

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, December 3, 2018 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, Andrew Bickhart, Mark Benner, Domenico Barillaro, Robert Lockcuff, Kyle Jessick, and Don Musser were present.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Manager Ed Hovenstine, and Secretary LaDawn Leitzel 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 November 5, 2018 as presented, seconded by Councilman Lockcuff, and approved by all.

COMMUNICATIONS:

PENNDOT – PENNDOT requested a meeting with Manager Hovenstine and Mayor McGranaghan to discuss the Borough impacts of the Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway. Mayor McGranaghan will forward the minutes from that meeting onto Council.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2019 Budget Adoption - 2019 General Fund Budget and the Water/Sewer Fund Budget - The 2019 General Fund budget is proposed at \$838,783.00 with a 1.0 Mil tax increase. The 2019 Water/Sewer Fund Budget is proposed at \$1,042,096.00. Manager Hovenstine recommended no increase to the water/sewer rates in 2019. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to adopt the proposed 2019 Budgets as presented, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and roll call vote called: Robert Lockcuff-Yes, Domenico Barillaro-Yes, Kyle Jessick-Yes, Andrew Bickhart-Yes, David Sauers-Yes, Donald Musser-Yes, Mark Benner-Yes; 7-Yes 0-No

HRG Long Range Planning Proposal – HRG Engineering submitted a proposal in the amount of \$19,740.00 to provide engineering services for water system upgrades, conceptual design, and professional engineering services. A motion was made by Councilman Benner to approve the proposal submitted by HRG Engineering in the amount of \$19,740.00, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

Employee Manual Update – Manager Hovenstine updated the following employee manual sections: Definitions for Manager and Secretary, Accidents, Insurance, Normal Work Week, Retirement, and the Commercial Drivers Licenses-Drug and Alcohol Policy. A motion was made by Councilman Barillaro to approve the updates to the Employee Manual submitted by the

Borough Manager and reviewed with Council tonight, seconded by Councilman Lockcuff, and approved by all.

MAYORS REPORT:

The police department is required to have an annual physical. Mayor McGranaghan reported that the officers are qualified for duty.

Council reviewed the November police report. The Mayor stated that four quality of life ordinance warnings were sent.

MANAGERS REPORT:

INSA Update – Manager Hovenstine stated that the plans will not be released until all the conditions of the approval have been submitted. Manager Hovenstine stated that the Borough will conduct a full street evaluation of East Eleventh Avenue including: traffic flow, storm water drainage issues and the intersection with the North Old trail.

Streets Update – The Manager reported that the 2018 Streets project is complete except for the shoulder work.

Crypto Testing Requirements – The Borough is required by DEP to conduct Crypto Testing of the river water beginning April 2019 for two years. Manager Hovenstine was contacting credible laboratories for the Crypto Testing.

Eleventh Avenue Meeting Update – The meeting with David Bobb, neighbors, The Snyder County Conservation District, DEP, a police officer, and the Manager to discuss regulations and compromises went well.

Latsha, Distribution Certification – Chad Latsha completed a distribution certification through DEP. The 2019 increase in salary for Mr. Latsha reflects this certification.

SOLICITOR REPORT: (Solicitor Slivinski was absent)

Ordinance 2019-1, Fixing the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2019 – A motion was made by Councilman Lockcuff to adopt the Ordinance 2019-1, fixing the tax rate for the Fiscal Year 2019, seconded by Councilman Benner, and roll call vote called: Mark Benner-Yes, Robert Lockcuff-Yes, Domenico Barillaro-Yes, Kyle Jessick-Yes, Andrew Bickhart-Yes, David Sauers-Yes, Donald Musser-Yes; 7-Yes 0-No.

Approve 2019-2023, Patrolman Contract – A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to approve the 2019-2023 Patrolman contract as published, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

Approve 2019-2023, Police Chief Contract – A motion was made by Councilman Jessick to approve the 2019-2023 Police Chief contract as published, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting was not held in November.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

A Workshop meeting was cancelled in November due to the weather.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$26,477.12, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$121,026.54, Liquid Fuel Fund/Motor Fund bills in the amount of \$60,000.00, PLGIT Local Service Tax Fund bills in the amount of \$50,874.47, and PLGIT Recreation Fund in the amount of \$2,197.33 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Lockcuff, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary