

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 4, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, June 4, 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, Andrew Bickhart, Kyle Jessick, Mark Benner, Domenico Barillaro, Robert Lockcuff, and Don Musser were present.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Manager Ed Hovenstine, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Police Chief Timothy Bremigen, Fran Witt, and Jon Gray 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 May 7, 2018 as presented, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Fire Company – Jon Gray presented the May Fire Company Report. The official dedication/housing/open house of Rescue-Engine will be Saturday, June 30, 2018 at 1:00 PM with a guest speaker, presentation on the engine capabilities, lunch, beverages, and a social time. Public is welcome. Rescue-Engine will be at 4-Guys for adjustments on June 8, 2018. LaFrance engine will have fuel tank replaced after the return of the Rescue Engine from 4-Guys. No offers on the old Engine 9-1 as of yet. Council discussed advertising at \$15,000.00 or best reasonable offer.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Contribution – Outdoor Education Program thanked Council for annual contribution.

Russell Broschious – Council received correspondence from Russell Broschious regarding the Route 61 Connector and his input and concerns.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Borough Picnic – Borough Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 5, 2018. The meal will be served from 4:00 - 6:00 PM and entertainment will be from 5:00-7:00 PM.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan updated Council on the Senate Bill 251 that was voted out by the House Transportation Committee with amendments such as: permitted for only full time police officers to use radar, only officers in an accredited police department (117 in Pennsylvania, only one in the area, which is Mt. Carmel police department) are allowed to use radar gun, only allowed on streets approved by PENNDOT, fines could be issued without points to license records, six year pilot program, and then program would be adopted or dropped. Radar Coalition and State Mayor’s Association are working towards possibly making changes to this amended bill.

Council reviewed the May police report.

The Police Chief reported that Officer Shipman attended training regarding investigating techniques for social media sites.

Camp Cadet will be held for a week in June 2018 and Trooper Rick Blair thanked Council for contribution to the program.

Mayor McGranaghan and Police Chief Bremigen are working on a citation for a violation of the Quality of Life Ordinance.

The Mayor reported that a momma bear and three cubs have been seen in Orchard Hills Development.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Audit – Christine Witmer will attend the July Council meeting to present the 2017 Audit.

DEP Update & Testing Changes – Manager Hovenstine reported that DEP made an update to the disinfection requirement rule. The Borough received a letter on May 11, 2018 that the new rule would begin on May 1, 2018 and that the update needed to be reported on formal reports due June 10, 2018. DEP will meet with Joshua Herb and the Manager to review the update to the reporting system.

The Susquehanna River Basin assessed an annual approximate fee of \$1,000.00 in addition to the \$1,200.00 annual fee (based on the size of water system).

Crew Updates & Projects – The Borough Crew have been working on the landscaping, maintaining Eleventh Avenue property, and maintaining (mowing) Borough property. A valve project will be scheduled to install main water line valves on Maple Street at the intersections of Maple Street and Queen Avenue; and Maple Street and Eleventh Avenue.

Dog Park Dedication – A dog park dedication is tentatively planned for July 2018, pending Borough crew availability to complete some items prior scheduling as event date.

Software Upgrade – Manager Hovenstine stated that the accounting software was purchased approximately nine years ago and is due for an upgrade with a proposal of \$5,522.29.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Slivinski has been corresponding with an attorney representing Glenn Hooks regarding the Borough's 2/3 interest in property. The Solicitor recommended appraising the property, that would then determine whether the Borough would be obligated to bid the property (if appraised at \$1,500.00 or more). A motion was made by Councilman Benner to authorize an appraisal of the property, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will be not held in June.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$13,169.83, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$6,407.32, and Eleventh Avenue Property Fund bills in the amount of \$16.00 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Lockcuff, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary