

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 3, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday July 3, 2017 in the municipal building located at 42 West 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President Herbert presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Manager Ed Hovenstine, Secretary LaDawn Litzel, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Police Chief Bremigen, Jeff Colyer, June Stark, Chyvonne Rhoads, Kyle Jessick, and Chet Telatovich 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 5, 2017 meeting of Council as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Manager Hovenstine reported that ESCRA is in the initial planning process of a major wastewater treatment plant upgrade: due to the replacement of equipment that is reaching the end of useful life and anticipated future loadings to the facility.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Benner reported that a meeting was held to discuss county and municipal emergency planning. The emergency operations plan is in the process of being updated.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan mentioned that a letter from the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce was sent to PENNDOT regarding the traffic flow from the bypass to Route 522.

Council reviewed the June police report. Police Chief Bremigen commented on the drug incidents: (2016)-22 drug incidents (0-pills, 2-meth, 4-heroin, 2-spice, 14-marijuana) (2017)-already 20 drug incidents (1-pills, 4-meth, 4-heroin, 3-spice, 8-marijuana). The Police Chief explained that these incidents are people traveling through the Borough. The police department worked an operation with the Attorney General’s office and utilized the Snyder County K-9 unit for assistance in drug related arrests.

Police Chief Bremigen and Manager Hovenstine collaborated on signage at the Fabri Dam Park and ordered three signs stating: “Notice this park is under 24/7 surveillance. Report all criminal or suspicious activities by dialing 911. Please keep our parks clean and safe”.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Weller Field Playground – Manager Hovenstine reported that the new replacement slide was installed at the playground located at Weller Field. The equipment from the Tot Lot has been relocated to Weller Field playground. The Manager mentioned that lighting, signage, pathway, and a picnic table are some items to be completed prior to the grand opening of the dog park in August.

Solicitor Slivinski will advertise land bid notice. The Borough will receive sealed bids for the purchase of a vacant Borough Lot at the corner of Maple Street and Eleventh Avenue. Bids will be accepted at the Borough Office until 4:00 PM Monday, August 7, 2017. Bids will be opened at Council meeting at 7:00 PM on August 7, 2017. The Borough reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

King Avenue Water Main Project Update – Manager Hovenstine stated that 380 feet of new water main was installed, the water system was looped, and three meter pits were set.

Fire Truck Update – The Borough paid 4 Guys Chassis in the amount of \$232,953.00 for the fire truck. Approximately \$282,000.00 will be due at delivery in October/November. The Borough transferred the title for Engine 91 back to the Volunteer fire department #1. The fire department placed Engine 91 out on bid.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Slivinski will advertise notice of Public Hearing on Monday, August 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM on the application of Robert Grayston for Planned Residential Development in a portion of the Orchard Hills Development.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in July.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

A Workshop meeting will not be held in July.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$18,621.68 and Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$18,526.92 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Rothermel, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary