

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 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, Andrew Bickhart, Mark Benner, Domenico Barillaro, Kyle Jessick, and Donald Musser were present.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Robert Lockcuff was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Manager Edward Hovenstine, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, June Stark, Robert Hare, Andy Long, Hunter Heppe, and Brett Treas 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 August 3, 2020 and the Workshop minutes of August 20, 2020 as presented, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Andy Long – W&L Nissan – Andy Long reviewed with Council the W&L Nissan plans for a collision center and temporary placement for the Nissan dealership on the property located at 3819 N Susquehanna Trail.

Andy Long left at this time.

Hunter Heppe – AT&T Mobile – AT&T engineers reviewed locations in the Borough that would be suitable for an AT&T Mobile hub. The more suitable location would be behind the garage at the Borough office. The hub would be sixteen foot by twenty feet in size with a privacy fence and transmits through fiber optics. The hub is a bank of switch gear. Council recommended revising the proposed agreement.

Solicitor Slivinski arrived.

Robert Hare – Americus Ambulance Service – Bob Hare questioned whether Council changed position on the ambulance service and discussed that there would be no change to ambulance service pricing for 2021. President Musser stated that Council had no new information to change position on the 2021 ambulance service.

Robert Hare left at this time.

Brett Treas – Website – Brett Treas reviewed the updates to the website: Google calendar, Public Safety tab with Fire department and police department, Forms that could be printed from the website, Right To Know page, newsletters, minutes page, and adjustments for various cell phone views. Brett Treas will be waiting a week or two for a release of updated standards before uploading to the website server. Council discussed a local business section.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Borough received an official resignation from Councilman Robert Lockcuff on August 18, 2020. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to accept resignation from Robert Lockcuff with regret, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all. President Musser questioned whether the Borough would consider reducing Council from a seven person to a five person. The Mayor will contact the Daily Item and post on the Borough Facebook page and the Borough website, advising interested residents to submit a letter of interest to the Manager via email by September no later than 5:00 P.M. on September 16, 2020.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan reviewed updates to the Police department schedule regarding coverage.

The Mayor discussed properties that were reported as problem properties: 112 Queen Avenue-Burkey, 6 East Eighth Avenue-Paige, 100 Center Street-Ahrens, 2943 Susquehanna Trail-Grayston, 3042 North Old Trail-Lewis, and 2681 Susquehanna Trail-Bratic, which the Borough or police department are acting on these concerns.

Police Report – Mayor McGranaghan presented the August police report.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Pension MMO – The Non-Uniform Pension Plan Obligation to be paid by the Borough for 2021 is \$56,276.00 and the Police Pension Plan Obligation to be paid by the Borough for 2021 is \$23,284.00 due December 31, 2021. These obligations do not take into account, anticipated state aid reimbursement.

Liquid Fuels Audit – The 2019 Liquid Fuels Audit was completed and fine. An estimated liquid fuels allocation for 2021 is \$52,853.51.

Valve Project – McIntosh – Manager Hovenstine reported on the valve project on McIntosh Road. McIntosh Road is included in the 2020 Streets Project.

Valve Project – Main Reservoir – Valve project at the reservoir is a DEP mandate.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Slivinski recommended that Council enforce two municipal liens with an estimated total of \$4,500.00 against property located at 3042 N Old Trail. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to enforce the two liens against the property located at 3042 N Old Trail, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in September.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$13,811.41, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$144,493.54, and 111 W 11th Avenue Fund bills in the amount of \$40.00 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary