

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 1, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, July 1, 2019 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, Robert Lockcuff, Kyle Jessick, Domenico Barillaro, and Donald Musser were present.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Andrew Bickhart was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Slivinski Law Offices, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Manager Ed Hovenstine, and Christine Witmer were present.

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

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Barillaro to approve the Council minutes of June 3, 2019 as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

2019 STREET BID RESULTS:

2019 Streets Project:

Bids were received and opened today for the 2019 Streets Project:

Meckley’s Limestone	\$104,874.50
New Enterprise	\$111,111.11
Mid-State Paving	\$138,470.00

A motion was made by Councilman Lockcuff to award the bid for the 2019 Streets Project to the low bidder, Meckley’s Limestone with a bid of \$104,874.50, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Audit - Christine Witmer with Herring Roll & Solomon presented the 2018 Financial 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 2018.

Christine Witmer left at this time.

Manager Hovenstine reported to Council that the 2018 Financial Statements for the fire company have been received by the Borough.

COMMUNICATIONS:

AECOM – Pipeline Relocation Project – Manager Hovenstine reviewed the correspondence from AECOM regarding the Sunbury pipeline relocation project. The intent is to remove and relocated 4300 feet of pipeline located in Snyder County. The pipeline will be relocated to facilitate the CSVT project.

Central Keystone COG – By Law Update – Central Keystone COG amended the bylaws at a Special meeting of the Board on Thursday, May 2, 2019.

Gannett Fleming – The Borough received correspondence from Gannett Fleming discussing the preliminary construction plans for the CSVT project and relocation of existing utilities. If the Borough chooses to incorporate the relocation/adjustment design and/or the physical relocation/adjustment of utilities, then a letter requesting incorporation must be submitted no later than Monday, September 2, 2019.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Borough Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 4, 2019 between 4:00-6:00 PM.

Golf Tournament – The annual Sunbury Generation/Panda golf tournament was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2019.

The demolition of the Sunbury Generation coal powered plant continues.

Lewis Property – Manager Hovenstine reviewed an update on the Stephanie Lewis property located at 3042 North Old Trail.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan discussed concerns regarding the power outage that occurred in the Borough on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 between the hours of 5:00 PM to 2:30 AM. The Mayor mentioned that the Borough does not have fire police or emergency police to help with this type of situation and requested that the Borough send a thank you letter and a contribution to the Union Township, Northumberland, DH&L and Sunbury Fire Police for the assistance during the entire power outage. A motion was made by Councilman Lockcuff to send a thank you letter and a contribution in the amount of \$50.00 to the four fire police companies that volunteered during the power outage, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

The Mayor discussed options for future outages such as generators at the traffic signals. Manager Hovenstine will discuss temporary stop signs to place at the traffic signals with PENNDOT; if approved by PENNDOT will get a quote.

Manager Hovenstine updated Council on the Golden Arrow Motel zoning violation (residents living permanently at the motel) and also requesting an onsite building inspection. Dusan Bratic started the process of appealing to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Police Report – Mayor McGranaghan reviewed the June police report.

MANAGERS REPORT:

PMRS – Manager Hovenstine reviewed the Non Uniform Pension Plan. Five retirees are collecting a pension with a yearly gross amount of \$122,573.33. The plan had earned excess interest in the amount of \$24,144.98, which was deposited into the municipal account.

Filter Evaluation – DEP will be conducting a filter evaluation on July 22nd and July 23rd.

Safe Water Reports Submitted – The yearly safe water reports were submitted to AWWA-Phase II of the program.

Water Main Break Review – Manager Hovenstine stated that before any post to social media concerning water main breaks should be reviewed by the Manager prior to posting.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

East Eleventh Avenue Ordinance – A motion was made by Councilman Barillaro to adopt Ordinance 2019-3 prohibiting specified lengths of vehicles turning at the intersection of East Eleventh Avenue and North Old Trail, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

Solicitor Slivinski updated Council on the ESCRA meetings.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held on Wednesday, July 10, 2019.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$32,439.71, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$11,917.65, and Fire Protection Tax Fund in the amount of \$42,230.00 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 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary