

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, February 1, 2016 in the municipal building located at 42 West 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Andrew Bickhart was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Manager Ed Hovenstine, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Police Chief Bremigen, Jon Gray, Jeff Colyer, Art Thomas, Jeremy Carlson, Joe Zokaite, Dennis Adams, Angela Kline, and Collin Kline 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 January 4, 2016 meeting of Council and the minutes of the January 21, 2016 workshop meeting as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Art Thomas with Meck-Tech introduced Jeremy Carlson with Shamokin Dam Construction LLC (Construction Contractor). Mr. Carlson discussed the project overview of the Panda Hummel Station Project. Heavy haul and transportation routes: anticipated to have 50 (approximate) heavy loads weekly, start in mid April 2016-complete late December 2016, two routes being evaluated (both from the north), limited to two heavy hauls a day, limited to two oversize loads a day, 20-25 tractor trailer deliveries daily. Manpower projections: steady between 100-200 craft until May 2016, increase to 300 starting June and move up to 600 in September, reach peak manpower in December of 2016 at approximately 900, stay at peak through April 2017, steep reduction from May of 2017 through December 2017, complete demobilization by March 2018, non manual staff peak at 130 in May 2017. Contact Information for Community: email-concerns@sdconstllc.com or voicemail phone box-570-884-3966. Art Thomas reviewed the main entrance and the construction entrance. The consideration would be to use property at 3090 North Old Trail near Eleventh Avenue as a jobsite exit. Mr. Thomas discussed a drainage easement and a proposed alternate Eleventh Avenue access. Council agreed that traffic will be an issue. Dennis Adams questioned whether shuttling the employees would be an option. Shamokin Dam Construction has been in contact with USTA to discuss possible shuttle options.

COMMUNICATIONS:

PSAB Awards – The Borough received information for the Outstanding Council Member of the Year award, if anyone is interested in nominating a Council member contact the office.

Keystone Publishers – Manager Hovenstine reported that Keystone Publishers reviews and updates the Code of Ordinances of Shamokin Dam; however due to the most recent passing of Kenneth Rotz, President, Keystone Publishers is closing down. The website currently maintained at www.keystonepub.com will stay active until March 31, 2016. At that time, the website will come down and the link to the website will no longer work after March 31. The Borough office will gather information and proposals.

GIS – The County GIS contract was not renewed with Kim Chappell in year 2016. Manager Hovenstine recommended obtaining the software and contacting Stahl, Sheaffer Engineering for any required updates to the zoning map.

Archeological Findings – Manager Hovenstine stated that while UGI was researching the route of the gas pipeline at the Fabri Dam Park, a few items were found. A request was submitted to donate the items to the Native American Archeological Association in Harrisburg to be used for educational purposes.

MAYORS REPORT:

Hiring of Police Officer Update - Police Chief Bremigen reported that the testing (written, physical, and oral) was conducted on Saturday, January 23, 2016 beginning at 9:00 AM. One candidate, Jacob Shipman, attended the testing. The Police Chief met with the Civil Service Commission, presented the information, and certified the list of eligible candidate. Councilman Musser questioned the scoring of the candidate. Police Chief Bremigen answered that Jacob Shipman had an overall score of 83.25. The Police Chief recommended hiring full time officer, Jacob Shipman, at a starting salary of \$38,590.00. The 2016 budgeted salary is \$34,000.00. Councilman Musser suggested hiring the third full time officer and retaining the current two part time officers. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to hire Jacob Shipman as a full time officer at a salary of \$34,000.00 with a six month review from the original hire date, seconded by Councilman Benner, and roll call vote called: Robert Herbert-yes, Donald Musser-yes, Rue Rothermel-yes, David Sauers-yes, Mark Benner-yes, David Herbert-yes. 6-Yes, 0-No.

Police Chief Bremigen requested authorization to lease a 2016 Ford Interceptor SUV for a four year period at approximately \$10,000.00 per year with no mileage limit. Councilman Musser questioned whether the vehicle is warranted for the duration of the lease. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to approve the purchase of a police vehicle not to exceed a payment of \$10,000.00 per year for a four year term maximum, seconded by Councilman Rothermel, and approved by all.

Police Chief Bremigen reviewed the January police report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Annual Clean Up/Mobile Shredding – Council scheduled the Annual Clean Up to begin on May 16, 2016 and scheduled the mobile shredding event on Saturday, May 14, 2016 between 9:00

AM – 11:00 AM. Snyder County 2016 Recycling Event will be held on May 6th & May 7th at the Monroe Township Shed. These items will be in the newsletter and posted to the website.

Disposal of Certain Municipal Records – A motion was made by Councilman Musser to adopt Resolution 2016-2, authorizing destruction of disposal of certain municipal records, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

County Liquid Fuels – A motion was made by Councilman Benner to adopt Resolution 2016-3, application for County aid to purchase salt and/or anti-skid material for Borough streets in the amount of \$1,435.00, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

Exonerate Deann Lockcuff 2015 Taxes – A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to exonerate the Tax Collector Deann Lockcuff from collection of the delinquent 2015 real estate and the delinquent 2015 per capita taxes, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Security Update – Manager Hovenstine reported that a buzzer has been installed and will ring when anyone is entering/exiting the building. The first police department office entrance will be eliminated and replaced with a sliding glass window and a gate will be installed in the hallway.

Brake Retarder Study Submitted – Manager Hovenstine submitted a request for a brake retarder study with PENNDOT. The Borough is waiting on a response.

UGI Payment Received – The Borough received payment from UGI for the repairs on Center Street in the amount of \$15,952.95.

2015 Permits – Manager Hovenstine reported that forty permits were issued at an approximate cost of \$42,000,000.00 with 29 residential, 10 commercial, and 1 industrial permit (new power station).

Chapter 94 Report Submitted – The Calendar year 2015 Chapter 94 Report was submitted to Gannett Fleming for ESCRA, which reviews the flows and loads of the Borough.

2016 Pension Invoices – The Borough received pension invoices totaling \$47,087.00 (Police-\$16,654.00, Non Uniform-\$30,433.00). The Borough will pay these invoices tonight and receive the state aid in September.

Archeological Findings at Fabri Dam Park – A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to donate items to the Native American Archeological Association in Harrisburg to be used for educational purposes, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

Filter Evaluation Update & DEP NOV – The water plant had a filter evaluation completed by DEP, upon completion the Borough received a notice of violation (record not keeping properly). Manager Hovenstine stated that the equipment was recording and monitoring constantly, however the Borough needs to pull the recorded data on SD card at least every six months. The

Borough will be pulling the data on a monthly basis. A meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 10:00 AM to discuss complete evaluation.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in February.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

A workshop meeting was held on Thursday, January 21, 2016 to discuss an apparatus replacement. Councilman Musser suggested referring the fire department to the Shamokin Dam Fire Service Task Force for approval or recommendation on the proposal for an apparatus replacement. Councilman Benner recommended that the Borough send a letter to Monroe Township regarding a contribution to the fire department for unassisted calls. Council tabled discussion until review from task force. Fire Chief Jon Gray will contact the fire service task force chairman.

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SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Slivinski reported that Robert Scullin can remain on the Penn Valley Airport Authority. A representative can be a tax payer, maintain a business or a citizen of a municipality that the joint authority extends.

Councilman Benner and the fire department attended pipeline training and awareness conducted by the state fire commissioner's office in Union County.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$62,352.31, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$13,069.81, and FNB Fire Company Lease Fund in the amount of \$2,952.50 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary