

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 in the municipal building located at 42 West 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President Herbert presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Robert Herbert and Rue Rothermel were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Manager Ed Hovenstine, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Police Chief Bremigen, Jeff Colyer, 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 December 5, 2016 meeting of Council and the minutes of the December 22, 2016 meeting of Council as presented, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Jeff Colyer distributed the 2016 review of the fire department.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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 2016: \$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.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Commission Reappointments – Appointments: The following terms have expired as of December 31, 2016.

Zoning Hearing Board, 2 Year – June Stark
Planning Commission, 4 Year – Kerry Stark, David Jackson
Civil Service Commission, 6 Year – Eugene Kardohley
ESCRA, 5 Year – Dr. Michael Dunigan
East Snyder Park Board, 3 Year – Steve Diehl

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

A motion was made by Councilman Musser to appoint June Stark to the Zoning Hearing Board for a two year term, Kerry Stark and David Jackson to the Planning Commission for a four year

term, Eugene Kardohley to Civil Service Commission for a six year term, and Steve Diehl to the East Snyder Park Board for a three year term, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

Council discussed Dr. Michael Dunigan appointment to ESCRA for a five year term. Manager Hovenstine stated that the ESCRA meeting minutes would be forwarded to all Council members. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to approve the Water/Sewer Committee to meet with Dr. Michael Dunigan to discuss expected procedures for appointment and to appoint Dr. Michael Dunigan to ESCRA for a five year term pending the recommendation of the water/sewer committee, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan reviewed an issue from a Borough resident regarding delay in traffic due to construction at power plant. The Mayor spoke with Jeremy Carlson, who stated that the delay would be ninety seconds to two minute delay in traffic flow. Councilman Sauers stated that Shamokin Dam Construction has gone above and beyond to address any issues.

Council reviewed the December police report.

Police Chief Bremigen reported that the police department will be utilizing a software system to view reports in the car, while on a traffic stop. The Police Chief reported that this software allows the police department to view the location of emergency vehicles available through GPS. Officer Shipman will attend training on human trafficking provided by Women In Transition in January. Officer Hassenplug and Officer Shipman will attend training on drug education (paid for by the District Attorney's office) in April. Officer Hassenplug will attend final training to become a firearms instructor.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Weatherfield Sale Approved – The Bankruptcy court approved the sale of the Weatherfield Development in the amount of \$260,000.00 from Haubert Homes to Landmark Signature Homes from Bloomsburg. Manager Hovenstine stated that the new owner would possibly pursue the second phase with ten lots of the Weatherfield Development this year.

Tank Wash Results – The Manager reported that any major work on the water tower would possibly be within five years with an estimated cost from \$250,000.00 to \$300,000.00.

Water Connection Fees – Manager Hovenstine stated that the connection fee is \$250.00 for water connection and \$250.00 for sewer connection and recommended that a requirement be added to the ordinance that with a new water connection then a meter pit be installed at the street with additional cost to the residential owner. The Borough owns all residential meters, however the commercial properties own the commercial meters. Council directed the Solicitor to revise the ordinance.

Recycling Update – Manager Hovenstine reported that a small fee may be required for recycling plastics. Possible minor changes for curbside recycling program may be plastic #1 through plastic #7, steel cans, and separation may not be required. The Borough residents will be notified by hand delivered flyers when the program is setup.

Councilman Benner questioned the progress of the tot lot. Manager Hovenstine stated that the slide at the tot lot was recalled and was returned to Play World systems. The Manager met with a Shamokin Dam Lions Club representative to discuss moving the play equipment to Weller Field Park.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Slivinski explained that the Verizon Antennae lease requires the Borough to maintain and keep the water tower as long as the lease is current. Manager Hovenstine mentioned to change the insurance policy to provide a temporary relocation if needed. Mayor McGranaghan questioned whether the agreement indemnifies the Borough of any interference with other signals. Solicitor Slivinski answered yes. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to approve the Verizon water tower agreement, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in January.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

A Workshop meeting will not be held in January.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$27,328.30, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$20,911.60, and 111 W 11th Ave Property Fund in the amount of \$1,610.64 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary