

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 1, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, August 1, 2016 in the municipal building located at 42 West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Manager Ed Hovenstine, Secretary LaDawn Litzel, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Police Chief Bremigen, Solicitor Matt Slivinski, Jeff Colyer, Jon Andrews, Joe Zokaites, Dennis Adams, and Chris Sheaffer were present.

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

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Musser to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2016 meeting of Council and minutes of the July 13, 2016 Planning Commission meeting as presented, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved. Councilman Herbert and Councilman Benner abstained due to absence of July meeting.

**VISITORS:**

Sunbury Generation – Jon Andrews, representing Sunbury Generation, proposed a text amendment to the noise ordinance as far as more objective standards. Sunbury Generation will draft a proposed amendment to the ordinance and present to the Planning Commission.

Jon Andrews and Joe Zokaites left at this time.

Larson Design Group - Chris Sheaffer, Larson Design Group, submitted the final land development plan for Northwoods Nissan at the Arboreal Real Estate property. The Zoning Hearing Board granted variance for the required number of parking spaces on the land owned by Arboreal Real Estate in the C-1 Commercial Highway Zoning District for the construction of a new Nissan automobile/truck dealership. The plans submitted reflect the zoning approval. PENNDOT is reviewing the closing of the existing exit. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to approve the final land development plan for Northwoods Nissan Dealership located on the Arboreal Real Estate property, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The Borough received correspondence for Sunbury Generation’s Air Plan Approval Application for a combined cycle power facility. Manager Hovenstine stated that the application is the preliminary step for construction of a second power facility in the general industrial zone.

The Borough received a thank you note from the Selinsgrove Fifth Grade Outdoor Program and the Meals for Seals program for the 2016 contributions.

Public Employee Retirement Commission (PERC) determines that the Borough's total distress score is 0. To obtain a distress score of 0, the funded ratio of all the municipality's pension plans combined must be 90 percent or greater. The distress score does not affect the amount of State aid. The borough's funded ratio is 100 percent.

Councilman Benner questioned whether the second power facility will require large amount of water usage as mentioned in the past. Manager Hovenstine stated that Sunbury Generation is still researching the possibilities.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Mayor McGranaghan sent correspondence to Kratzer Oil Company regarding a gas leak at the Valero gas station and Gary Kratzer, President of Kratzer Oil Company, Inc responded to letter. Both letters are attached to the minutes. Mayor McGranaghan will respond to the letter received by Gary Kratzer.

Mayor McGranaghan attended the State Mayor's conference. The Mayor mentioned that a number of communities have changed enforcement ordinances to a quality of life ordinance; whereas citations may be issued by the Mayor, Chief of Police, Manager, and Code Enforcement Officer.

Police Chief Bremigen reported that Officer Hassenplug completed taser instructor training. J-NET training was attended by all. Officer Shipman attended a mass casualty training (active shooter scenario). Officer Hassenplug will be attending a firearms instructor training. Police department will be utilizing the tracs system, which will be more efficient, to issue citations. The police department has not received the new police vehicle. The Police Chief received a thank you note from the camp cadet contribution.

Council reviewed the July police report.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Ted Dicola, Blue River Spell Band, will be performing at the Borough picnic on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. The Frank Wicher Band performed in July with approximately 100 guests in attendance. KJ was out of town for the July concert and has agreed to perform in the Jack Treas Park on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 between 6:00-8:00 PM. as KJ and the Funshine Band.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

PPL Street Light Agreement – Manager Hovenstine reviewed the street light services agreement with PPL to install new street lights, convert some or all of its existing street lights to LED lighting. There are 116 street lights in the Borough. Three of the street lights are fewer than 10 years old, which will cost the Borough approximately \$500.00 to replace. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to approve the PPL street light services agreement, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

2001 Chevy Truck Bid – Manager Hovenstine reported that 2001 Chevy pickup truck was placed on Municibid with a reserve bid of \$2,200.00. The truck received 16 bids with the final bid totaling \$3,800.00. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to accept the bid in the amount \$3,800.00 for the 2001 Chevy Silverado Pickup Truck, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

PR Valve Project – The pr valve had an equipment failure with varying pressure, which caused the relief valve at the end of the system to open. The 3 inch valve was rebuilt and the water pressure stabilized. The 6 inch valve will be rebuilt and then have a 3-4 year maintenance plan for both pr valves.

Lead & Copper Testing – On Wednesday, August 10, 2016 the Borough will be conducting the lead & copper testing, which is tested every three years. The Borough runs twelve tests when only ten tests are required, just in case a sample or two are rejected, which has happened in the past.

Preliminary 2017 Budget – Manager Hovenstine stated that the 2017 Budget will be proposed, so that if anyone had an item to discuss now would be the time.

Manager Hovenstine stated that Dylan Beaver's last day of part time employment will be Friday, August 19, 2016.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

A Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 7:00 PM to discuss noise ordinance.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

The Solicitor had no report at this time.

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP:**

A Workshop meeting will not be held in August.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

General Fund bills in the amount of \$16,828.17 and Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$8,348.68 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 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel  
Borough Secretary