

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 2, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday February 2, 2015 in the municipal building located at 42 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President David Herbert presiding.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Malcolm Fleming was absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Manager Ed Hovenstine, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Police Chief Tim Bremigen, Dennis Adams and Ralph Sanchez 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 meeting minutes of January 5, 2015 as presented, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**PUBLIC HEARING** – A conditional use request submitted by Devin and Jennifer Driggers, current owner of the site, 4507 North Susquehanna Trail located in the Borough, to erect a two sided billboard on the property. This request has been advertised. The hearing began at 7:01 PM closed at 7:02 PM. No Public Comment.

A motion was made by Councilman Musser to approve the conditional use to erect a two sided billboard on property located at 4507 North Susquehanna Trail, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

**VISITORS:**

Shamokin Dam Fire Company – Ralph Sanchez reviewed the comparison of December 2013 to December 2014 statement, the recent renovations at the Social Hall building, and the proposed spring 2015 renovations. Mr. Sanchez stated that the fire department received dues in the amount of \$2,965.00. Council questioned that the report states that expenses paid each month total more than the income received each month. Solicitor Slivinski reviewed a letter received from the Office of the Attorney General requesting information whether the fire company is working toward the agreed obligation to provide audited financials to the Borough. The Office of the Attorney General would like a copy of the audit report. Ralph Sanchez has been in contact with local auditors and received quotes in the amount of \$4,500.00-6,000.00 and \$7,000.00-8,000.00 for an extended audit. The fire department purchased air compressor equipment in the amount of

\$41,000.00; which the fire department received a grant in the amount of \$38,000.00 on January 22, 2015, and another grant in the amount of \$14,000.00 that has been approved, but not received at this time. Both grants are designated to purchase equipment. President Herbert stated that Council requested an audit and combined financial report. Councilman Musser questioned whether the Borough could pay a portion of the audit cost. Solicitor Slivinski suggested that an auditor setup the accounting program/procedure. Councilman Benner will inquire with Bruce Ammerman CPA of Ammerman and Co on the possibility of assistance.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Manager Hovenstine reviewed correspondence from UGI Sunbury, LLC announcing an open house scheduled on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at the Sunbury Social Club from 5:30 PM-7:30 PM to discuss Sunbury Pipeline Project.

Manager Hovenstine received a renewal for an office lease agreement from the Chief Clerk of the Senate. The term for the lease would be from March 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016 with a monthly payment of \$275.00. The term of the lease would be four years after completion of this term. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to approve office lease agreement per Solicitor review/approval, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Mayor McGranaghan suggested scheduling a workshop to discuss the impact of the by-pass, comprehensive plan, and planning for the future of Shamokin Dam Borough. The radar system was reintroduced to legislature.

Police Chief Bremigen reviewed the January police report.

The Police Chief reported that twenty-two applications were picked up, eleven applications were returned, and eight applicants were tested on written and agility on Saturday, January 31, 2015. Seven of those applicants are scheduled for oral interviews on Monday, February 9, 2015 with the Police Chief, Robert Lockcuff, Selinsgrove Police Chief, and Union County Chief Deputy. Police Chief Bremigen anticipates a recommendation for hire at the March Council meeting following background checks.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Manager Hovenstine announced that Stephen Bogar will be retiring from the Borough on Friday, April 3, 2015. His last day of work will be Tuesday, March 3, 2015 due to knee surgery scheduled on Thursday, March 5, 2015. Josh Herb and Brady Bachman are scheduled for subclass testing to complete their licensing.

Spring Clean Up/Mobile Shredding – Spring Clean Up will begin on Monday, May 4, 2015. Mobile Shredding event will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 9:00-11:00 AM. Councilman Musser questioned whether a newsletter would be mailed with this information. The Manager answered yes.

County Liquid Fuels – Resolution 2015-1 – A motion was made by Councilman Benner to approve Resolution 2015-1, application for County aid for streets project in the amount of \$1,435.00, seconded by Councilman Rothermel, and approved by all.

Exonerate Deann Lockcuff 2014 Taxes - Solicitor Slivinski mentioned that the delinquent 2014 real estate taxes would be collected by the Snyder County Tax Claim Bureau and the delinquent 2014 per capita taxes would be collected by Statewide Tax Recovery. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to exonerate the Tax Collector Deann Lockcuff from collection of the delinquent 2014 real estate and the delinquent 2014 per capita taxes, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

HVAC Project – Comfort Specialties completed the installation of the heating units and the outdoor air conditioning units will be scheduled to be installed in the spring, sometime in April. Manager Hovenstine suggested installing siding after work would be completed and will get some prices to do so.

2015 Water Capital Projects – Manager Hovenstine noted that the King Avenue water line replacement is in the final planning.

Sewer Repair, Center Street – UGI Gas Company had a subcontractor drilling underground and was too close to the existing sewer line on Center Street, causing approximately eighty feet of sewer line to break. The Borough replaced the line and will be reimbursed for repairs.

2014 CCR – The 2014 Consumer Confidence Report, a mandated EPA report, will be distributed in March.

Chapter 94 Report – The Calendar year 2014 Chapter 94 Report will be submitted to Gannett Fleming for ESCRA, which reviews the flows and loads of the Borough. A response was not received from ESCRA concerning correspondence sent regarding lowering of the flow. Manager Hovenstine stated that a copy of that letter will be sent to Gannett Fleming with the Chapter 94 report. Solicitor Slivinski suggested also sending to DEP.

T-Tag Upgrades – The Borough recently had a new bed and misc. repairs done to the 2003 T-Tag. Manager Hovenstine suggested selling the GMC top kick truck currently being used primarily for leaf collection. Council commended the Borough crew for doing a great job with snow removal this winter.

Shaffer Insurance had a recent sewer blockage issue, which is the Borough's responsibility to repair. The problem is located near sewer main on Route 11/15.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

Police Pension Plan – Ordinance 2015-3, Police Pension Plan – An ordinance electing to amend its police pension plan administered by PMRS, agreeing to be bound by all provisions of the PA municipal retirement law as amended and as applicable to member municipalities. A motion was

made by Councilman Benner to adopt Ordinance 2015-3, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

Borough's Code, Firearms – An ordinance amending and repealing certain provisions of the Borough's code respecting firearms. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to adopt Ordinance 2015-4, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

Landlord Ordinance, Amendment – An ordinance amending the landlord registration and licensing ordinance to exempt certain rental units from registration fees. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to adopt Ordinance 2015-5, seconded by Councilman Rothermel, and approved by all. Councilman Benner abstained.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in February. Manager Hovenstine stated that Haubert Homes will possibly extend Phase II in 2015 and that the site behind the Econolodge has been purchased to build approximately twenty condominiums.

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP:**

President Herbert reported that a workshop meeting will not be held in February.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

General Fund bills in the amount of \$32,279.07, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$32,475.55 and PLGIT Local Service Fund bill in the amount of \$9,103.56 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Benner to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel  
Borough Secretary