

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, December 5, 2016 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, Mark Benner, Andrew Bickhart, Rue Rothermel, Donald Musser, and David Herbert were present.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Robert Herbert was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Manager Ed Hovenstine, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Jon Andrews, Darol Lindloff, Art Thomas, Hamp Thorton, Joe Zokaites, June Stark, Michael Trentel, and Bill Pentak were present.

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

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Benner to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2016 meeting of Council and the minutes of the November 9, 2016 meeting of Planning Commission as presented, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Shamokin Dam LLC – Art Thomas with Meck Tech reviewed the Shamokin Dam LLC, proposed subdivision and final land development plans for the new power plant. Entrance for the plan will be the current one; the eventual goal is to extend an entrance from Eleventh Avenue (discussion with Norfolk railroad). Zoning Hearing Board met today at 6:00 PM to review the exception of building height and granted variance of the dimensional regulation maximum building height for the property located at 2384 North Old Trail in question shall be 120 feet in height instead of the required 60 feet or four stories. Planning Commission recommend preliminary approval of the proposed subdivision and land development plans of Shamokin Dam LLC, condition upon: Zoning Hearing Board variance exception of building height, Monroe Township review, Highway Occupancy Permit, Erosion & Sediment Plan. Art Thomas requested conditional approval of final subdivision and land development plan for Shamokin Dam LLC. The four conditions would be: to address the Snyder County Planning Commission comments, obtaining documentation from PENNDOT concerning the driveway (highway occupancy permit), approval from Snyder County Conservation District for erosion and sediment plan, and approval from DEP for sewage facility planning module. The noise decibel was discussed. Councilman Musser questioned whether inspections will be taken place on the pipeline, the Borough will be notified of inspections, and the Borough will be updated on these inspections. Concerns and questions regarding the pipeline will be forwarded onto Sunbury UGI pipeline.

A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to conditionally approve the final subdivision and land development plan for Shamokin Dam LLC conditional upon; addressing the Snyder

County Planning Commission comments, obtaining documentation from PENNDOT concerning driveway (highway occupancy permit), approval from Snyder County Conservation District for erosion and sediment plan, and approval from DEP for sewage facility planning module, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Recycling – Manager Hovenstine reviewed that the Borough in the past had recycled through the Sunbury Municipal Authority until a fee was requested. We are currently taking our recyclables to Penn Township; however a fee may be incurred to continue recycling at either of these locations. The Manager will research other options and report at a later date.

Audit Proposal – The Borough received an audit proposal in the amount of \$8,700.00 from Herring Roll & Solomon, PC. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to accept audit proposal in the amount of \$8,700.00 from Herring Roll & Solomon, PC, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

2017 Budget Adoption – Solicitor Slivinski will advertise the 2017 Budget and a special meeting will be held on Thursday, December 22, 2016 at 6:30 PM to adopt the 2017 Budget.

MAYORS REPORT:

Police Chief Bremigen is absent due to the flu.

Mayor McGranaghan reported that police officer Hassenplug and police officer Shipman have passed the required 2016 physical examination. Police Chief Bremigen's examination has been rescheduled for January 9, 2017.

Council reviewed the November police report.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Assessment Management Conference – Manager Hovenstine attended a conference that discussed the planning, strategies, and analyzing the water system. The Manager will meet with the Borough crew in December or early 2017 to discuss some future strategies for the entire system.

DEP – Manager Hovenstine reported that the notice of violation (one record not kept properly) has been dismissed with no penalties or mark on our record.

Tank Wash Report – Manager Hovenstine will review the tank wash report in January.

Filter Evaluation Report – Manager Hovenstine suggested an expansion to the water supply (reservoir) and a third filtration system.

Tot Lot Consideration – Manager Hovenstine contacted the Shamokin Dam Lions Club regarding relocating the tot lot park and requested permission from Council to relocate tot lot equipment to the Weller Park. Council agreed. Sunbury Generation donated \$19,500.00 to the recreation account in 2016. The Manager anticipates an official ribbon cutting for the dog park in May/June 2017.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Ordinance 2017-1, fixing the tax rate for the fiscal year 2017, A motion was made by Councilman Benner to adopt Ordinance 2017-1, fixing the tax rate for the fiscal year 2017, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

Solicitor Slivinski reviewed grant possibilities for parks and water system.

The Solicitor reviewed the weight limit regulations for the Borough streets. Vice President Bickhart questioned whether the Borough is enforcing the ordinance.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 7:00 PM to review proposed subdivision and land development plans for the second power plant.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

A Workshop meeting will not be held in December.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$28,931.40, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$9,693.55, PLGIT Recreation Fund in the amount of \$6,017.44, and Fire Protection Tax Fund in the amount of \$61,782.00 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 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary