth Avenue-the easement will be in the street, and Helen Street-finish repaving.

2021 Streets Project – Manager Hovenstine reported that the 2021 Street Project will consist of Jonathan Road from Cortland to McIntosh and Jonathan Court with an estimated cost of \$130,000.00-\$140,000.00.

Chapter 110 Submission – Act 110 – DEP – Submission – The Annual DEP Chapter 110 report will be submitted by March 31, 2021, which is a required water withdrawal and use registration, monitoring, record-keeping and reporting requirements.

Suez Contract – Manager Hovenstine signed the five-year contract with Suez for the elevated tank rehab with the first annual payment in the amount of \$55,021.00 due 6/1/2021.

AT&T Contract – Manager Hovenstine presented the AT&T lease agreement: initial term of ten years, extension term of four automatic extensions of five years each, rent will be \$4,800.00 per year beginning on the date that AT&T starts installation of the equipment, rent increase of ten percent every five years. The Solicitor cautioned Council of the rent payment beginning with the

start of equipment installation. The Manager reassured Council that AT&T will proceed with equipment installation. A motion was made by Councilman Barillaro to accept the AT&T small cell lease agreement, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Stephanie Lewis Update – Stephanie Lewis, property owner of 3042 North Old Trail, satisfied the municipal liens that led to a Summary Judgement. The Solicitor and Central Keystone COG will continue forward with the property maintenance code violations that are still present at this property.

Deed of Dedication East Eleventh Avenue – The Solicitor presented an ordinance, deed of dedication of East Eleventh Avenue, that has been duly advertised. A motion was made by Councilman Jessick to adopt Ordinance 2021-2, accepting dedication of a portion of East Eleventh Avenue, as a public street and declaring the same to be a public street, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in March.

WORKSHOP MEETING:

A Workshop meeting was held on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM to discuss the 2022 Ambulance Service. The suggestion from the workshop was to hold a meeting in the fall with the public attendance, depending on COVID restrictions, to discuss the 2022 Ambulance Service. Public information, supplied by the fire company, will be in the 2021 Summer Newsletter to inform residents of the public meeting.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$10,051.90, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$8,598.38, Water and Sewer FNB Fund in the amount of \$22,886.93, Fire Protection Tax Fund in the amount of \$1,467.20, and Cares Act Fund bills in the amount of \$55,216.33 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary