

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, 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:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Kyle Jessick was absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Manager Edward Hovenstine, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Police Chief Bremigen, Karen Roberts, Andrew Leidich, and Jared Fencil were present.

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

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to approve the Council minutes of August 2, 2021, as presented, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all.

**VISITORS:**

Fabri-Dam Easement – Bag 6 of the dam is scheduled for replacement in the late summer/early fall 2021. Plan is to remove bag 6 and install new bag by the end of September, the causeway and coffer dam removal early October, and have the project complete and new bag operational by mid-October. All work schedules are dependent on weather and river conditions. The easement would be maintaining the bags in the dam.

Fish Passage Project – The Fish Passage Project is being proposed by PA DCNR, the plans are 95% completed. The Solicitor mentioned that the easement would be a permanent easement controlled by the state of PA specifically for the fish passage and questioned that if the fish passage were not constructed whether the easement would remain and whether the funds are appropriated for the fish passage. The funds are appropriated for the project and would have to consult on timeframe on signing of easement. The proposed project will not allow for visitors to have access to the bags as currently allowed. Mayor McGranaghan stated opposition for the fish passage, because of taking park area away from the Borough. The proposed plan would be for final submission on October 1, 2021.

Andrew Leidich and Jared Fencil left at this time.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Set Trick or Treat Night – Council set Trick or Treat Night on Saturday, October 30, 2021, between the hours of 6:00-8:00 PM.

Ambulance Service, Public Meeting – A public meeting will be held on Thursday, September 30, 2021, at 7:00 PM to discuss the Ambulance Service.

Fall Newsletter – Council reviewed the fall newsletter prior to mailing.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Queen Avenue Update – Mayor McGranaghan updated Council on the status of Queen Avenue property.

Draft Letter to First National Bank – First National Bank closed the bank located in Shamokin Dam. Mayor McGranaghan requested permission to send correspondence on behalf of the Borough to the FNB President requesting a non-compete clause in the sale of the building. Council approved sending the correspondence.

PPL Power Outages – Mayor McGranaghan discussed an ongoing issue with power outages affecting the Orchard Hills area and a section of North Old Trail and requested that the Borough send correspondence to PPL Electric Utilities requesting a solution to this issue. Council authorized Manager Hovenstine with the assistance of the Mayor to send correspondence to PPL Electric Utilities regarding this issue.

Police Report – Police Chief Bremigen reviewed the August police report. The police department conducted a roving patrol on Thursday, August 5, 2021; all salary was reimbursed by the Attorney General's office and continues to work with the Attorney General's office related to drug investigations. The police department used \$560.00 of the overtime budget that was \$2,500.00, which Council approved an additional \$5,000.00. The Police Chief and Officer Hassenplug attended the Snyder County Night Out on Tuesday, August 10, 2021. Officer Hassenplug attended a firearms demonstration; information was distributed to Council. Police Chief Bremigen continues working with the District Attorney and the Attorney General Office for a policy of law enforcement treatment initiative.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

UGI Project – UGI project involves running some of the gas lines along the street versus the utility easements behind the properties. The Manager recommended that the gas lines be installed along side of the street rather than in the street and that UGI notify the Borough residents that are impacted by this project. Karen Roberts explained concerns that the residents have experienced with the UGI project.

Karen Roberts left at this time.

ARPA Funding Update – Manager Hovenstine stated that Representative Culver will have a meeting to discuss the allowable spending of the ARPA funds. The funding must be used by year

2026. The Manager suggested that an architectural design be created for the security project involving the Borough office.

Pension MMO – The Non-Uniform Pension Plan Obligation to be paid by the Borough for 2022 is \$56,910.00 and the Police Pension Plan Obligation to be paid by the Borough for 2022 is \$25,472.00 due December 31, 2022. These obligations do not take into consideration, the anticipated state aid reimbursement.

2021 Streets Review & 2022 Planned Streets Project – The 2021 Street project (Jonathan Road between Cortland and McIntosh Roads) has been completed at a cost of \$96,491.64. The proposed 2022 Street project would be the rest of Jonathan Road and an island at Baldwin Blvd and Jonathan Road.

Leadership Conference – Manager Hovenstine informed Council that a leadership conference will be held on October 8, 2021, to October 10, 2021, and plans on attending.

DEP Water Allocation – The engineers submitted the yearly compliance report to DEP.

Utility Relocation Permit – The utility relocation permit has been completed.

Borough Crew Position – The Borough Manager received ten applications and will begin the interviewing process on Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

Golf Tournament – Sunbury Generation golf tournament will be held Wednesday, September 22, 2021, to benefit the borough parks (recreation).

INSA Update – The Borough is waiting on the Snyder County Conservation approval.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

Solicitor Slivinski reported that Stephanie Lewis was served the court documents at the end of July. The Solicitor was contacted by an attorney, who requested an extension on filing an answer to the complaint.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

A Planning Commission meeting will be held to discuss Hummel Station Lot Addition on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 7:00 PM.

**WORKSHOP MEETING:**

A workshop meeting was not scheduled in September.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

General Fund bills in the amount of \$41,039.24, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$86,477.56, 111 W 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue Fund bills in the amount of \$1,432.85, Edward Jones Local Service Fund in the amount of \$14,542.00 and Motor Fund in the amount of \$54,400.00, were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilwoman Brandt to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Rothermel, and approved by all.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel  
Borough Secretary