

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday August 7, 2017 in the municipal building located at 42 West 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President Herbert presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Manager Ed Hovenstine, Secretary LaDawn Litzel, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Police Chief Tim Bremigen, Jon Gray, Jeff Colyer, Frank Witt, Joan Witt, Chad Shaffer, Robert Grayston, Chyvyonne Rhoads, Kyle Jessick, Josh Herb, and Christine Witmer 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 3, 2017 meeting of Council as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

PUBLIC HEARING:

PUBLIC HEARING, Planned Residential Development: Solicitor Slivinski stated that the Borough received an application from Robert Grayston for a conditional use hearing for a Planned Residential Development pursuant to Section 504 5.B of the Borough Zoning Ordinance, in a portion of the Orchard Hills Development. Chad Shaffer reviewed the general plan for Orchard Hills Development. Mayor McGranaghan discussed concern over the width of Smokehouse Lane and Stayman Road; and a second outlet for Orchard Hills Development. Chad Shaffer stated that all comments can be addressed at the next step of the process, which would be the preliminary plan. A motion was made by Councilman Benner to approve conditional use for a planned residential development in the extension of the Orchard Hills Development; conditional upon the plans will be prepared in accordance with Chapter 27, section 703, sub paragraph three of the Borough ordinance, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all. Hearing began at 7:02 PM and with no further comment the hearing ended at 7:15 PM.

BID OPENING:

11th Avenue Property – A bid proposal was opened from Jeffrey and Craig Doak for the purchase of a vacant lot located at the corner of Maple Street and 11th Avenue (15 W Eleventh Avenue) in the amount of \$12,000.00. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to accept the bid proposal from Jeffrey and Craig Doak for the vacant lot (15 West Eleventh Avenue) in the amount of \$12,000.00, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all. Solicitor Slivinski will prepare the deed transfer.

2017 Streets Project:

Two bids were received and opened at 4:00 PM today for the 2017 Streets Project:

New Enterprise	\$113,867.50
Fairchild Brothers Inc.	\$115,424.00

The street project consists of paving Stetler Avenue from Routes 11/15 to Shamokin Dam/Monroe Township boundary line.

A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to award the bid for the 2017 Streets Project to the low bidder, New Enterprise with a bid of \$113,867.50, seconded by Councilman Rothermel, and approved by all.

Chad Shaffer and Robert Grayston left at this time.

VISITORS:

Audit - Christine Witmer with Herring Roll & Solomon presented the 2016 Audit to Council and explained that the delay for the audit was because the first year of auditing required collection of additional information and receiving the pension information on a timely basis. The auditor issued an unmodified and/or clean opinion for the Shamokin Dam Borough's financial statement of 2016. The financial statements were presented fairly in all material respects and the audit went extremely well with no corrections just reclassification this year. Inadequate segregation of duties over the bookkeeping function is an internal 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 a material weakness. Christine Witmer thanked Manager Hovenstine and Secretary Leitzel for their helpfulness during the whole process, making the transition go smoothly, and also complimented on the well maintained financial reporting system. Councilman Rothermel complimented Manager Hovenstine on the management and Secretary Leitzel on the bookkeeping of the Borough.

Christine Witmer left at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Set Trick or Treat Night – A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to set the Trick or Treat Night for Tuesday, October 31, 2017 between 6:00-8:00 PM, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan attended a meeting that the Chamber of Commerce held as a panel discussion of the opioid issue. The Mayor suggested having options for treatment.

Council reviewed the July police report.

The officers will be attending an advanced search and seizure training this month.

President Herbert questioned whether the Police Chief would be replacing Officer Dreisbach. Police Chief Bremigen stated that not at this time.

Mayor McGranaghan stated that the boating season will end on August 12, 2017 to repair the dam.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Manager Hovenstine reported that Verizon wireless received the zoning approval for the work at the water tower. Estimated completion date would be midyear of 2018.

Mayor McGranaghan credited Manager Hovenstine and Secretary Leitzel for a very nice Borough picnic. The meal was served by S & M Catering between 4:00-6:00 PM. The entertainment was Brandon Barnhart.

King Avenue Water Line – Manager Hovenstine stated that 640 feet of water line has been replaced and seven services have been updated with meter pits. The Manager mentioned that there are only four services left to update and suggested completing that project this year.

Borough Crew Member – A Borough crew member is on worker's compensation insurance due to a work related injury and his next evaluation will be on Monday, August 21, 2017. Manager Hovenstine postponed the dog park grand opening until further notice.

Power Plant Water Request – The power plant requested approximately 110,000 gallons of water per day for four days beginning Tuesday, August 8, 2017.

ERP Training – Manager Hovenstine attended emergency response plan training, requirement of DEP, pertaining to the water treatment plant and water system.

Councilman Rothermel questioned whether the police department received the new safety vests. Police Chief Bremigen responded no and explained that he is not satisfied with this company and may purchase from another vendor.

President Herbert reminded Council that the September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7:00 PM. The budget meeting will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM and conditional approval of the Budget would be at the Council meeting on Monday, November 6, 2017.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

The Solicitor had no report at this time.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in August.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

A Workshop meeting will not be held in August.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$21,124.14, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$53,150.67, 11th Avenue Property Fund bills in the amount of \$1,333.52, and Fire Protection Tax Fund in the amount of \$12,758.00 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary