

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, February 5, 2018 in the municipal building located at 42 West 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President Musser presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Lockcuff, Andrew Bickhart, Mark Benner, David Sauers, Domenico Barillaro, Don Musser, and Kyle Jessick were present.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Police Chief Bremigen, Solicitor Matthew Slivinski, Frank Witt, Glenn Hooks, Bradley Aurand, and Joshua Herb 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 2, 2018 as presented, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all.

Manager Hovenstine was absent due to illness.

VISITORS:

East Snyder Park Board – Pete Dewire discussed working with Kevin Cook of Playworld for the first proposed Andy Russell Charitable Foundation Inclusive Playground. Mr. Dewire reported on the maintenance of the parks and on the annual activities (Church Pig Roast, Snyder County Night Out, and Little League) that have continued at the East Snyder Park. Pete DeWire left at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS:

County Liquid Fuels – A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to adopt Resolution 2018-1, 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 Lockcuff, and approved by all.

Disposal of Certain Municipal Records – A motion was made by Councilman Benner to adopt Resolution 2018-2, authorizing destruction of disposal of certain municipal records, seconded by Councilman Jessick, and approved by all.

Exonerate Deann Lockcuff 2017 Taxes – A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to exonerate the Tax Collector Deann Lockcuff from collection of the delinquent 2017 real estate and the delinquent 2017 per capita taxes, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan stated that he was contacted by the Shamokin Dam Fire Company regarding assistance from the Borough with building a first responders memorial between the fire house and the social quarters.

The Mayor reviewed the new business notices that were posted on the Borough's Facebook page. (Eagles Wind Coffee House and Hooplas Xtreme Family Fun)

Council reviewed the January police report.

Police Chief Bremigen reported that the police department received the new vests, will be attending fire arms training this year, and replaced the department's tasers.

Mayor McGranaghan commented that the state radar bill will be listed in a house bill and that the state police are neutral regarding local police departments using speed radar.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Audit – The auditors were in the office on Monday, January 29, 2018 and Tuesday, January 30, 2018 to begin the audit process.

DEP Chapter 10 Report Submission – The Annual DEP Chapter 10 report was submitted, which is a required water consumption report.

Pension MMO Payment – The 2018 Pension MMO payment is submitted for payment tonight. The 2018 Police Pension obligation totaled \$28,367.00 and the 2018 Non Uniform Pension obligation totaled \$36,025.00. The state aid will be received in September of 2018.

Councilman Benner commended the committee that designed the new fire truck. The 1991 fire truck is being stored in Winfield.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Matt Slivinski reported that correspondence was sent to Glenn Hooks regarding the land at King Avenue extension. Section 1201.1 of the PA Borough Code allows a Borough to sell real estate upon approval by resolution of the Borough Council and if in excess of \$1,500, only to the highest bidder after due advertising. One cannot gain ownership of land from a municipal government by adverse possession. If the Borough does indeed own a 2/3 interest in the land, that interest may be worth more than \$1,500.00, and as such would require due advertising and open bidding to the highest bidder. The Borough would be required to have the land appraised. The other 1/3 interest being owned by Robert L Gunter and Frances M. Hofmeister or their heirs. Glenn Hooks requested that a meeting be held between the Borough Manager, Council President, and the Solicitor and himself. President Musser recommended that Mr. Hooks attend with a family member or an attorney present.

Solicitor Matt Slivinski stated that the proposed Quality of Life Ordinance has edits that need to be addressed: Borough code provisions, definitions, civil or criminal penalty, and identify cat ownership, and stray cats that have no ownership. Council directed the Quality of Life Ordinance to a Council workshop meeting in February.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in February.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

A Workshop meeting will be held in February to discuss the proposed Quality of Life Ordinance on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$113,107.27, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$23,061.64, and Fire Protection Tax Fund in the amount of \$1,800.00, were presented for payment. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary