

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2020**

The Re-organizational and the regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, January 6, 2020 in the municipal building located at 42 West 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President Musser presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Domenico Barillaro and Robert Lockcuff were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Manager Edward Hovenstine, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Police Chief Timothy Bremigen, Brett Treas, Jake Kline, Jon Gray, Nathan Eichner, Tamara Persing, Nick Klose, Chet Telatovich, Riley Bremigen, Gloria Hughes, Joseph Hughes, and June Stark were present.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Oath of Office – Mayor Joseph McGranaghan administered the Oath of Office to incumbent Council Members Don Musser, Dave Sauers and Andrew Bickhart.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor McGranaghan.

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

RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

Election of Officers:

President – Councilman Sauers 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 Sauers, 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 Sauers, and approved by all.

REAPPOINTMENTS:

A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to reappoint Manager Hovenstine, Secretary Leitzel, and the Slivinski Law Office as the Borough Solicitor to a 2 year term, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

Appointments: The following terms have expired as of December 31, 2019.

Zoning Hearing Board, 2 Year – Tim Minori, Derrick Backer, and Atty. Robert Cravitz,
Solicitor

Civil Service Commission, 6 Year - Vacant
Planning Commission, 4 Year – David Sauers and Robert Noll
Landfill Commission, 5 Year – David Herbert
East Snyder Park Board, 3 Year – Citizen, Vacant
Shamokin Dam Fire Task Force, 4 Year – Donald Musser, Robert Lockcuff, Warren
Humphrey, Joe McGranaghan, and Citizen
Vacancy Board, 2 Year – David Herbert
Snyder County Tax Collection Commission, 1 Year – LaDawn Leitzel, Ed Hovenstine

The Manager stated that Wayne Muthler resigned from the Civil Service Commission. Council questioned whether Joseph Hughes would consider serving on the Civil Service Commission for a six year term. Joseph Hughes responded yes.

A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to appoint Tim Minori, Derrick Backer, and Atty. Robert Cravitz, Solicitor to a two year term on the Zoning Hearing Board, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

A motion was made by Councilman Jessick to appoint David Sauers and Robert Noll to a four year term on the Planning Commission, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to appoint David Herbert to a five year term on the Landfill Commission, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

A motion was made by Councilman Benner to appoint Joseph Hughes to a six year term on the Civil Service Commission, seconded by Councilman Jessick, and approved by all.

East Snyder Park Board will remain vacant.

A motion was made by Councilman Benner to appoint Don Musser, Joseph McGranaghan, Robert Lockcuff, and Warren Humphrey to a four year term on the Shamokin Dam Fire Task Force, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to appoint David Herbert to a two year term on the vacancy board, seconded by Councilman Benner, 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 remain the same as 2019.

A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to retain existing financial depositories (Branch Banking & Trust Company, First National Bank, Mifflinburg Bank & Trust, Northumberland National Bank, and PLGIT) for a two year term, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Jessick to approve the Council minutes of December 2, 2019 as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Manager Hovenstine reported that the Shamokin Dam Lion Club will be disbanding as of December 31, 2019 due to lack of members.

Manager Hovenstine met with Peter Gallagher of INSA and updated Council that the growing process would begin on February 1, 2020 and a proposed addition to the building is being planned and hopefully be completed by December 31, 2020.

Manager Hovenstine received two permits required for a second power plant project.

MAYORS REPORT:

Police Report – Police Chief Bremigen presented the December police report.

The Police Chief updated Council that the equipment for the new vehicle will be installed late January and that all officers are certified (MOPEC).

The police department hired a part time officer, Joshua Dreisbach at a rate of \$25.00 per hour, for additional Sunday coverage and requested time off from full time officers and contacted another part time officer with no response at this time. The Police Chief mentioned that Officer Dreisbach is certified in level 1, 2, and 3 tractor trailer inspections for DOT violations. Police Chief Bremigen questioned whether further research would be required. President Musser answered with what equipment, cost of equipment, and what hours available.

Mayor McGranaghan updated Council on the radar for municipality police departments.

VISITORS:

Brett Treas presented Council with a preview of the new website design. Mr. Treas requested updated photos of Council to upload to the website. A link was provided for Council to review the website and provide suggestions.

Fire Company reviewed the December fire report. Fire Chief Jon Gray questioned whether there is a follow up from last month regarding Ambulance Service. President Musser suggested either a Fire Task Force meeting or a Workshop (Public Safety Committee) meeting. A Public Safety Committee workshop will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Manager Hovenstine stated that Borough residents are confused as to which ambulance service membership to purchase. Both ambulance services solicited Borough residents, Council needs to make an official statement for the year of 2020. Evangelical Ambulance Service will be refunding payments made by Borough residents.

MANAGERS REPORT:

2020 Streets Projects – Manager Hovenstine discussed the 2020 Streets project: Complete Eighth Avenue from Route 11/15 to North Old Trail, Sixth Avenue, and construct a boulevard look on

Baldwin Blvd near shopping center. The Manager estimated that approximately \$57,500.00 from State Aid and a \$147,000 project.

MS965-Actual Use – The MS965 form, the 2019 street project completion form, was submitted to PENNDOT.

PMRS – Plan Changes – Manager Hovenstine reviewed plan changes for the pension plan with PA Municipality Retirement System.

Hail Damage to Properties – The insurance company evaluated buildings for hail damage. There will be a repair on the fire truck building roof, replace roof at Attig Park, replace roof at small pavilion at Jack Treas Park, and the dug outs at Weller Park.

111 W Eleventh Avenue Property – Rental located at 111 W 11th Avenue has been rented with a two year lease.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Slivinski reported that the vacancy board is an annual appointment and that Civil Service Commission members need to take an oath of office.

The Solicitor advised Council that the restrictive covenants, including the prohibition against gasoline stations and the sale of beer or liquor, involving real estate located at 2943 N Susquehanna Trail are discharged, unless defendants file within thirty days on December 27, 2019.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in January.

Mayor McGranaghan administered the Oath of Office to Joseph Hughes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$31,596.02, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$106,846.70, 111 W 11th Avenue Fund bills in the amount of \$2,947.04, and Fire Protection Fund bills in the amount of \$5,548.20, were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary