

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 4, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, April 4, 2016 in the municipal building located at 42 West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Manager Ed Hovenstine, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Police Chief Bremigen, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Frank & Joan Witt, Jon Gray, Peter Geipel, Trish Carothers, Gary Christian, and Chris Sheaffer were present.

The meeting was opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance".

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Herbert to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2016 meeting of Council, March 9, 2016 Planning Commission meeting, and the March 17, 2016 Workshop meeting as presented, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

**VISITORS:**

Calvary Fellowship Susquehanna Valley Church – Chris Sheaffer and Peter Geipel requested approval of the final land development to erect a structure on the site. Planning Commission reviewed that final land development plan and recommended approval. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to approve the final land development plan of the Calvary Fellowship Susquehanna Valley Church, seconded by Councilman Rothermel, and approved by all.

Chris Sheaffer and Peter Geipel left at this time.

Susquehanna Greenway – Trish Carothers discussed the proposed Susquehanna River Sports Park, which supports economic development and improvement to the quality of life. The Nestlerode property was appraised as two different parcels (one in Shamokin Dam and one in Monroe Township) at \$30,000.00 each. The Nestlerode family discussed selling the property with both parcels at a negotiable price of \$99,900.00. Manager Hovenstine met with Richard Drzewiecki regarding the 2010 appraisal. (No Decisions)

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The Borough received correspondence from PENNDOT informing the Borough of a resurfacing and seal coat project scheduled for the 2016 construction season. PENNDOT anticipates a completion between the months of May through June 2016 of a seal coat roadway on US 15 from the Kmart area to the Monroe Township Line.

Sunbury Generation applied to the Zoning Hearing Board for a variance request for special exception in regards to a two year term of an access driveway from 3090 North Old Trail to the Sunbury Generation site.

Manager Hovenstine reported that the Sunbury Generation Golf tournament will be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 with the reception on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at the Selinsgrove Inn. Proceeds benefit Borough parks and recreation.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Mayor McGranaghan reviewed usage of the Borough's Facebook page (ages 16-39-5%, 40-64-3%, 65+-7%); however Patrolman Shipman's picture was posted to the Borough's Facebook page and received 12,694 views.

Mayor McGranaghan will be attending a rally on road safety in Harrisburg to discuss radar gun speed enforcement allowed by local police department.

Police Chief Bremigen reviewed the March police report.

Council discussed the purchase of the police vehicle at an estimated cost of \$34,115.00 (which includes lighting, cage, and trade in of older car). Police vehicle would be a 2017 Ford Explorer excluding ecoboost engine.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

Audit Update – DCED received the submission of the audit prior to March 31, 2016. Susan Forgett-Rheam will be presenting the 2015 Audit at the May meeting.

Filter Evaluation Response – Manager Hovenstine will send our response to DEP on the filter evaluation this week.

Summer Youth – Manager Hovenstine received thirty-five employment applications for the Borough crew position with an anticipated hiring in May. Manager Hovenstine contacted Dylan Beaver, a Borough resident and current college student, who requested summer employment at the Borough. The Manager stated that Mr. Beaver would be hired as seasonal employment and benefits do not apply. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to hire Dylan Beaver as seasonal employment beginning May 16, 2016, for forty hours per week, for a maximum of fourteen weeks, at \$10.00 per hour, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all. Manager Hovenstine stated that an application was submitted to the Career Link Center for summer high school workers.

Vehicle Replacement – Manager Hovenstine discussed the purchase of a two wheel drive transit vehicle with service racks at an approximate cost of \$25,565.00 from Sunbury Motors for the Borough crew to use for projects. This vehicle would replace the 2001 GMC two wheel drive truck. Manager Hovenstine would use Municipal bid to sell 2001 GMC truck and the 1995 GMC. Councilman Musser recommended getting a quote from Dodge and Chevy for comparison, and deferring the decision to the May meeting.

GIS Systems Seminar – Manager Hovenstine attended a GIS System regarding valve and manhole locations. Snyder County transferred the GIS department to Union County as a joint department.

Weller Field – Manager Hovenstine met with Stahl Sheaffer Engineering about rotating the existing ball field 180 degrees facing Eleventh Avenue to allow for approximately 20-25 additional parking stalls. Council agreed that the field should be updated to little league/girls softball sanctions. Manager Hovenstine questioned about the steps needed to have the parcel annexed into the Borough. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to purchase property located at 111 West Eleventh Avenue (James Reigel Estate) at a cost of \$110,000.00 with closing on the property by the end of April, seconded by Councilman Rothermel, and approved by all. Solicitor Slivinski received information needed for closing on the estate.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

Councilman Benner questioned the policy for water meter installation and billing (example: Borough resident has one water meter at residence with beauty shop, but is billed for two units other residents with beauty shops are not being billed for two units). Solicitor Slivinski will research the policy.

Solicitor Slivinski was instructed to send notices to Blair Harro, Chung Ly, Kenneth Smith, and Beverly Senavitis for unregistered landlord properties. Solicitor questioned the rental registration for Beverly Senavitis. Manager Hovenstine answered that a rental registration must be completed as immediate family occupied units, no fee required.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

A Planning Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 7:00 PM to discuss final land development of Calvary Fellowship Susquehanna Valley Church.

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP:**

A workshop meeting was held on March 17, 2016 at 7:00 PM to discuss property located at 111 West Eleventh Avenue.

A Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Plan will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

General Fund bills in the amount of \$25,001.81, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$13,610.26, and Local Service Tax Refund in the amount of \$82.78 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel  
Borough Secretary