

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, January 7, 2019 in the municipal building located at 42 West 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. Vice President Bickhart presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Donald Musser was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Manager Ed Hovenstine, Scott Bailey and Secretary LaDawn Leitzel were present.

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

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Benner to approve the Council minutes of December 3, 2018 as presented, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

ESCRA – Scott Bailey reviewed the ESCRA Act 537 Plan that was sent to Council and the Planning Commission. Gannett Fleming, Inc prepared a report to ESCRA entitled “Special Study Under Act 537 For Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project, November 2018”. The Act 537 Plan must be approved by all participants in ESCRA. The plan includes replacing aging and obsolete equipment at the ESCRA Shamokin Dam Pump Station, Main Pump Station and Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and fund the WWTP Improvements Project through a combination of a Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority Mitigation Grant; ESCRA cash and Cash Investments; and a PENNVEST loan at an estimated cost of ten million dollars. The deadline for the PENNVEST funding is May 1, 2019. Solicitor Slivinski questioned whether PENNVEST will require a municipal guarantee for the loan. Scott Bailey will ask that question. A motion was made by Councilman Lockcuff to adopt Resolution 2019-3, Borough Council adopts and submits approval of the November 2018 project pending the Planning Commission approval, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

Scott Bailey left at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Slivinski Law Office – The Borough received correspondence, addressed to Council and the Planning Commission, from Slivinski Law Offices, LLC stating that the proposed charges would remain the same as year 2018: \$100 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. Solicitor Slivinski stated that the Law Office was changed to Slivinski Law Offices, LLC. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to appoint Slivinski Law Offices, LLC as solicitor, seconded by Councilman Lockcuff, and approved by all.

Panda Hummel Station LLC – The Borough received notice that Panda Hummel Station LLC is submitting an NPDES Permit renewal application with no changes to the process, treatment or discharge.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Appointments: The following terms have expired as of December 31, 2018.

Zoning Hearing Board, 2 Year – June Stark
Civil Service Commission, 6 Year – Wayne Muthler
Central Keystone COG, 3 Year – Donald Musser
Penn Valley Airport Authority, 5 Year – Robert Scullin
Snyder County Tax Collection Commission, 1 Year – LaDawn Leitzel, Ed Hovenstine

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

Disposal of Certain Municipal Records – A motion was made by Councilman Benner to adopt Resolution 2019-2, authorizing destruction of disposal of certain municipal records, seconded by Councilman Lockcuff, and approved by all.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan reported that at the request of Councilman Benner there was a meeting with the new pastor at St Matthews Church, Fire Chief, Police Chief and the Mayor to discussed community based activities/event. The Mayor commented that there are no decorations for Christmas, the Borough is a divided community, economic development should be discussed, and the website should be updated. The meeting members discussed using the church's recreational building for community events. Manager Hovenstine stated that the Borough has an annual Community Picnic and tried entertainment in the park with low attendance. The Borough does not have downtown district as other communities to decorate for Christmas/have tree lighting ceremonies. The Mayor asked permission to pursue having the website updated. Councilman Barillaro recommended contacting local colleges for possible candidates to update the website. A motion was made by Councilman Barillaro to pursue updating the website, seconded by Councilman Jessick, and approved by all.

Council reviewed the December police report. Mayor McGranaghan requested including Sundays to the police schedule and twenty-four hour police coverage.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Golf Contribution/2019 Plans – The Borough received the golf contribution from Sunbury Generation in the amount of \$5,000.00 and Panda Hummel Station in the amount of \$5,000.00

for year 2018. Manager Hovenstine stated that the 2019 Golf Tournament will be collaboration between Sunbury Generation, Panda Hummel Station, Monroe Township and Shamokin Dam Borough.

Crypto Testing Update – The Borough will be using an accredited lab from New Jersey for the testing. The samples will be shipped overnight with an estimated cost of \$150.00 for the shipping. The testing is monthly for twenty-four months at a cost of \$9,934.00.

2018 Property Improvement Permit Review – There were 25 property improvement permits issued in 2018, which include 3 industrial-\$147,550.00, 5 commercial-\$809,530, and 17 residential-\$85,797.00 permits. Manager Hovenstine reported that the Arboreal Real Estate (Nissan Dealership) was not started within the two year period and that Arboreal Real Estate would need to reapply for planning approval.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Slivinski had no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM to discuss the Special Study Under Act 537 for Wastewater Treatment Plan Improvements Project, November 2018.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$40,303.95 and Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$25,924.17 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary