

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, February 6, 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, Mark Benner, Donald Musser, Rue Rothermel, and David Herbert were present.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Robert Herbert was absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Solicitor Matthew Slivinski, Manager Ed Hovenstine, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Police Chief Bremigen, Jeff Colyer, and June Stark were present.

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

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Benner to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2017 meeting of Council and the minutes of the January 19, 2017 meeting of Council Workshop as presented, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

**VISITORS:**

Jeff Colyer distributed the January incident report of the fire department.

June Stark, Borough resident, questioned a notice in the 2016 winter newsletter stating that there will be a \$2.00 service charge if paying water/sewer bill by e-check. Secretary Leitzel explained that fees are applied if you use the website to make water/sewer payments, however if a resident uses the automatic payment option there is no fee involved. Mrs. Stark recommended that Council post a notice in the newsletter regarding wearing proper attire while walking at night as to be visible by motorists.

Councilman Rothermel arrived at this time.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

PA 1 Call Proclamation – Pennsylvania One Call requested a proclamation from Shamokin Dam Borough to designate the month of April 2017 as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month”. Mayor McGranaghan signed proclamation.

Shamokin Dam Lions Club – Manager Hovenstine received correspondence from Shamokin Dam Lion’s Club agreeing to relocate the playground equipment located at the corner of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Maple Street to Weller Park due to a safer environment. Councilman Musser questioned what will become of the lot. Councilman Rothermel suggested getting an appraisal of the lot and selling it. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to obtain an appraisal on the

lot and accept bids to sell the lot (Tot Lot Property), seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Annual Clean Up/Mobile Shredding – Council scheduled the Annual Clean Up to begin on Monday, May 15, 2017 and scheduled the mobile shredding event on Saturday, May 13, 2017 between 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM.

County Liquid Fuels – A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to adopt Resolution 2017-1, 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 Benner, and approved by all.

Disposal of Certain Municipal Records – A motion was made by Councilman Musser to adopt Resolution 2017-2, authorizing destruction of disposal of certain municipal records, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

Exonerate Deann Lockcuff 2016 Taxes – A motion was made by Councilman Musser to exonerate the Tax Collector Deann Lockcuff from collection of the delinquent 2016 real estate and the delinquent 2016 per capita taxes, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Mayor McGranaghan stated that the 2016 contract obligation by police officers to obtain physical exams were completed in January and were reviewed by the Mayor.

Mayor McGranaghan discussed the CSVT project regarding the change due to the ash basin and the scheduled meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

The Mayor reviewed a list of concerns expressed by a borough resident regarding activity at the Fabri Dam Park. The police department patrols the park and borough employees contact the police department of incidents; however the Mayor requested a camera system to keep a better eye on the park. Manager Hovenstine stated that the ARLEE Grant is available for traffic signal cameras. Councilman Musser suggested involving the citizens to contact police department with suspicious activity and questioned whether a gate could be installed. Police Chief Bremigen will research pricing for a camera system. Manager Hovenstine will research pricing for a gate.

Council reviewed the January police report.

Police Chief Bremigen stated that the police department is being proactive with the drug situation arising in the area. The Police Chief and Officer Shipman attended training sponsored by Women in Transition on human trafficking.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

Chapter 94 Report Submitted – The Calendar year 2016 Chapter 94 Report was submitted to Gannett Fleming for ESCRA, which reviews the flows and loads of the Borough.

NPDES Renewal – Manager Hovenstine is gathering information for the submittal.

DEP Inspection – The Borough has a DEP inspection follow up with the local DEP representative.

Audit – The auditor was in the office gathering information on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 and Thursday, February 2, 2017.

2017 Streets Project – Manager Hovenstine reported that the 2017 streets project will include areas of Stetler Avenue and Maple Street.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

The Solicitor is working on a change to the ordinance regarding the following: the requirement of a meter pit for new services and the service connection fee would change from \$250.00 to \$750.00. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to instruct the Solicitor to advertise the proposed change to the ordinance regarding installation of meter pits for new services and the service connection fee change, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

Council questioned on the status of the annexation of the property located 111 W 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Solicitor will report at a later date.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in February.

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP:**

A Workshop meeting will not be held in February.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

General Fund bills in the amount of \$17,639.43, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$9,298.37, Fire Protection Tax Fund in the amount of \$1,800.00, and 111 W 11<sup>th</sup> Ave Property Fund in the amount of \$1,172.24 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.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel  
Borough Secretary