

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, March 7, 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:**

David Sauers, Maria Brandt, Shawn Bingaman, Mark Benner, Karen Roberts, and Donald Musser were present.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Domenico Barillaro was absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Manager Edward Hovenstine, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, 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 7, 2022, as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Roberts, and approved by all.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The Borough received correspondence from Central Keystone COG requesting a consideration to allocate 2.5% of the American Rescue Funds to Central Keystone COG. President Musser suggested tabling this request until Council reviews the plan for spending funds.

The Borough received correspondence from PENNDOT informing that the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund payment in the amount of \$53,518.02 was paid on Monday, March 7, 2022.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Shred Event – Secretary Leitzel will coordinate with Shred-It for a date in April or May to hold the Community Shred Event, information will be available in newsletter, Facebook page, and website.

Annual Cleanup – The Annual Cleanup will begin on Monday, May 2, 2022.

Spring Newsletter – The Spring newsletter was presented and will be distributed as soon as the date of the shred event is established, Secretary Leitzel would like to have a March mailing.

Committee for Office & Security Upgrade – A committee was created to discuss the office & security upgrade using the Cares Act and ARPA funding. The committee will consist of Don Musser, Dave Sauers, Mark Benner, and Joe McGranaghan.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Police Chief Bremigen was not in attendance due to follow up investigation of a motor vehicle accident that occurred in the Borough Friday night. The Police Chief will have a debriefing at the Borough office tomorrow, so that people involved and impacted by this accident will have the opportunity to speak with mental health professionals.

Mayor McGranaghan reported that Jim Emery of Central Keystone COG conducted a second inspection of the Golden Chopsticks restaurant building and noticed several fire code violations that would have been addressed, if the Borough would adopt the fire safety code, which inspects for fire and life safety requirements. Mr. Emery requested that the Borough reconsider the adoption of the Fire Safety Program/Inspection of Non-residential Structures.

The Mayor contacted Jim Emery regarding the Joe Nevo property located at 2835 N Susquehanna Trail, which had a complaint on the condition of the parking lot; and contacted Gerry Lloyd regarding the Kyle Mirolli property located at 3718&3720 N Old Trail, however Central Keystone COG has not had contact with Mr. Mirolli yet.

Mayor McGranaghan reported that the Villa Teresa will be relocating to the University Park Plaza located at 2664 N Susquehanna Trail.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

Auditors – The auditors from Herring Roll & Solomon, PC were at the Borough Office on February 18, 2022, gathering audit information.

KOEZ Assessment – Manager Hovenstine reported that the KOEZ will expire on December 31, 2023, which with the recent tax assessments there will be an increase in tax revenue for the year of 2024.

Act 110 Submission Update – Manager Hovenstine reported that the DEP website to report information for the Act 110 submission, accountable water, has been down since Friday, February 25, 2022. The deadline for monthly reporting is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, however that has been extended.

CSVT Reimbursement – Manager Hovenstine submitted an invoice to PENNDOT for the reimbursement of the actual costs incurred for preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and materials necessary for the relocation of the utility facilities.

Zoning Hearing Decision – The Zoning Hearing Board granted the variance to the Calvary Mission House located at 2972 N Old Trail, for the proposed multi-family residential housing facility. The following are the five conditions and restrictions: comply with parking requirements, comply with the land development requirements, comply with all requirements regarding building construction, maintenance, landlord/tenant inspections, comply with water/sewer rules and regulations, and shall use the structure as represented by Pastor Gaugler.

Investments – Mifflinburg Bank & Trust notified the Borough that certificate of deposits in General Fund in the amount of \$246,616.80 and Water/Sewer Fund in the amount of

\$246,616.80 were maturing in February, Manager Hovenstine renewed the CD's at a rate of .65% for a one year term. Manager Hovenstine closed an FNB Money Market account in the Water/Sewer fund in the amount of \$101,205.70 and transferred the fund to an Edward Jones treasury bond at a rate of 1-1/2% for a two year term.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

Solicitor Slivinski updated Council on the Stephanie Lewis property located at 3042 N Old Trail that a pretrial conference will be held Monday, May 16, 2022. The Solicitor stated that a representative from the Borough must be present.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

A Planning Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 7:00 PM to discuss the sketch plan land development of Royal Farms located at 2943 N Susquehanna Trail.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

General Fund bills in the amount of \$11,588.98, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$90,527.91, and 111 W 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue Fund bills in the amount of \$815.46, 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 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel  
Borough Secretary