

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday January 5, 2015 in the municipal building located at 42 W. 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President David Herbert presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to approve the Council meeting minutes of December 8, 2014 as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all. Bob Herbert abstained due to not attending prior meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Shamokin Dam Fire Company November 2014 Financial Statement – Council reviewed the November 2014 financial report. Discussion was held on whether a representative should be present at Council meetings to answer any questions. Manager Hovenstine suggested that one representative from the fire company attend quarterly and possibly with an annual report. Councilman Benner commented that when the Fire Chief would attend with a call report, then the Borough would be updated on equipment status and other information. The Mayor suggested that the Fire Chief submit a monthly report to the Borough. Councilman Rothermel suggested that a representative report to the Borough every third/fourth month throughout the year.

Manager Hovenstine reviewed correspondence from Central Keystone COG proposing an annual due of \$250.00 from each membership. Solicitor Slivinski commented that Central Keystone COG is requesting an annual due of \$250.00, however in order to approve the fee a 100% approval from the current members is required. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to approve payment of the \$250.00 annual due should it be required, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan questioned whether the \$150.00 per day transient fee should be reviewed. Council agreed that the transient fee would remain the same.

Police Chief Bremigen reviewed the December police report.

The Police Chief reported that there was a one week advertisement for the police officer position, the application due date is January 19, 2015 at 4:00 PM, the written and agility test will be given on January 31, 2015, oral boards would be during the first two weeks of February, followed by background checks, and possibly a recommendation for hire at the March Council meeting. Mayor McGranaghan explained that the advertisement and the testing fees are being shared with Selinsgrove Police Department.

MANAGERS REPORT:

HVAC Quotes – Manager Hovenstine stated that the furnace supplying the police department with heat has stopped working. 2015 Borough Office HVAC project would be to replace three existing package heating /cooling units with new gas heat and electric air conditioning. Lenape Solar quoted a Mitsubishi Electric unit with installation of eight interior individual wall-mounted packaged units and two outdoor units eliminating the existing ducted system in the amount of \$18,938.96. Harry's Plumbing & Heating quoted a Goodman air conditioning and heating unit with installation of two exterior a/c units and two indoor furnaces in the amount of \$16,230.00. Comfort Specialists quoted a Trane unit with installation of two exterior a/c units and two indoor furnaces in the amount of \$15,901.00. Kratzer Oil Co. did not submit a bid. Prices include removal and disposal of existing equipment. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to accept the bid from Comfort Specialists Inc. in the amount of \$15,901.00, seconded by Councilman Herbert, and approved by all.

New Sign Standards – Manager Hovenstine stated that the Borough has an estimated 310 signs in the borough. Eighty-five stop signs with thirty-seven stop signs that do not meet the standard, approximately one hundred speed limit signs, and remaining are directional and informational signs. A grant may be available to apply towards the purchase of these signs. The Manager discussed projecting a cost of \$3,000.00 into future Streets Project. A fifteen year replacement plan is recommended after the signs are replaced.

2015 Street Program – Manager Hovenstine reviewed the proposed streets projects three year plan. 2015 – Baldwin Court, Stetler Avenue, Center Street, Monroe Avenue, Enforcement Sign Replacement, and Maple Street inlets and piping. 2016 – Stayman Road, Smokehouse Lane, Maple Street, and Enforcement Sign Replacement. 2017 – Baldwin Blvd and Enforcement Sign Replacement. Plan can be subject to change due to possible accelerated deterioration of existing streets

Preparing for Audit (Control Deficiency Candidate) – Manager Hovenstine spoke to a CPA, who agreed to conduct a monthly audit with an approximate monthly fee of \$50.00. Council agreed to review on a quarterly basis.

Committee/Commission Reappointments – Appointments: The following terms have expired as of December 31, 2014.

Zoning Hearing Board, 2 Year – June Stark
Landfill Commission, 5 Year – David Herbert

A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to reappoint each of the above-mentioned persons to the respective committees for an additional term, seconded by Councilman Rothermel, and approved by all.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Ordinance 2015-2, Non Uniform Pension – An ordinance electing to amend its municipal 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 Rothermel to adopt Ordinance 2015-2, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all. The Police Pension ordinance would be advertised and ready to adopt at the February Council meeting. Solicitor Slivinski will contact PMRS to discuss deadline.

Landlord Registration Ordinance Amendment – Council agreed to amend the ordinance that the registration form would be required to be filed with the borough, but the \$10.00 fee would be waived, if the tenants are immediate family with immediate family defined beginning in 2016.

Ordinance Firearms – Solicitor Slivinski recommended amending Borough Code of Ordinances respecting firearms. A motion was made by Councilman Benner to redraft ordinance concerning gun laws to comply with the minimum state regulations required, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

Solicitor Slivinski reminded Council of the Public Hearing scheduled for February 2, 2015 regarding conditional use of billboard at property located at 4507 N Susquehanna Trail owned by Devin & Jennifer Driggers.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in December.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$26,490.16, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$7,706.83 and Payroll Fund bill in the amount of \$150.20 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Benner to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary