

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 2, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, July 2, 2018 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, Domenico Barillaro, Andrew Bickhart, Kyle Jessick, and Don Musser were present.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Robert Lockcuff was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Manager Ed Hovenstine, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Police Chief Timothy Bremigen, Joshua Herb, Christine Witmer, and June Stark 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 June 4, 2018 as presented, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Audit - Christine Witmer with Herring Roll & Solomon presented the 2017 Audit to Council. Inadequate segregation of duties over the bookkeeping function is an internal control deficiency. As the Borough is a small local government entity, a staff large enough to provide adequate segregation of duties over the financial reporting system is not practical or affordable. They have evaluated this issue as a significant deficiency that is not considered to be a material weakness. Manager Hovenstine continues the search for a person that would be interested and qualified to document monitoring activities. The monitoring documentation must be available for review during the annual independent audit performed by the Certified Public Accountants. The auditor issued an unmodified and/or clean opinion for the Shamokin Dam Borough’s financial statement of 2017.

Christine Witmer left at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council discussed the cat issue: pet running at large in the Borough, pet waste/feces issues, and open containers of food on property.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan reviewed the violation notice for the Quality of Life Ordinance. The police department issued seven violations.

Council reviewed the June police report.

Police Chief Bremigen reported that the police department will participate in the aggressive driving grant through July 9, 2018 to August 26, 2018 and adding foot patrols due to the vehicle break ins. The police department will continue with various training techniques.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Valve Projects – The Borough completed the valve project at Garden Circle and Maple Street. The Borough will continue replacing and adding valves to the water line near Eleventh Avenue and near Kessler Avenue. The project affected twenty-six services for approximately four to five hours.

President Musser requested a Workshop meeting with the Water/Sewer Committee on Thursday, July 19, 2018 to discuss water/sewer charges and an inactive minimum charge for vacant properties.

Development Team Sunbury Generation Site – Pennoni Group is a development team gathering information on the site and will present Sunbury Generation with finding in the fall.

Visitor's Bureau Meeting – Manager Hovenstine attended a Visitor's Bureau meeting based out of Lewisburg on behalf of the Mayor.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Appraisal Results, King Avenue – Manager Hovenstine stated that Glenn Hooks dropped off a check in the amount of \$350.00 to cover cost of appraisal. Solicitor Slivinski mentioned that the appraisal for the King Avenue extension was appraised at more than \$1,500.00 so the extension would be advertised for bid. The Solicitor will continue correspondence with Glenn Hooks' attorney to discuss appraisal and the next step would be bidding the property.

Secretary Leitzel submitted delinquent water/sewer bills to the Solicitor for a municipal lien. Solicitor Slivinski recommended that when Council would make any changes to the water/sewer rate; then the cost of filing a municipal lien could be adjusted.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in July.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$21,759.22 and Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$125,699.26 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 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary