

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, August 3, 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, Mark Benner, Robert Herbert, Donald Musser, and David Herbert were present.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Malcolm Fleming and Rue Rothermel were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Manager Ed Hovenstine, Mayor Joe McGranaghan, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Police Chief Tim Bremigen, Bob Garrett, Brendon Karany, Bruce Ayars, June Stark, and Jon Gray were present.

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

PUBLIC HEARING, CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST: Lamar Advertising, on behalf of Skotedis Family Limited, requested a conditional use to erect a twenty-three feet six foot wide by ten feet six inches high, single column two sided traditional billboard on the property. The billboard would replace an existing billboard. The conditional use request is required for all proposed billboards and outdoor advertising. Brendon Karany reviewed the request with Council. This proposal has been advertised. The site is located in a C-1, Commercial Highway, zoning district. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to approve conditional use for the two sided billboard replacement, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all. Hearing began at 7:01 PM and with no further comment the hearing ended at 7:04 PM.

Brendon Karany left at this time.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Herbert to approve the Council meeting minutes of July 6, 2015, and Council Workshop minutes of July 16, 2015 as presented, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Comprehensive Plan – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce (GSVCC) are offering services to complete the update of the borough’s current Comprehensive Plan dated June 1984. The monthly billing will be set based on time, materials, and expenses, but the total billing will not exceed \$6,000.00. The Borough would pay for any legal fees, engineering reviews, Borough reviews, and advertising per the proposal. Bob Garrett presented the draft

proposed timeline for the Comprehensive Plan. Solicitor Slivinski explained that the Comprehensive Plan would be a narrative of the future planning for the Borough. GSVCC would require a preliminary list of members for a Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. Penn State Cooperative Extension staff would conduct Planning 101 training to the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. Manager Hovenstine contacted the Snyder County GIS for required maps. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to accept the proposal for services not to exceed \$6,000.00, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

BID OPENING:

2015 Streets Project:

Three bids were received and opened at 4:30 PM today for the 2015 Streets Project:

New Enterprise	\$ 97,337.50
Meckley's Limestone	\$101,580.00
HRI, Inc.	\$116,590.00

The Manager stated that New Enterprise is the former Eastern Industries.

Manager Hovenstine met with UGI regarding the repairs to Center Street with a good response.

A motion was made by Councilman Musser to award the bid for the 2015 Streets Project to the low bidder, New Enterprise with a bid of \$97,337.50, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Musser questioned whether the Borough sprays the weeds along the curb in Orchard Hills. Manager Hovenstine stated that the Borough could spray the weeds along the street and curb in Orchard Hills.

MAYORS REPORT:

Officer Lehman Resignation – Police Chief Bremigen reviewed the resignation submitted by Patrolman Lehman. A motion was made by Councilman Herbert to accept Terrell Lehman's resignation with regret, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

Mayor McGranaghan reported that Police Chief Bremigen has been in contact with the East Buffalo Valley Regional Police Chief for reimbursement of expenses such as: uniform items, equipment, psychological testing, and physical testing, totaling \$932.00.

Hiring – Police Chief Bremigen recommended hiring candidate, Samantha Ortona, from the prior civil service list acquired while hiring Terrell Lehman for the police department. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to hire Samantha Ortona at budgeted salary of \$37,834.00, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

Police Chief Bremigen reviewed the July police report.

Mayor McGranaghan requested an update on the feral cat program. Secretary Leitzel mentioned that the Borough continues to participate in the PA Pets feral cat program. PA Pets will contact the Borough office with available dates on clinics in the area. If anyone is interested in participating in the program, residents need to contact the Secretary. The Borough maintains a list of volunteer residents to contact with available dates. Secretary Leitzel stated that Borough residents have participated in the program with the monthly clinics in Bloomsburg. The volunteers have responded well to the clinic scheduled in Selinsgrove.

Mayor McGranaghan contacted PENNDOT regarding the potholes on Sunbury Road and Orchard Drive.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Community Picnic Review & Music In The Park – The Borough Picnic was held on Sunday, August 2, 2015 beginning at 4:00 PM and had 148 reservations with 139 attending. S & M Catering catered the picnic, the cookies were purchased from Giant, and Blue River Spell provided entertainment. The Mayor reported that the attendance ratio was better, but attendance count decreased and recommended a menu change.

Kj will perform on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 between 6:00-8:00 PM at Jack Treas Park. Band recommendations for future concerts can be made to the Borough Manager. Manager Hovenstine commented that neighboring communities are also providing music in the park on the same evening.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Short Term Disability – The Manager received a quote for a short term disability benefit with 60% of employee's salary or maximum of \$700.00 for twenty-six weeks. Councilman Musser questioned whether the Borough could offer voluntary long term disability. Manager Hovenstine stated that the Borough offers long term disability through Aflac. A motion was made by Councilman Benner to upgrade the group short term disability to a maximum of \$700.00 and include entire Borough employees, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

Vision Insurance Rates – Manager Hovenstine received a quote for Fashion advantage gold option V benefits (Highmark) vision insurance employee-\$5.80 and employee/family-\$16.82. A monthly Borough cost of \$78.88 for all employees. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to approve the vision insurance coverage for all Borough employees at the expense of the Borough, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

President Herbert reviewed changes to the police contract, requested that the Solicitor update and distribute the contract with anticipation of approval at September Council meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 due to Labor Day holiday.

Manager Hovenstine reported that the Sunbury Generation Golf tournament will be held on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 with the reception on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at the Selinsgrove Inn. Proceeds benefit Borough parks and recreation.

SOLICITOR:

Solicitor Slivinski stated that the Borough has street excavation permit requirements in the Borough code to cover any neglect of surface restoration.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 7:00 PM to review a proposed timeline for the comprehensive plan.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$30,142.81, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$14,083.04, and Fire Company Lease Fund in the amount of \$3,279.00 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary