

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 4, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday December 4, 2017 in the municipal building located at 42 West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President Herbert presided.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Manager Ed Hovenstine, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Police Chief Bremigen, Frank Witt, Chyvonne Jessick, Kyle Jessick, Chet Telatovich, Glenn Hooks, Domenico Barillaro, and June Stark were present.

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

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2017 Meeting of Council as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all. Councilman Musser abstained due to absence of November meeting.

**VISITORS:**

Glenn Hooks – Glenn Hooks, resident at 30 Chestnut Street, moved to the Borough in October 1964. Mr. Hooks discussed the research that he found on the extension of King Avenue, which connects to his property. Mr. Hooks’ attorney could not locate ownership of the extension, Glenn Hooks has maintained that property all these years, and read from the William Gunter estate that the remainder of the estate was given to the Borough of Shamokin Dam. Glenn Hooks requested that the Shamokin Dam Borough annex that extension of property to his deed. Mr. Hooks thanked the present Council members for their service. Solicitor Slivinski will research the property and consideration.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Snyder County Department of Emergency Services – A kick-off meeting of the Snyder County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update will be held on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Middleburg Fire Company EMS building. Attendance is not mandatory at this time.

Snyder County Board of Commissioners – Council received correspondence from Joe Kantz regarding the House Bill 271, a revenue plan to fund the 2017-2018 budget. The bill allows for expanded opportunities for casinos to be established throughout the state. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to adopt resolution 2017-5, proclaiming that the Borough of Shamokin Dam has exercised its statutory option to prohibit the location of a Category 4 licensed facility within the boundaries of the Borough, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved: 5-Yes, 2-No.

Benefit Check – Manager Hovenstine reported that the Borough received a golf tournament donation in the amount of \$16,500.00 from Sunbury Generation to be used towards recreation.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

2018 Budget Adoption – Budget – 2018 General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund Budget – The 2018 General Fund budget is proposed at \$787,243.00. - The 2018 Water/Sewer Fund Budget is proposed at \$1,060,100.00. Councilman Herbert inquired on the amount of increase to salaries. President Herbert explained that full time employees received an additional \$1,000.00 increase to salary after cost of living raise and that part time employees received an additional \$.50 per hour increase after cost of living raise. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to approve the proposed 2018 General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund Budget as previously presented and amended, seconded by Councilman Herbert, and approved by all.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Mayor McGranaghan discussed the bomb threat that was called into Empire Beauty School. The Mayor mentioned that the state police department did a wonderful job, however some items need addressed such as the EMA Director not involved, access to emergency exit, and fire police. Councilman Benner suggested that the issues be directed to the Public Safety Committee. The issues will be referred to the Public Safety Committee after reorganization.

Mayor McGranaghan sent Council a draft version of a Quality of Life Ordinance.

Council reviewed the November police report.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

PENNDOT Reimbursement – The Borough received reimbursement from PENNDOT for the traffic light replacement at Tedd’s Landing in the amount of \$50,920.00.

Training & Equipment for Distribution System – Manager Hovenstine met with LB Water and Partnership for Safe Water to discuss training and equipment for the distribution system. The program will begin the first quarter of 2018. The Manager reported that the power plant is using approximately 50,000 gallons a night three nights per week.

Investments – The Borough renewed CD investments in the Water/Sewer Fund: \$150,000.00 for 15 months at 1.65% and \$160,000 for 24 months at 1.85%.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

Ordinance 2018-1, Fixing the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year of 2018 – A motion was made by Councilman Herbert to adopt the Ordinance 2018-1, fixing the tax rate for the Fiscal Year 2018, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in December.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

General Fund bills in the amount of \$94,908.07, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$122,897.19, Motor Fund in the amount of \$56,000.00 Local Service Tax Fund in the amount of \$2,400.00, PLGIT Recreation Fund in the amount of \$13,268.83 and Fire Protection Fund bill in the amount of \$10,430.00 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.

Council thanked Councilman Herbert, Councilman Rothermel, and President Herbert for their service in the Borough.

Councilman Herbert stated that he enjoyed serving for thirty years for the Borough.

Councilman Rothermel stated that his ten years of service has been extremely enjoyable, meaningful, and is proud of what Council accomplished over the years for the wonderful community of Shamokin Dam.

Manager Hovenstine stated that John Witmer, appointed ESCRA member, passed away and Tom McBryan agreed to replace him on the ESCRA Authority.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel  
Borough Secretary