

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, in the municipal building located at 42 West 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Karen Roberts, Maria Brandt, Shawn Bingaman, Mark Benner, Charlene Bailey, and David Sauers were present.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mayor Donald Musser, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Manager Edward Hovenstine, Police Chief Bremigen, Diana Bickhart, Steven Brobeck, Andrea Keating, Marlin Moyer, Bryndee Nolder, David Bobb, Nicki Milligan, Paige Visneski, June Stark, and David Malone were present.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Musser.

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

David Malone, Borough resident at 11 Jonathan Rd, Nicki Milligan, Borough resident at 123 9th Avenue, David Bobb, Borough resident at Miller Drive, Bryndee Nolder, Borough resident at 128 Snyder Street, and Marlin Moyer, Borough resident at 2949 North Old Trail, presented their credentials, expressed their interest in serving on the Shamokin Dam Borough Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Bingaman to nominate Marlin Moyer to the vacancy of Borough Council for the remaining term, roll call vote: Shawn Bingaman-Yes, David Sauers-Yes, Mark Benner-Yes, Maria Brandt-Yes, Charlene Bailey-Yes, Karen Roberts-Yes, 6-Yes 0-No, motion passed.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Oath of Office – Mayor Donald Musser administered the Oath of Office to the appointed Council member Marlin Moyer.

RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

Election of Officers:

President – A motion was made by Councilwoman Brandt to nominated Mark Benner and Councilwoman Bailey nominated David Sauers for President of Council and roll call vote was called: Karen Roberts-David Sauers, Shawn Bingaman-Mark Benner, Marlin Moyer-Mark Benner, Mark Benner-Mark Benner, Dave Sauers-David Sauers Maria Brandt-Mark Benner, Charlene Bailey-David Sauers, 4-Mark Benner 3-David Sauers, and elected Mark Benner as President of Council.

Vice President – A motion was made by Councilwoman Roberts to nominate Charlene Bailey and Councilwoman Brandt nominated David Sauers for Vice President of Council and roll call vote was called: Charlene Bailey-Charlene Bailey, Karen Roberts-Charlene Bailey, Shawn Bingaman-David Sauers, Dave Sauers-Charlene Bailey, Marlin Moyer-Charlene Bailey, Mark Benner-David Sauers, Maria Brandt-David Sauers, 4-Charlene Bailey, 3-David Sauers, and elected Charlene Bailey as Vice President of Council.

Mayor Musser transferred the meeting to Council President Benner.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brandt to approve the Council minutes of August 1, 2024, and the Workshop minutes of August 15, 2024, seconded by Councilman Bingaman, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

David Bobb – David Bobb announced that grass clippings would be accepted at property located at 910 W 11th Avenue and 150 Miller Drive (the construction vehicles deterred residents from utilizing this drop off location) and has a pile of firewood for community outings, bonfires, picnics, etc. free for anyone in need. Councilman Moyer questioned whether the Boy Scouts would be able to use the firewood. Mr. Bobb answered yes.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Thank You, Correspondence – The Borough received thank you correspondence from the Snyder County Libraries, Camp Cadet, Meals 4 Seals, Outdoor Education Program (5th Grade Camp), Selinsgrove Area Community Pool (SARI), which are annual Borough contributions. The Borough contributed to the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg (Adoption & Foster Care) in memory of Joe McGranaghan and received a thank you for the contribution.

OPEN BUSINESS:

Fire Company, Lease – Solicitor Slivinski reported that a meeting was held with the fire company on Friday, August 30, 2024, to discuss the proposed lease. The Solicitor stated that in year 2023 while updating the fire company lease the suggested lease amount would increase from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 per month. Nicki Milligan questioned whether the monthly lease amount would have to change. Mayor Musser questioned the Manager on the services provided by the Borough to the fire company. Manager Hovenstine stated that the waiver for water/sewer billing of the truck room building, snow removal, and grass maintenance were the services to be added to the lease agreement. Mayor Musser recommended an updated lease with a yearly escalator clause increase for the monthly lease payment. Councilman Sauers discussed that the monthly lease payment is being paid out of the fire department gambling fund. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to have the monthly lease amount remain at \$500.00, seconded by Councilman Bingaman, and approved by all. Solicitor Slivinski explained that the lease would have a term of one year and would begin January 1, 2025, run until the end of year 2025 and questioned whether Council wanted an escalator clause. President Benner requested a motion if Council wanted an escalator clause included in the lease, no motion was made. Mayor Musser questioned Nicki Milligan whether the monthly fire company financial statements would be sent

to Council. Nicki Milligan answered that all financial statements for this year will be sent to Secretary Leitzel.

Flood Mitigation – President Benner mentioned that the state is reviewing the evaluation of flood protection, however, is waiting for a hydraulic model from FEMA that measures potential loss.

Council Member and Mayor Compensation/Salary – Councilwoman Roberts distributed results of a survey conducted regarding Boroughs and councilmember/mayor compensation/salary and reviewed with Council. President Benner thanked Councilwoman Roberts for conducting the survey and stated that if more discussion was necessary then the topic would be forwarded to a workshop, or if anyone would like to make a motion and act on this topic, or the topic could be tabled. Council agreed to table the topic, however, keep the topic listed on the agenda as an open business.

MAYORS REPORT:

Police Chief Bremigen stated that the transition has been smooth with Mayor Musser through communication.

The Police Chief reviewed the August police report.

- The 2025 Ford SUV Police Vehicle arrived last month, the upfitted equipment has been ordered upon arrival the vehicle will be upfitted and placed into use.
- The In-Car Camera/LPR system arrived in mid-August, Chief attend meetings on the setup and coordinating install dates for new vehicle and researching in car router prices.
- Officer will be attending two separate trainings in the month of September.
- Speed enforcement lines were painted throughout the Borough, the Chief has a question for PENNDOT concerning line painting at other locations along SR 11/15.

David Bobb gave an example of an injured animal (broken legs) and questioned who to call. Police Chief Bremigen answered that the police department could be contacted.

MANAGERS REPORT:

PENNDOT Green Light Go Grant – The Borough was awarded \$332,944.80 which is 80% of the total project cost \$416,181.00 and the Borough will be responsible for the remaining 20% or \$83,236.20, which would be funded from the General Fund reserves. The project is mandated to the Borough as part of the CSVT and is scheduled to be completed in May of 2027.

2024 Streets Program – New Enterprise has submitted all insurance and related paperwork; the contract was signed and anticipated work to be scheduled for late September or early October.

Reservoir Compartment Inspection and Washout – The work is scheduled for September 23rd and 24th and will require two compartments to be out of service until at least Friday, September 27th. The cost of the work is \$7,000.00.

INSA Meeting – The sewer issue involves their need to remove a portion of the wastewater by tanker truck, because ESCRA will not accept the high levels of nutrients after the production process. INSA has that part of the wastewater separated from the normal sanitary waste. INSA

will most likely present some options. A meeting with ESCRA officials will be part of the planning process.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Slivinski will present the fire company lease to the officers and request signatures for approval.

Mayor Musser questioned who would sign the borough checks to pay the bills presented tonight. The Solicitor answered that President Benner and Vice President Bailey will need to sign signature cards at the banks and then the borough checks would be signed to pay the bills.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in September.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Personnel Committee – The Personnel Committee presented recommendations for the non-uniform employee manual. A motion was made by Councilman Moyer to approve the recommendations for the employee handbook effective as of October 1, 2024, seconded by Councilwoman Roberts, and approved by all.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council adjourned to executive session at 8:10 PM, to discuss personnel issue; reconvened at 9:23 PM. No action was taken.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$15,731.84, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$98,867.75, 111 W 11th Avenue Fund in the amount of \$302.34, Fire Protection Fund in the amount of \$1,950.00, and PLGIT ARPA Fund in the amount of \$28,993.22, were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilwoman Brandt to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Bailey, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary