

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, November 2, 2020 in the municipal building located at 42 West 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President Musser presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andrew Bickhart, David Sauers, Mark Benner, Maria Brandt, Domenico Barillaro, and Donald Musser were present.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kyle Jessick was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Manager Edward Hovenstine, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, and Michael Dunigan 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 October 5, 2020 as presented, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to approve the Workshop minutes of October 15, 2020 as presented, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Snyder County Libraries – The Borough received correspondence from the Snyder County Libraries thanking the Borough for the 2020 contribution in the amount of \$5,000.00 and requested consideration of a \$5,218.50 contribution for year 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Proposed 2021 Meeting Nights – President Musser discussed that two Council meeting nights in July and September would be held on Tuesday, due to holiday, instead of the first Monday of the month. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to approve and advertise the proposed meeting nights of 2021 as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

Michael Dunigan arrived at this time.

Tentative 2021 Budget Adoption – Tentative 2021 Budget Adoption - Proposed 2021 Budget – The 2021 General Fund Budget and the Water/Sewer Fund Budget were presented for tentative adoption and advertising. The 2021 General Fund budget is proposed at \$891,344.00 with a 1 mil tax increase. The 2021 Water/Sewer Fund Budget is proposed at \$976,362.00 with no increase to the water/sewer rates in 2021. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to tentatively adopt and advertise the proposed 2021 Budgets as presented, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all. The Manager will advertise the 2021 Budgets for adoption on Monday, December 7, 2020.

2021 Reappointments – The 2021 reappointments are as follows:

Appointees – June Stark, Zoning Hearing Board- Kerry Stark and David Jackson, Planning Commission- 2 Vacancies, Citizen, East Snyder Park Board- and Vacancy, Citizen, Emergency Services Task Force-David Herbert, Vacancy Board. The Manager will contact the members and find out if they are interested in continued service.

2020 Christmas Party – Council President questioned whether the Borough 2020 Christmas Party could happen due to COVID-19. Michael Dunigan stated that the fire company would be able to host and cater the event. Manager Hovenstine suggested tabling the subject until the December Council meeting.

2013 Police Car-Bid Results – Manager Hovenstine reported that the Borough received a total of two bids from Robert Medley in the amount of \$4,500.00 and Brandon Womack in the amount of \$4,6000.00. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to accept the bid in the amount of \$4,600.00 from Brandon Womack for the 2013 police vehicle, seconded Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

Michael Dunigan stated that the IRS Form 990 will be filed by November 15, 2020 and the 2019 Fire Company Audit will be completed by Amerman & Company, PC shortly. Mr. Dunigan discussed unifying the fire company.

Michael Dunigan discussed that ESCRA would be requesting that larger facilities pretreat sewage prior to reaching the sewage plant. Manager Hovenstine reviewed the correspondence received from Beau Hoffman, Solicitor for Monroe Township concerning the ESCRA Amended Service Agreement.

MAYORS REPORT:

Update Website – Mayor McGranaghan reported that Brett Treas uploaded Council photos, Gmail account linked to google calendar for the events section, and will replace old website with new website after confirming that there are no issues. The Mayor and Brett Treas anticipate the new website to be functioning by the end of the week. President Musser thanked the Mayor for his attention to this and staying in contact with Brett Treas to create the new website.

Mayor McGranaghan reviewed a notice from PPL regarding interruption to electric service on Monday, November 9, 2020 between the hours of 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM for repairs/improvements.

Police department will be patrolling the election polls.

The Mayor contacted Central Keystone COG for updates Phillips Motel: moving forward with non-traffic citations, Stephanie Lewis: sent notices, owner requested extensions-no maintenance was conducted, plead guilty, the non-traffic citations were paid, possibility for legal action through condemnation, Golden Arrow: uninhabitable until the property is maintained with inspections, and Queen Ave: notice sent, if no work is completed the citations will begin next week.

Bratic Hearing – A hearing is scheduled on Thursday, November 12, 2020 between Dusan Bratic and the police department for allowing people to stay at the motel, when it was uninhabitable.

Police Report – Mayor McGranaghan presented the October police report.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Streets Wrap Up – Manager Hovenstine reviewed the completion of the 2020 streets project. Councilman Benner commended the contractor on the great work on the road project.

2021 Proposed Street Program – The Manager proposed a portion of Jonathan Road and all of Jonathan Court for the 2021 Street Program.

Helen Street Gas Line Replacement – UGI will be working on Helen Street replacing the gas line. Manager Hovenstine met with UGI to discuss the condition of Helen Street after the project is completed.

Fee Schedules – The Manager referred discussion to Workshop meeting in November.

Personnel Employee Manual Revisions – The Manager referred discussion to Workshop meeting in November.

ESCR Agreement Amendments – The Manager referred discussion to Workshop meeting in November.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

111 West Eleventh Avenue – Annex – Solicitor Slivinski explained the annexation process: Petitions need filed in each municipality, Monroe Township has two districts, with approximately 35-40 signatures of voters for each petition; totaling three petitions, annexation can be filed in even years (so the earliest that the Borough would annex 111 W 11th Avenue would be year 2022), petitions would be filed ninety days prior to primary or general elections. The annexation would be placed on ballots at the polling-places.

East Eleventh Avenue, Public Street – The Solicitor stated that when an updated version of the deed of dedication from Sunbury Generation is received, then an ordinance would be required to be adopted by the Borough.

Stephanie Lewis Property – Solicitor Slivinski would file a motion for summary judgement on the municipal liens for unpaid sewer/water rents on behalf of the Borough. Mayor McGranaghan questioned the timeframe of this process. The Solicitor answered that the process could take approximately three months. Councilman Benner stated that if the property owner pays the municipal liens prior to Sheriff's Sale, then that judgement would be cleared.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM to discuss the Grub Legacy Partners subdivision (Pizza Hut and Vape Shop).

Manager Hovenstine reported that a Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Thursday, November 5, 2020 to review an application for special exception use of PPL Generation property for the construction of a solar power generation facility at the former coal ash basins.

WORKSHOP MEETING:

A Workshop meeting was held on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM to discuss Fee Schedules, Personnel Employee Manual Revisions, and ESCRA Agreement Amendments.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$16,722.18, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$25,194.60, Fire Protection Fund bills in the amount of \$1,800.00, Motor Fund bills in the amount of \$59,000.00, PLGIT Local Service Fund in the amount of \$30,000.00 and PLGIT Recreation Account in the amount of \$2,051.86 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary