

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 6, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, July 6, 2015 in the municipal building located at 42 W. 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President David Herbert presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Malcolm Fleming was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Manager Ed Hovenstine, Mayor Joe McGranaghan, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Police Chief Tim Bremigen, Jesse Herman, Frank & Joan Witt, June Stark, Ralph Sanchez, Chad Shaffer, Jon Gray, Don & Cindy O’Hora, and Bruce Ayars 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 meeting minutes of June 1, 2015, Planning Commission minutes of June 10, 2015, and Council Workshop minutes of June 18, 2015 as presented, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Chad Shaffer reviewed the final land development/subdivision plan for Brubaker Apartments. Planning Commission recommended conditional approval upon obtaining E&S Control Plan and NPDES permit approval. Mr. Shaffer noted that the land has two tracts, which will be legally changed to one tract. Chad Shaffer reported that the E&S Control Plan, the general NPDES permit for storm water, and the sewage planning module were approved/authorized. Manager Hovenstine stated that the water line would need to be bonded and that the roadway was relocated to the zoning requirements. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to approve the final land development/subdivision plan for Brubaker Apartments, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

Chad Shaffer left at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Snyder County Libraries – Snyder County Libraries thanked the Borough for the recent donation in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Deann Lockcuff – The Borough received correspondence from Deann Lockcuff, tax collector, explaining that a new tax law requires the tax collector to complete six credit hours of continuing

education to remain a certified tax collector and the classes must be completed by November 2015. Each class costs \$10.00 with an additional registration fee in the amount of \$25.00, so at this time the annual fee would total \$210.00. Deann Lockcuff requested reimbursement from the Borough for the cost of the classes. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to reimburse the annual fee upon satisfactory completion of the required courses in the amount of \$210.00, seconded by Councilman Rothermel, roll call vote called: Andrew Bickhart-No, David Herbert-Yes, Robert Herbert-No, Don Musser-Yes, Rue Rothermel-Yes, Mark Benner-Yes.

Shamokin Dam Fire Company May 2015 Financial Report – Council reviewed the May 2015 financial report from the Shamokin Dam Fire Company. Bruce Ammerman has agreed to review the financial records of the fire company at a cost of no more than \$2,000.00 with an anticipated completion date of July 31, 2015. The Attorney General would accept a financial review as documentation instead of an audit. The fire company received a quote from Riteway Sealing & Lawn Care Inc in the amount of \$3,279.00 to blacktop and paint lines for the entire parking area at the fire company. President Herbert recommended utilizing the fire company lease account to pay for these services. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to approve payment of the fire company expenses for the financial review with a maximum amount of \$2,000.00 and quoted amount of \$3,279.00 for paving project, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

Jesse Herman and Ralph Sanchez left at this time.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan discussed that while turning off Routes 11/15 onto Baldwin Blvd there are two lanes and then near the dentist's office there is one lane. Police Chief Bremigen recommended a sign stating merge or lane ends. The Police Chief will submit a diagram and review with the Manager and the Mayor.

Mayor McGranaghan reported that people are riding bicycles on the sidewalks of the North Old Trail. Vice President Bickhart stated that North Old Trail is signed for a bicycle trail. Councilman Benner stated that the trail goes south bound and north bound then turns onto Eleventh Avenue. Manager Hovenstine stated that the property owner owns the sidewalk.

Mayor McGranaghan commented that the Manager may have two prospects to review the Comprehensive Plan. Manager Hovenstine stated that Bob Garrett with the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce could review the current Comprehensive Plan and create a new Comprehensive Plan; and Matt Sauer, a former employee of Central Keystone COG, could possibly review the differences between the Borough Code of Ordinance book and a new Comprehensive Plan.

Police Chief Bremigen reviewed the June police report.

Police Chief Bremigen and Officer Hassenplug visited Camp Cadet and conducted a demonstration of the police car and equipment. Trooper Blair will inform the Police Chief whether any Borough residents attended the Camp Cadet.

Police Chief Bremigen reminded Council that the third Aggressive Driving Wave for 2015 begins on July 6th and runs through August 30th.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Zoning Hearing Board Decision – The Zoning Hearing Board met on Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 6:00 PM to discuss Hummel Station’s request for dimensional variances, height limitation and rear setback, and granted the variances.

Set Trick or Treat Night – Trick or Treat night will be held on Saturday, October 31, 2015 between the hours of 6:00-8:00 PM.

Borough Picnic – The Borough Community Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 2, 2015. S & M Catering will be catering the meal from 4:00-6:00 PM free of charge for all Borough residents and at a cost of \$8.50 per person for guests. Entertainment (Blue River Spell) will begin at 5:00 PM.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Raw Water Station Wells – Manager Hovenstine reported that the silt was removed from the raw water station. This procedure is done every two years.

UGI Meeting – The route plan of the Sunbury pipeline has not been finalized, but Stetler Avenue, Kessler Avenue, and Maple Street may be impacted. The Borough will have to post the streets and UGI will have to bond the streets. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to authorize Solicitor Slivinski to send correspondence to UGI to express Council’s concern for UGI to fulfill obligation to repair Center Street, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

Insurance Renewals – The general liability insurance provided by EMC Insurance will approximately increase by \$1,300.00. Manager Hovenstine recommends renewing the insurance from 8/1/2015-7/31/2016. The worker’s compensation insurance provided by United Wisconsin, through Shaffer Insurance, will approximately increase to \$28,141.00 for 8/1/2015-7/31/2016. Councilman Musser suggested that the Borough receive three or four competitive quotes for these insurances in April/May of year 2016.

King Avenue Water Line Replacement – Manager Hovenstine stated that the King Avenue water line replacement including material would be an estimated cost of \$16,900.00. Work would be done by Burgess Excavating. Councilman Herbert questioned whether the job would be all of King Avenue. The Manager reported that the project would be 360 feet of waterline from Maple Street down behind the houses on Eighth Avenue and along King Avenue extension. Eagle Ridge Contracting anticipate working on the reservoir in August. A motion was made by Councilman Benner to approve Burgess Excavating to complete the King Avenue water line replacement project at a cost of \$16,900.00, seconded by Councilman Herbert, and approved by all.

Lawn Mower – The bagger would be an additional cost of approximately \$2,500.00. Pricing including bagger are as follows: John Deere in the amount of \$10,728.42, Toro in the amount of

\$9,995.00, and Ferris in the amount of \$10,900.00. Manager Hovenstine recommended purchasing the Ferris mower with bagger. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to approve the purchase of a Ferris lawn mower with the bag in the amount of \$10,900.00, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

Short Term Disability – Manager Hovenstine reported that the current short term disability benefit is 60% of employee’s salary or a maximum of \$300.00. The Manager received a quote for a benefit with 60% of employee’s salary or maximum of \$500.00 for twenty-six weeks. Vacation days can be used with the short term disability, but personal days and sick days cannot be used. An injury benefit begins automatically and a sickness benefit begins in eight days. Councilman Musser suggested inquiring into a group rate of long term disability paid by the employee. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to upgrade the group short term disability to a maximum of \$500.00 and include entire Borough employees, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

SOLICITOR:

We Do Metal Roofs, a marketing company, wanted to canvass the Borough, door-to-door, to advertise and seek work by way of handing out advertising literature, etc. in the Borough. The Solicitor explained that the solicitation would require a transient license and that the US Supreme Court case that was sighted applies to churches or religious persons. We Do Metal Roofs’ activities are commercial and are not protected under this ruling, so the company would have to comply with the Borough’s transient merchant licensing.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 7:00 PM to review proposed final land development/subdivision of Brubaker Apartments.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

President Herbert reported that a workshop meeting will be held on July 16, 2015 at 7:00 PM to continue discussion of the collective bargaining letter received from Officer Hassenplug.

Manager Hovenstine reported that the 2015 Street Project will be scheduled in Orchard Hills.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$20,007.38 and Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$9,258.45 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Herbert, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary