

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, August 5, 2019 in the municipal building located at 42 West 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President Musser presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Sauers, Mark Benner, Andrew Bickhart, Domenico Barillaro, and Donald Musser were present.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Robert Lockcuff and Kyle Jessick were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Slivinski Law Offices, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Manager Ed Hovenstine, Brett Treas, Vicky Bickhart, June Stark, Jon Gray, and Jake Kline were present.

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

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Benner to approve the Council minutes of July 1, 2019 as presented, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Snyder County Libraries and Outdoor Education program (5th Grade Camp) thanked the Borough for recent donation.

Central Keystone COG-New Director – The Borough received correspondence that Central Keystone COG appointed Rodney Neitz as the Director.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Set Trick or Treat Night – A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to set Trick or Treat Night for Thursday, October 31, 2019 between 6:00-8:00 PM, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

MAYORS REPORT:

Brett Treas presented two options for the proposed website update. Council made suggestions and recommendations for the update. Mr. Treas discussed a possible deadline of November 2019.

Mayor McGranaghan reported that the police department participated in the Aggressive Driving Grant from July 8th to August 25th. The police department will apply for a Buckle Up Grant and will assist the Attorney General Office.

Trooper Blair thanked Council for the contribution to Camp Cadet.

The police department will be replacing the car, which has an engine issue. The Police Chief recommended purchasing another SUV.

The Mayor requested a temporary sign at the emergency entrance for the gate at Main Street, if the need would arise.

Mayor McGranaghan requested permission to hold regional meetings for the State Association of Mayors. Council granted permission.

Police Report – Mayor McGranaghan reviewed the July police report.

VISITORS:

Vicky Bickhart – Vicky Bickhart, Borough resident, complained about the truck traffic on the old trail, because sidewalks and property are getting damaged, when trucks have reached the end of the old trail and try and turn around. Council agreed that the police department should enforce the weight restriction ordinance. Mayor McGranaghan will research the issue and report back to Council at the September meeting.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Rental Vacancy – The property located at 111 W 11th Avenue became vacant on July 15, 2019, when the tenants moved out of the rental property. Manager Hovenstine recommenced updating the kitchen, heating and cooling systems.

DEP-Mandates/Inspections – The water treatment plant was inspected by DEP. The plant will be updating equipment with an approximate cost of \$40,000.00 to meet the DEP mandates.

Center Street Utility Replacement – The water/sewer lines were replaced on Center Street towards Sixth Avenue.

The Borough crew is working on water drainage and reseeding some areas at the Dog Park.

Golden Arrow Motel – Dusan Bratic filed an appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board for August 19, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Insurance Renewals-EMC Insurance/Ameri Trust – EMC Insurance (liability insurance) renews without a premium increase after adding equipment to the premium. Ameri Trust (workers comp insurance) renews with a \$7,200.00 premium decrease. The insurance policies renew on August 1, 2019.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Slivinski updated Council on the Solicitor's ESCRA meeting to discuss Service Agreement, a dispute resolution added to the service agreement, ESCRA billing bulk customer quarterly based on actual flow, revise high strength and surcharge provisions to reflect that the bulk customers are billed solely on flow, provide bulk customers with information on a timely basis, and the option of a system wide regionalization. The Solicitor reviewed the responses from municipalities and reported that a Solicitor's meeting will be held on August 30, 2019.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in August.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$21,897.04, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$39,807.25, 111 W 11th Avenue Fund bills in the amount of \$1,390.28, and Fire Protection Tax Fund in the amount of \$1,800.00 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary