

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
RE-ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 2, 2018**

The Re-organizational and regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 in the municipal building located at 42 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Manager Ed Hovenstine, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Police Chief Timothy Bremigen, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Brian Soles, Chyvonne Jessick, Jeff Colyer, Collin Kline and Angie Kline were present.

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

Oath of Office – Mayor Joseph McGranaghan administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Council Members Domenico Barillaro, Kyle Jessick, and Robert Lockcuff and incumbent Council Member Mark Benner.

**RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:**

Election of Officers:

President – Councilman Bickhart nominated Don Musser for President of Council. A motion was made by Councilman Benner to close the nominations for President of Council and elect Don Musser as Council President, seconded by Councilman Lockcuff, and approved by all.

Vice President – President Musser nominated Andrew Bickhart for Vice President of Council. A motion was made by Councilman Benner to close the nominations for Vice President of Council and elect Andrew Bickhart for Vice President of Council seconded by Councilman Lockcuff, and approved by all.

**REGULAR MEETING:**

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

**REAPPOINTMENTS:**

A motion was made by Councilman Bickhart to reappoint Slivinski Law Office to a 2 year term as the Borough Solicitor, seconded by Councilman Lockcuff, and approved by all.

Manager Hovenstine discussed that since Robert Lockcuff was the Vacancy Board Chair another person would need to be appointed. A motion was made by Councilman Lockcuff to appoint David Herbert to the Vacancy Board, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

President Musser stated that the current committees (Public Safety, Water/Sewer, Finance, Property & Supply, Franchise, Streets, Personnel, Recreation, and Insurance) would be reviewed and appointed at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to reappoint the Manager Ed Hovenstine to a 2 year term, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

A motion was made by Councilman Benner to reappoint the Secretary LaDawn Leitzel to a 2 year term, seconded by Councilman Lockcuff, and approved by all.

Appointments: The following terms have expired as of December 31, 2017.

Zoning Hearing Board, 2 Year – Tim Minori, Dorcas Dailey, and Atty. Robert Cravitz, Solicitor  
Civil Service Commission, 6 Year – Girard Hughes  
Planning Commission, 4 Year – Gloria Hughes  
Landfill Commission, 5 Year – Ed Hovenstine  
East Snyder County Regional Authority, 5 Year – Thomas McBryan  
Shamokin Dam Fire Task Force, 4 Year - Mark Benner – Councilman, Jesse Herman – Fire Company President, Jon Gray – Fire Chief  
Snyder County Tax Collection Commission, 1 Year – LaDawn Leitzel, Ed Hovenstine

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

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 Benner and approved by all. Council requested that the ESCRA representatives report to Council either quarterly or twice per year for the year of 2018.

A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to appoint Branch Banking & Trust Company, First National Bank, Mifflinburg Bank & Trust, Northumberland National Bank, and PLGIT as financial depositories for a two year term, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Benner to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2017 meeting of Council as presented, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, approved by all. Councilman Barillaro, Councilman Jessick, and Councilman Lockcuff abstained.

**VISITORS:**

Jeff Colyer reviewed the fire department report with Council. The new engine has an expected delivery of late January of 2018.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Manager Hovenstine received the Snyder County Hazard Mitigation Plan update to review.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Manager Hovenstine reported that T-Mobile and Hooplas Extreme Family Fun opened in the Borough; Eagles Wind Coffee Shop will be opening soon.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Mayor McGranaghan reviewed the updates to the proposed Quality of Life Ordinance: Pet owner-anyone who harbors, feeds, keeps or in any respect maintains a domesticated animal (dog or cat), payment of violation ticket-issuance of a ticket to include public official, payments not made within 48 hours are subject to a criminal citation filed, citation fines section supersedes all other fines/penalties outlined in other Borough ordinances related to the offense sited, animal maintenance-unlawful for the pet owner within the Borough not to have licensed their dog(s) with the county or their cat(s) (licensed or registered) with the Borough, pet owners shall not permit any waste matter/feces to collect and remain on property, pet owners shall not permit open containers of food on the exterior property or premises that is not within a fenced or caged area such as a kennel, pet owners shall not permit any animal to make any noise for a period of 10 minutes or intermittently for ½ hour or more, motor vehicles-school busses are not considered to be commercial vehicles, snow and ice removal-snow/ice removal from sidewalks/driveways may not be placed on a plowed borough street, and open burning-all outdoor burning is prohibited although approved fire pits are excepted however no fires are to be left unattended and may not emit excessive smoke. Mayor McGranaghan suggested that Council authorize the Solicitor to move forward and give recommendations on how to implement the Quality of Life Ordinance. President Musser recommended that the Mayor update any changes discussed and forward to the Solicitor for review. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to have the Mayor update Quality of Life ordinance and forward to Solicitor Slivinski for review and update Council at the next meeting, seconded by Councilman Jessick, and approved by all.

Mayor McGranaghan reported that Officer Hassenplug and Officer Shipman have passed their annual physical examination. Police Chief Bremigen will have his annual physical examination this month.

Council reviewed the police report for December.

The police department conducted a DUI roving patrol on Friday, December 29, 2017 with 22 citations issued and 3 people with warrants. The police department will be participating in additional training throughout 2018.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

2017 Property Improvement Permits – The 2016 property improvement permits that were carried over to 2017 include the Brubaker apartments, the power plant, and the Nissan dealership. There were 32 property improvement permits issued in 2017, which include 10 commercial and 22 residential permits. Four of these permits will carry over to 2018.

UGI Reimbursement – Manager Hovenstine reported that the Borough received a check in the amount of \$48,845.77 for reimbursement of street project expenses at Stetler Avenue in 2017.

2018 Proposed Streets Project – The Manager discussed the proposed 2018 Street Project that includes Maple Street storm water management and Center Street reconstruction between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenues. The extent of projects will depend upon available funds.

Leak Detection Update – The leak detection program began at Stetler Avenue (Hampton Inn) and will continue through the Borough at this point the borough is building a record of the system to track all testing and leak data.

ESCRA Settlement – ESCRA and Selinsgrove Borough have agreed to settle litigation.

Angie and Collin Kline left at this time.

**SOLICITORS REPORT:**

Solicitor Slivinski reviewed the research on the Glenn Hooks request regarding the King Extension, land at Chestnut Street. Mr. Hooks supplied the Borough with a copy of William T. Gunter's will, which gave the Shamokin Dam Borough the residue of land; however William F. Gunter owned all the property. The Solicitor will send Glenn Hooks correspondence explaining his findings.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

There is no Planning Commission meeting scheduled for January.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

General Fund bills in the amount of \$17,809.34, and Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$9,277.95. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel  
Borough Secretary