

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 3, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, August 3, 2020 in the municipal building located at 42 West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President Musser presided.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Robert Lockcuff was absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Manager Edward Hovenstine, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, June Stark, and Jon Gray were present.

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

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Barillaro to approve the Council minutes of July 6, 2020 as presented, seconded by Councilman Jessick, and approved by all.

**VISITORS:**

President Musser announced that a Workshop will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM to discuss the fire department.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Thank You for Contributions – Snyder County Libraries and Outdoor Education program (5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp) thanked the Borough for recent donation.

Manager Hovenstine posted a public notice at the Borough office from PENNDOT stating that a public hearing will be conducted by online conference on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 beginning at 10:00 AM. The purpose of the hearing will be to hear and take testimony and render a decision on a request from PENNDOT for the conversion of productive agricultural lands enrolled in an Agricultural Security Area for CSVT Project. All affected lands are in Monroe Township, Snyder County.

Manager Hovenstine received a resignation from Councilman Robert Lockcuff via email. The Manager stated that David Herbert is the chairman of the Vacancy Board. Solicitor Slivinski stated that Council members and David Herbert are the Vacancy Board. The Solicitor explained that the person appointed to a vacant Councilman position would only fill the vacant seat until the next election. Council did not accept Councilman Lockcuff’s resignation at this time until the resignation would be formally submitted with a signature.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Set Trick or Treat Night – A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to set Trick or Treat Night for Saturday, October 31, 2020 between 6:00-8:00 PM, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all. Council recommended using CDC guidelines.

Fall Newsletter – Secretary Leitzel reported that the 2020 Fall Newsletter will be mailed to Borough residents by September.

EMC Dividend Check – The liability and workers compensation insurance were renewed. The liability had a 4% increase to the premium and the workers compensation insurance had a 7.6% increase to the premium. The Borough received a dividend check in the amount of \$4,824.75 from the liability insurance. The dividend check is based on profits from EMC Insurance.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Mayor McGranaghan updated Council on the illegal activity at the Econolodge. The Mayor requested that Council consider an ordinance that requires Motels/Hotels to have working cameras and discussed regulations. The owner of the Econolodge will be meeting with the Mayor and the Police Chief to discuss illegal activity.

Police Report – Mayor McGranaghan presented the July police report.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

Valve Projects – Manager Hovenstine reviewed the valve projects in the distribution line at McIntosh Road and Jonathan Road.

AT&T Proposal Meeting – Manager Hovenstine will meet with representatives on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 to discuss proposed site and will attend a meeting to review with Council.

Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Wednesday, August 12 2020 to discuss a variance to construct an apartment in the space on the second floor of a commercial dwelling utilized as a dental clinic in a C-1, Commercial Highway Zoning District, use not permitted in a C-1 Zone.

Budget Requests – Manager Hovenstine asked that any budget requests should be received prior to the Budget meeting in October.

Streets Schedule – 2020 Streets Program will begin after the valve project is completed.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

Solicitor Slivinski filed two liens for unpaid sewer and water services: 9 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Dianne Hartman and 3285 North Old Trail, Thomas and Yvonne Lenhard. Dianne Hartman paid immediately.

Solicitor Slivinski reported that a meeting was held with all municipalities, authorities, ESCRA representatives, and solicitors on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the banquet room of the VFW Post 6631 Selinsgrove. Solicitor Slivinski and President Musser updated Council on

the status of the ESCRA loan and amendments of service agreement. Council agreed to not sign an amended service agreement until all debt is paid by Hummel's Wharf Municipal Authority.

Solicitor Slivinski reported that a hearing on Dusan Bratic's Notice of Land Use Appeal Nunc Pro Tunc is scheduled for August 14, 2020 at 11:15 AM in the Snyder County Courthouse.

**WORKSHOP:**

A workshop will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2020 in Council Chambers at 7:00 PM to discuss fire department concerns.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in August.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

General Fund bills in the amount of \$12,266.74, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$18,286.88, 111 W 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue Fund bills in the amount of \$1,427.49, and Fire Protection Tax Fund in the amount of \$1,800.00 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel  
Borough Secretary