

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 5, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 in the municipal building located at 42 West 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Sauers, Andrew Bickhart, Donald Musser, Rue Rothermel, and David Herbert were present.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Benner and Robert Herbert were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Manager Ed Hovenstine, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Police Chief Bremigen, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Frank Witt, and Joan Witt were present.

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

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Musser to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2016 meeting of Council and minutes of the June 8, 2016 Planning Commission meeting as presented, seconded by Councilman Rothermel, and approved by all.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan discussed a gas leak that occurred at the Valero gas station, owned by Kratzer Oil Company and expressed concern that the company did not contact the Borough or the 911 center to report incident to the local emergency services. Manager Hovenstine stated that there was a gas line break, which occurred between the gas tank and the gas pump; no warning signal alerted the gas station due to a mechanical malfunction in the system. The Mayor was recommended by DEP to track time involved with incident of the fire department, police department, and Manager Hovenstine; and file a claim against their insurance company. Mayor McGranaghan recommended sending correspondence to Kratzer Oil Company as to the future response plan to fix the failure to communicate local communications center. Council agreed to send correspondence.

Police Chief expects vehicle delivery during July.

Council reviewed the June police report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Musser questioned that pink markers have been placed within the Borough. Manager Hovenstine answered that the survey crew for the highway placed the pink flags to identify the underground utilities.

Zoning Hearing Board Decision – Manager Hovenstine stated that the Zoning Hearing Board met on Monday, June 27, 2016 to discuss variance for the required number of parking spaces on the land owned by Arboreal Real Estate in the C-1 Commercial Highway Zoning District for the construction of a new Nissan automobile dealership. The variance was granted to Arboreal Real Estate by the Zoning Hearing Board.

Set Trick or Treat Night – A motion was made by Councilman Musser to set the Trick or Treat Night for Saturday, October 29, 2016 between 6:00-8:00 PM, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Source Water Protection Report – Manager Hovenstine reported that through a grant the Borough could update a source water protection plan. The Manager needs to respond in order for the report to be completed.

PPL LED Lighting Meeting – Manager Hovenstine attended a meeting regarding LED street lighting. The Borough has 116 street lights, if lights are ten years old or more and the Borough would be involved in the program, then the Borough possibly may not pay to replace the lights. Manager Hovenstine estimated a \$200.00-\$400.00 monthly savings on the street light energy bill. The Manager recommended conducting a study to evaluate if street lights would be needed in other areas.

Panda Water Request – Manager Hovenstine reviewed correspondence received from Panda Hummel Station, LLC regarding portable water supply. The Borough allows for 1,500 gallons per day on an average basis to be supplied. Panda Hummel Station would exceed the 1,500 gallons per day during construction and startup of a new facility. The new facility water usage will not go into the sewer system, however instead a storm water basin will be use to get rid of excess water. Panda Hummel Station requested consideration of a water rate only. Councilman Musser suggested a \$2.00 increase to the usage rate for water billing only. Manager Hovenstine recommended a stipulation of at least a 10,000 gallon per day usage to be considered for a water only rate. Solicitor Slivinski stated that rate would be a two step change: change to ordinance and also have an agreement with Panda Hummel Station, LLC.

111 W 11th Avenue Property – The property has been posted for rent listed at \$1,100.00 monthly rent. Solicitor Slivinski spoke to the Monroe Township Solicitor regarding the referendum to annex the property into Shamokin Dam more information to follow. Manager Hovenstine reviewed the layout of the property and the proposed field. Councilman Musser suggested renovating the field for the maximum utilization, use the field for softball and little league, and meet with little league officials to get the specifications required.

EMC Dividend Check – The Borough received a dividend check in the amount of \$3,153.16 from EMC Insurance. Manager Hovenstine stated that since the year of 2008 the dividend checks have been an average per year of \$2,400.00.

Weight Limit Signage and Enforcement – Manager Hovenstine reported that the weight limit signs have been erected and an enforcement meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July, 7, 2016. Police Chief Bremigen stated that the state police cannot enforce weight limit restrictions on Borough streets; police officers must be certified and use a certified scale. The Police Chief reported that our part time officer will be attending school for truck inspection enforcement and suggested that the part time officer become certified to enforce ordinance. Manager Hovenstine suggested that SEDA-COG may be a possibility for grants for the scale.

Top Kick Bid – Manager Hovenstine posted the top kick to the Municibid website and received one bid in the amount of \$9,000.00. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to accept \$9,000.00 bid for top kick truck, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 7:00 PM to discuss a subdivision of commercial lots on Russ Broschious property. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the re-subdivision plan of existing lots as submitted. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to approve the preliminary plan of subdivision of commercial lots on Russ Broschious property, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

A Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM to discuss final land development of the Nissan dealership.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Ordinance 2016-03, Brake Retarder - An ordinance declaring the operation of an engine brake installation upon or in a gasoline powered or diesel powered motor vehicle not equipped with exhaust mufflers or equipped with inoperable or modified exhaust mufflers so as to permit the creation of excessive noise through the employment of said engine brake to be a nuisance in fact; establishing penalties for the violation of said ordinance and establishing exceptions to the enforcement of said ordinance in emergency situations. Solicitor Slivinski stated that restriction would be on Routes 11/15 from Borough line to the split of Routes 11/15. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to adopt Ordinance 2016-03, seconded by Councilman Rothermel, and approved by all.

Solicitor Slivinski sent certified mail to Chung Ly, residing at 1 Woodridge Lane, notifying him that the rental registration has not been filed for property located at 12 Spruce Street. The Solicitor stated that the mail was returned unclaimed and explained that the next step would be personal service and posting of property located at 1 Woodridge Lane by the zoning officer.

Councilman Rothermel questioned the procedure for the feral cat program. The Borough has joined with PA Pets to spay/neuter feral cats at no charge for Borough residents. The Borough pays the \$35.00 fee. Borough residents contact the Borough office to get the dates of clinics, complete an application, the Borough forwards the application to PA Pets, PA Pets contacts the borough resident with check in time and other necessary information for the clinic, the Borough supplies the traps, the borough resident provides transportation and post operation care, and then returns the cat to the location where the cat was trapped.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

A Workshop meeting will not be held in July.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$40,227.30, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$7,907.97, and Fire Company Lease Fund in the amount of \$4,338.72 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary