

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
REORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2016**

The reorganizational and regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, January 4, 2016 in the municipal building located at 42 W. 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Manager Ed Hovenstine, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Police Chief Bremigen, and Rue Rothermel were present.

RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

OATH OF OFFICE:

Oath of Office – Mayor Joseph McGranaghan administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Council Member David Sauers and incumbent Council Members Donald Musser and Andrew Bickhart.

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Mayor McGranaghan opened the floor for nominations of Council President – Councilman Bickhart nominated David Herbert for President of Council and Councilman Benner nominated Donald Musser for President of Council. A motion was made by Councilman Bickhart to close the nomination for Council President, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

Councilman Musser expressed observations since last reorganizational meeting: brief background (completed twelfth year as Councilmember, six years ago was nominated and appointed President of Council, which was a great honor to serve in this capacity and tried to treat all fairly and with respect; two years ago was nominated but not reappointed President of Council-caught off guard and surprised by this turn of events and questioned why but continued to watch and listened to try and learn); concluded that there were multiple contributing factors that led to ouster (one and foremost would be vocal support of the fire company social hall to become a viable contributing factor to the efforts of fire fighting in Shamokin Dam). Councilman Musser believes that as the focus was brought to the social hall and some of the inequities that were happening there, it caused unrest with the Council members here. He maintains this fact today that the fire company is an outdated business model that won't be sustainable. Another observation would be a need for daily interaction or meetings with the Borough Manager, Councilman Musser works out of town and would be unable to meet on a daily basis; if that would be a requirement then he will not be able to fulfill it. Councilman Musser stated that with all that being said Council should move on to the ballot.

Mayor McGranaghan closed the nominations for President of Council. David Herbert for President of Council, a roll call vote called: Mark Benner-no, Andrew Bickhart-yes, David Herbert-yes, Robert Herbert-yes, Don Musser-no, David Sauers-no: 3-yes 3-no. Donald Musser for President of Council, a roll call vote called: Andrew Bickhart-no, David Herbert-no, Robert Herbert-no, Donald Musser-yes, David Sauers-yes, Mark Benner-yes: 3-yes 3-no.

Mayor McGranaghan reviewed Council's options: could revote, appoint a temporary presiding officer, or the Mayor could break the tie. Appointment of a temporary presiding officer would be to conduct Council business without election of officers. Councilman Bickhart and Councilman David Herbert requested appointing a temporary presiding officer; Councilman Benner suggested not calling Councilman Fleming due to the fact that he was not called in the past for important matters. Councilman Musser respected Rue Rothermel and his time of service on Council; however, he suggested that the vacancy on Council should be announced to Borough residents and vote on a Council member at the February meeting. Council agreed to have Mayor McGranaghan break the tie of vote for nomination of Council President.

The Mayor stated that Don Musser did an excellent job as Council President as did David Herbert, however David Herbert has not had enough time to complete the projects started. Mayor McGranaghan cast the tie breaking vote in favor of David Herbert for Council President for the next two years.

Vice President – President Herbert nominated Andrew Bickhart for Vice President of Council. Mayor McGranaghan closed the nominations for Vice President of Council. A motion was made by Councilman Herbert to close the nomination for Vice President of Council, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all. Andrew Bickhart was elected Vice President of Council.

REGULAR MEETING:

Councilman Fleming Resignation – President Herbert received and read a written resignation of Councilman Fleming effective December 31, 2015. A motion was made by Councilman Benner to accept Malcolm Fleming's resignation from Council and all appointments with regrets, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all. A motion was made by Councilman Herbert to nominate Rue Rothermel to the vacancy of Borough Council, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and a roll call vote called: David Herbert-yes, Robert Herbert-yes, Donald Musser-no, David Sauers-yes, Mark Benner-no, Andrew Bickhart-yes: 4-yes 2-no.

Oath of Office – Mayor Joseph McGranaghan administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Rue Rothermel.

REAPPOINTMENTS:

A motion was made by Councilman Musser to reappoint Manager/Treasurer Ed Hovenstine and Secretary LaDawn Leitzel to a two year term, seconded by Councilman Herbert, and approved by all.

Manager Hovenstine stated that Robert Scullin does not own property or a business in the Borough and reported that if permitted Mr. Scullin would continue to serve on the Penn Valley Airport Authority. Penn Valley Airport Authority representative was tabled until the February meeting.

Appointments: The following terms have expired as of December 31, 2015.

Zoning Hearing Board, 2 Year – Tim Minori, Dorcas Dailey, and Atty. Robert Cravitz, Solicitor

Planning Commission, 4 Year – Robert Noll

Shamokin Dam Fire Task Force, 4 Year – Warren Humphrey, Joseph McGranaghan, Donald Musser, Robert Lockcuff, James O'Brien

The Manager previously contacted each of these people and they indicated they would be willing to serve an additional term on the respective committees.

Secretary Leitzel stated that Domenico Barillaro, Borough resident, would be willing to serve on the Planning Commission. Council discussed appointing a Councilman to the Planning Commission as in the past. Council discussed the Planning Commission vacancy with David Sauers. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to appoint Robert Noll and Councilman David Sauers to a four year term of the Planning Commission, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, approved by all.

A motion was made by Councilman Benner to appoint Tim Minori, Dorcas Dailey, and Atty. Robert Cravitz to the Zoning Hearing Board for a two year term, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to adopt Resolution 2016-1, for the appointment of Donald Musser to represent the Borough on the Central Keystone COG for a three year term, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to appoint Warren Humphrey, Joseph McGranaghan, Donald Musser, Robert Lockcuff, and James O'Brien to the Fire Task Force for a four year term, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

Slivinski Law Office – The Borough received correspondence, addressed to Council and the Planning Commission, from Slivinski Law Office stating that the proposed charges would remain the same as year 2015: \$120 per hour for time spent, and reimbursement for out-of-pocket costs, such as filing fees, recording costs, notary fees, extraordinary postage, and the like. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to appoint Slivinski Law Office to a two year term as Borough and Planning Commission Solicitor, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

Councilman Benner mentioned that no one was appointed to the vacancy board chairman. Solicitor Slivinski explained that when someone resigns, Council has thirty days to appoint someone new to the position; if no one is appointed, then for an additional fifteen days the

vacancy board chairman could step in as a voting member. The vacancy board chairman would be a two year term. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to appoint Robert Lockcuff as the vacancy board chairman if interested, seconded by Councilman Rothermel, and approved by all.

A motion was made by Councilman Musser to appoint Branch Banking & Trust Company, First National Bank, Mifflinburg Bank & Trust, Northumberland National Bank, PLGIT, Union National Bank, West Milton State Bank as financial depositories for a two year term, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Benner to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2015 meeting of Council as presented, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

Councilman Musser stated that the Police Chief requested a security door at the entrance of the police department at the Council meeting dated March 2, 2015.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Manager Hovenstine reported that the withdraw allocation permit was submitted and received on December 16, 2015. Correspondence was received that noted the application contains the necessary documents, is administrative complete, and is accepted for a technical review.

The Borough received correspondence stating that Hummel Station LLC has changed name to Panda Hummel Station LLC.

LB Water – Manager Hovenstine reported that the Borough lost a good mechanical contact at LB Water, Jim Shaffer, who passed away recently. Mr. Shaffer will be missed.

The Manager questioned whether Council received CD regarding the pipeline. Council answered yes.

Mayor McGranaghan received correspondence from Rev. Glenn Keidel, who expressed appreciation for assistance from Police Chief Bremigen, when vehicle broke down on Route 11/15 across from McDonalds.

MAYORS REPORT:

The Mayor received preliminary information from Bob Garrett regarding the Comprehensive Plan Survey: The purpose of this survey is to assist the steering committee members in developing the 2016 Comprehensive Plan update Planning Objectives. 67 completed responses to the survey as of 4:00 pm on January 4, 2016, three issues (traffic, keeping taxes low, and enforcement of vehicle laws/speeding). The question about a road between the Orchard Hills and the Gunter Development is getting the most debate. Other than this, there's broad consensus on most issues. Mayor McGranaghan encouraged everyone to participate in this survey. Councilman Musser suggested using the digital billboards as a reminder to Borough residents to complete the survey.

Mayor McGranaghan discussed correspondence from an independent provider for emergency home repair service plans for water, sewer, electrical, HVAC, and other home emergencies.

Police Chief Bremigen reviewed the December police report.

The Police Chief reported that part time officers are working out great. Part time officers will not average more than twenty-nine hours per week. Police Chief Bremigen contacted Wayne Muthler of the Civil Service Commission regarding hiring a full time officer (plan is to conduct testing in January and submit a candidate to Council on February 1, 2016).

The police department will not be available this year to receive any aggressive driving grant monies, due to decrease in crash related accidents. The officers will attend radar training.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Brake Retarders Request – Manager Hovenstine spoke with a Borough resident, residing at Stayman Park Apartments, who questioned whether Council would request a study from PENNDOT concerning brake retarders. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to approve Manager Hovenstine to send request to PENNDOT concerning brake retarders, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved. Vice President Bickhart opposed.

Elevated Water Tank Inspection – The tank was inspected inside and out in 2006. Manager Hovenstine received a proposal in the amount of \$3,250.00 to wash tank, take pictures, and make suggestions/repairs. The work would take approximately one week in February or March.

Source Water Evaluation Plan – Source Water Protection Technical Assistance Program develops a good plan as a community water system to address local voluntary source water protection program up to and including education, emergency response contingency planning, and new source development. The program is supported by EPA. The Manager stated that the program would take approximately six-eight weeks to complete, and would be a comprehensive plan for the water system.

Filter Evaluation – DEP evaluated the water treatment plant. Another inspection will be conducted on Thursday, January 7, 2016.

Security Plan – Manager Hovenstine and the Police Chief reviewed a security plan such as: entrance bells, sliding window at Robyn's office, privacy type gate for entrance towards police department, an evidence room, and a camera system. Police Chief Bremigen recommended researching grants for a camera system. Councilman Benner stated that a camera system is great for after the fact, however, would not deter activity. Councilman Rothermel suggested motion sensors in the parking lot.

Proposed 2016 Streets – Manager Hovenstine reported that the proposed 2016 streets project would be to finish Stayman Road, Baldwin Blvd. with lines; camera the existing storm water pipe that was installed by Russell Brosious, and the alley behind Enterprise. The Manager would like to have the posting and bonding of the roads done at an approximate cost of \$6,000.00.

Councilman Benner questioned whether the Borough received payment from UGI for the repairs on Center Street. Manager Hovenstine answered no. Mayor McGranaghan questioned the options to get payment from UGI. Solicitor Slivinski suggested that the Borough could hold permit applications until the bill for the repairs is paid. Council agreed with suggestion by the Solicitor.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in January.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

A workshop meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM to meet with fire department to discuss replacing fire engine.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$19,815.92, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$38,603.94, and Local Service Tax Fund in the amount of \$50.00 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Rothermel, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary