

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 6, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday April 6, 2015 in the municipal building located at 42 W. 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President David Herbert presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andrew Bickhart, Robert Herbert, Mark Benner, Donald Musser, Rue Rothermel, and David Herbert were present.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Malcolm Fleming was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Manager Ed Hovenstine, Mayor Joe McGranaghan, Police Chief Tim Bremigen, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Frank Witt, Joan Witt, Susan Forgett Rheam, and June Stark were present.

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

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to approve the Council meeting minutes of March 2, 2015 as presented, seconded by Councilman Herbert, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Audit – Susan Forgett of Forgett & Kerstetter, P.C. presented the 2014 Audit. The auditor has a clean opinion for the Shamokin Dam Borough’s financial statement of 2014 and the audit went extremely well with no corrections this year. Susan Forgett complimented the Borough Secretary and the Borough Manager for doing a great job, which meant that financial information submitted to Council were accurately presented throughout the year. The only addition to the financial statement was approximately \$32,000.00 of extra pension state aid received, which was dispersed between the Non Uniform Pension and the Police Pension. The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear. The audit was performed in an efficient and organized manner. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit’s financial statements taken as a whole. The auditors reported that no disagreements arose during the course of the audit. Susan Forgett explained that a deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. The Manager will monitor on a daily basis the financial situation, but Council is responsible for the financial status. Inadequate segregation of duties over the bookkeeping function is a control deficiency. As the Borough is a small local government entity, a staff large enough to provide adequate segregation of duties over the financial reporting system is not practical or affordable. They have evaluated this issue as a

significant deficiency that is not considered to be material weakness. After Council accepts the audit by vote, Forgett & Kerstetter will duly advertise in accordance with DCED requirements. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to approve the 2014 audit and to authorize advertisement of the 2014 audit, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fort Augusta Chapter of NSDAR – The Borough received correspondence from Gerry Lynn Shipe, registrar of the Fort Augusta Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, requesting permission to place a stand at the 2015 Shamokin Dam Borough Community Picnic on the first Sunday in August. Council expressed that the Community picnic is to enjoy the food and fellowship with no solicitation. Council would however support a scheduled and organized nonprofit community fair.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan will be testifying in support of the Sunbury Pipeline Project at the hearing scheduled on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the James F. Baugher Elementary School, All Purpose Room, 60 Brenda Rovenolt Circle, Milton, PA 17847. The Mayor questioned whether he could speak for Council in support of the Sunbury Pipeline Project. Councilman Rothermel stated that he supports the project in principal, however expressed his concern about the location of the pipeline. Council agreed.

Mayor McGranaghan met with Art Bowen and Donald Pontius regarding the property located at 2577 N Susquehanna Trail. The Zoning Hearing Board approved storage of new vehicles on the property; however Aubrey Alexander stored used cars at this location. Property has been vacated following notice.

Police Chief Bremigen presented the March police report.

Update of Hiring – Snyder County will be updating website for community events. The Police Chief will be conducting camp cadet outreach at Bob Evans Restaurant. CPR training was completed. Terrell Lehman will begin employment on Monday, April 13, 2015.

Police Department Upgrades – The Mayor, the Manager, and the Police Chief met to draft ideas of the area needed and availability.

Recycle Equipment - Police Chief Bremigen requested permission to recycle the following: sharp view cam-Model# VL-AH30U/ Serial#U006843263, VH diversity receiver-Serial#5705, flash controller, two car video cameras-Serial#9511007/9511006, car radio receiver-Model#ST240/Serial#20400527, car camera box-Model#RT-195-G/Serial#0039076, flashlight battery-Serial#ARXX075, Sony digital mavica-Model#MVC-FD73/Serial#202882,Sony digital mavica-Model#MVC-FD71/Serial#112059, and Pentax K1000-Serial#8344140. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to authorize the Police Chief to dispose of the ten outdated electronics listed, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Vice President Bickhart questioned the approval of the summer concerts at Jack Treas Park. A motion was made by Councilman Herbert to authorize \$1,000.00 from the recreation fund for summer concerts at Jack Treas Park on the third Wednesday of June, July, and August, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

Manager Hovenstine reported that the air conditioning units have not been installed. The Borough will get pricing on siding for the borough office.

MANAGERS REPORT:

New Hire – Manager Hovenstine hired Jason Sprenkel as borough employee with a hire date of Monday, May 4, 2015.

Spring Cleanup – Spring Cleanup will begin on Monday, May 4th, but on occasion Ted's Disposal had collected a load of cleanup on Sunday.

Spring Projects – The PR valve was installed at the water treatment plant two weeks ago. Rick Kline will create a list for review of streets in need of tarring. Solicitor Slivinski commented that Middleburg Authority renewed a fifty year permit related to the reservoir and regulations have changed.

Bridge Barrier – The ten year reported crash history on the bridge is as follow: twenty-two reportable crashes, twelve of the twenty-two crashes were crossover type crashes, and one of the twenty-two crashes resulted in a fatality. The safety improvement measures are: Re-stripe the line markings to provide a greater distance between the opposing directions of traffic, provide a high friction surface for the bridge driving surface, install delineators at the centerline to warn motorist when they are approaching the center line, install a rigid median barrier to separate traffic. The existing bridge width would not accommodate the addition of a rigid median barrier due to reducing the lane widths and shoulder widths; and also winter conditions and winter maintenance of the bridge. The rigid median barrier could only be installed if the bridge was widened. The first three safety improvement measures have been installed or will be installed by November 2015 and will be evaluated from 2015 to 2020. The outcome of this evaluation will determine if further action is required.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Manager Hovenstine requested authorization for Solicitor Slivinski to write document to property owners on the Old Trail turning the sidewalks over to the property owners. Councilman Benner requested that the tie in at 5th and 6th Avenue be discussed with the contractor during the walk through of the Old Trail Project.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 to review a preliminary plan of Dave Brubaker apartments on Eighth Avenue and revision to Final Land Development plan for Hummel Station.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

President Herbert reported that a workshop meeting will not be held in April.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Police Chief Bremigen discussed a payment to Global Security Tactics, LLC for downloading video in the amount of \$145.00, also commented on an issue with the business practice of Global Security Tactics, LLC, and requested that this payment be included in the payment of bills tonight.

General Fund bills in the amount of \$22,140.45, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$15,650.90 and Local Service Tax Refund in the amount of \$177.00 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to pay the bills as presented including \$145.00 from police department, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary