

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 6, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, June 6, 2016 in the municipal building located at 42 West 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Andrew Bickhart and David Sauers were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Manager Ed Hovenstine, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Police Chief Bremigen, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Susan Forgett-Rheam, Jon Gray, June Stark, and Chris Sheaffer were present.

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

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Herbert to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2016 meeting of Council and minutes of the May 11, 2016 Planning Commission meeting as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

PUBLIC HEARING:

PUBLIC HEARING, PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2016-2: An ordinance imposing restriction as to the weight of vehicles operated upon certain Borough streets and bridges; providing for the issuance of permits and the posting of security for the movement of vehicles of a weight in excess of restrictions; and prescribing penalties for violations. The proposed ordinance has been advertised. Solicitor Slivinski stated that the weight restriction is 10 ton on Borough streets and 5 ton on bridges. Manager Hovenstine mentioned that sixty-six signs will be erected to allow enforcement of ordinance. A motion was made by Councilman Herbert to adopt Ordinance 2016-2, regarding weight limits, enforcement, and permits; seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all. Hearing began at 7:01 PM and with no further comment the hearing ended at 7:04 PM.

VISITORS:

Audit – Susan Forgett-Rheam of Forgett & Kerstetter, P.C. presented the 2015 Audit. The audit will be advertised in the Snyder County Times after approval. Susan Forgett-Rheam explained that the delay for the audit was due to the implementation of the GASB 68 (changes in reporting information regarding the pension). The pension was fully funded as of December 31, 2014. The auditor has a clean opinion for the Shamokin Dam Borough’s financial statement of 2015 and the audit went extremely well with no corrections this year. Susan Forgett complimented the Borough Secretary and the Borough Manager for doing a great job, which meant that financial information submitted to Council were accurately presented throughout the year. The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear. The audit was performed in an efficient and organized manner. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit

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procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole. The auditors reported that no disagreements arose during the course of the audit. Susan Forgett-Rheam explained that a deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. The Manager will monitor on a daily basis the financial situation, but Council is responsible for the financial status. Inadequate segregation of duties over the bookkeeping function is a 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 material weakness. Susan Forgett-Rheam reviewed the pension notes and financial statements. After Council accepts the audit by vote, Forgett & Kerstetter will duly advertise in accordance with DCED requirements.

A motion was made by Councilman Benner to approve the 2015 audit and to authorize advertisement of the 2015 audit, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

Susan Forgett-Rheam left at this time.

Arboreal Real Estate LLC – Arboreal Real Estate submitted a preliminary subdivision of leased land. The subdivision includes Northwoods Nissan as a car dealership with service station, Kmart Store, and two other possibilities. A variance request on the parking stall requirement to reduce allocated parking stalls for Kmart was submitted to the Zoning Hearing Board, meeting will be held on Monday, June 27, 2016 at 6:00 PM. The existing exit drive on the side towards the river would be eliminated with the proposed plan. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the sketch/preliminary land development plan condition upon: zoning hearing board approval of the parking space variance, underground facilities, PENNDOT highway occupancy permit, meets and bounds description, show access from Kmart to dealership, and storm water plan.

A motion was made by Councilman Musser to approve the preliminary subdivision of leased land owned by Arboreal Real Estate at the Kmart lot, seconded by Councilman Rothermel, and approved by all. Arboreal Real Estate will submit a final land development plan to the Planning Commission in July.

Council reviewed the May fire company report.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Borough received correspondence from Don Bower, Inc. advising that effective Monday, June 20, 2016 at 7:00 AM will be commencing a bridge preservation project involving five structures located on State Route 15 in Monroe Township and Shamokin Dam Borough between County Line Road and Tower Road. Single lane traffic, both north and south bound, will be maintained throughout the duration of the project, however there may be instances due to the nature of the work, that traffic may need to be stopped momentarily. Anticipated project completion date will be on or before October 31, 2016.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor McGranaghan discussed a safety issue/code issue regarding signage at the Joe Nevo business location. Manager Hovenstine will talk to Joe Nevo.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan discussed the traffic backup due to the bridge maintenance. Police Chief Bremigen reviewed the situation and reported to the Mayor. The Mayor forwarded the report onto PENNDOT (as a result PENNDOT will be using a flagger's man to allow traffic to move more steady).

The Mayor reported that the allowance of radar gun speed enforcement by local police department will hopefully be approved by the end of July.

Council reviewed the May police report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Borough Picnic – The Borough Community Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 7, 2016. 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 \$8.75 per person for guests reservations need to be in by July 18, 2016. Entertainment (Blue River Spell) will begin at 5:00 PM.

Summer Concert – The Borough will be holding a concert featuring the Frank Wicher Band and KJ Reimensnyder-Wagner on Wednesday, July 20th, at Jack Treas Park from 6:30-8:30 PM.

Manager Hovenstine reported that the Sunbury Generation Golf tournament will be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 with the reception on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at the Selinsgrove Inn. Proceeds benefit Borough parks and recreation. President Herbert encouraged Council members to attend.

MANAGERS REPORT:

New Hire – Manager Hovenstine reported that thirty-five job applications were received and contacted the top five applicants. The Manager recommended hiring Brian Fatzinger; residence of Northumberland at a \$15.00 per hour rate. Councilman Musser recommended receiving a background check on the applicant before hiring.

Utility Truck – Manager Hovenstine stated that the utility truck was received on May 27, 2016 and recommended purchasing a ladder rack and yellow light for the utility truck. The Manager will place two trucks on Muncibid.

DEP Allocation Response – Manager Hovenstine reported that the Borough has twenty days to respond to DEP. Sunbury Generation contacted the Manager to report possible water usage for future power plant, which would be more than the Borough could supply. An onsite one million gallon water storage tank may be erected on the site. Discussion of up to 450,000 gallons of water usage per day was a possibility. Councilman Musser questioned whether man hours or equipment would be an issue for the water supply. Manager Hovenstine stated that the water plant is not large enough to produce the large quantity of water needed. The Manager recommended reviewing the situation with an engineer to determine extent of water the Borough would be able to supply.

Annual Cleanup Review – Annual Cleanup was completed on Monday, May 16, 2016 with 22 ton hauled away. The bill from Ted's Disposal in the amount of \$3,417.60 and from Sunbury Municipal Transfer Station in the amount of \$44.00 was received.

Eleventh Avenue Progress/Discussion – Manager Hovenstine reported that the carpet has been installed and the interior has been painted. The Manager recommended that the water situation should be accessed and fixed. Council agreed to pursue annexation of the property into the Borough. The Solicitor will pursue annexing the property. Councilman Musser stated that the Borough should repurpose the lot for the ball field.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

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. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the ordinance regarding retarder brake prohibited on Routes 11/15, seconded by Councilman Herbert, and approved by all.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 7:00 PM to discuss a subdivision of commercial lots on Russ Broschious property. A Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM to discuss final land development of the Nissan dealership.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

A Workshop meeting will not be held in June.

President Herbert announced that the Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$29,305.02 and Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$109,847.22 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Rothermel, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary