

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, December 2, 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, Robert Lockcuff, Domenico Barillaro, and Donald Musser were present.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kyle Jessick was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Manager Edward Hovenstine, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, David Smeltz, Diana Bickhart, Jon Gray, Nick Klose, Angela Kline, Jerome Alex, Bradley Hare, Robert Hare, and Michael Dunigan 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 November 4, 2019 as presented, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

David Smeltz, Borough Resident, discussed concerns with the ambulance service situation and questioned what the status is. President Musser stated that at the November Council meeting Council voted 6-1 to designate closest available ambulance service as primary response. Councilman Benner stated that there is nothing negative against the Americus Ambulance Service, but the Borough was offered another opportunity for another resource to provide ambulance service. Mr. Smeltz commented that splitting the Borough with two ambulance services, which have different rates, would create confusion and mentioned that the Borough residents pay a three mil fire protection tax. Gloria Hughes, Borough resident, questioned how this ambulance service situation started. President Musser stated that Shamokin Dam Fire Department was contacted by Evangelical Regional Mobile Medical Services, LLC (ERMMS) in August (ERMMS placed an ambulance at the Hummels Wharf fire department) with an agreement to provide the fire department with QRS bags, supply replenishment of bags, education and a QRS fee of \$100.00 for assisting ERMMS units. Angela Kline, Borough resident, discussed that time is muscle mass and brain tissue. Americus Ambulance Service stated that the ambulance will not solicit membership in the Borough if not named as primary. Nick Klose stated that ERMMS mailed membership solicitation to Shamokin Dam Borough as a whole. Reciprocal agreement was discussed, however not confirmed. Councilman Barillaro explained previous meeting discussion which led to appointing closest available ambulance as primary response. David Smeltz and Diana Bickhart left at this time. Michael Dunigan discussed concerns from Borough residents such as reciprocal agreement and rates. President Musser stated that reciprocal agreement, parallel rates, and definitive area should be clarified for both

ambulance services. President Musser stated that a notification from the Communications Center (911) as to area for ambulance service as quickest due.

A motion was made by Councilman Barillaro to rescind last month's motion to designate closest available ambulance service as primary response and reinstate Resolution 2018-5 appointing EMS: Americus Ambulance Service as primary emergency service provider until more information is gathered to make an educated decision and hear comments from Borough residents, seconded by President Musser and roll call vote called: Bickhart-Yes, Sauers-Yes, Musser-Yes, Benner-Yes, Lockcuff-Yes, Barillaro-Yes (6-Yes, 0-No).

Jon Gray, Nick Klose, Angela Kline, Jerome Alex, Bradley Hare, and Robert Hare left at this time.

ESCRA Discussion – Solicitor Slivinski explained that ESCRA was established by municipalities: Shamokin Dam Borough, Selinsgrove Borough, Penn Township and Monroe Township and each municipality owns the sewer lines. The only thing owned by ESCRA is the treatment plant. A service agreement with term of forty years/debt paid off was between ESCRA and municipalities. Debt was paid off in October 2018, so service agreement ended. ESCRA started the process of upgrades to the forty year old plant, which was a resolution to approve the DEP Planning Module. A motion was made by Councilman Lockcuff to reject Service Agreement as written, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

Michael Dunigan left at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Tax Exemption-Glenn Hooks – The Borough received a real property tax exemption certificate that was granted for Glenn Hooks property located at 30 Chestnut Street.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2020 Budget Adoption – 2020 General Fund Budget and the Water/Sewer Fund Budget - The 2020 General Fund budget is proposed at \$860,400.00 with no tax increase. The 2020 Water/Sewer Fund Budget is proposed at \$1,016,922.00. Manager Hovenstine recommended no increase to the water/sewer rates in 2020. A motion was made by Councilman Lockcuff to adopt the proposed 2020 Budgets as presented, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all.

MAYORS REPORT:

Police Report – Mayor McGranaghan presented the police report for November. Quality of Life Ordinance tickets were issued for illegal parking at W&L Nissan property located at 3819 N Susquehanna Trail and feeding of feral cats.

The police officers passed yearly physical and are certified fit for duty year 2020.

2020 Vehicle Purchase – The police department purchased a 2020 police vehicle in the amount of \$33,868.00.

MANAGERS REPORT:

DEP Meeting & Submissions – Manager Hovenstine informed Council of a filter evaluation meeting with DEP in Williamsport on December 5, 2019. Water allocation permit compliance report was submitted in November. A meter was installed at the reservoir.

Eleventh Avenue Property –The kitchen and appliances will be installed, before a tenant will begin renting the property on January 1, 2019.

Silt Basins – Commonwealth Disposal cleaned the silt basins in November.

CSVT Utilities Agreement – PENNDOT accepted the proposal from HRG Engineering for a design, construction engineering and inspection of the facilities affected by the project at a total estimated cost of \$34,940.00.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Phillips Motel Legal – Solicitor Slivinski reported that the property located at 2943 N Susquehanna Trail has deed restrictions such as: no gas stations and no sale of alcohol. Central PA Enterprise, LLC filed a Decree NISI.

Resolution 2020-1, a motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to adopt Resolution 2020-1, tax mil remains the same as 2019, seconded by Councilman Lockcuff, and approved by all.

Solicitor Slivinski reviewed the Solicitors' Proposed Revisions to the ESCRA agreement. The Solicitor requested that Council review the proposed ESCRA agreement presented.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in December.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$20,509.64, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$28,963.37, 111 W 11th Avenue Fund bills in the amount of \$4,794.56, PLGIT Local Service Fund bills in the amount of \$3,868.00, PLGIT Police Fund bills in the amount of \$30,000.00 and PLGIT Recreation Fund bills in the amount of \$3,194.00 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary