

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 3, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, June 3, 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, Andrew Bickhart, Domenico Barillaro, Mark Benner, Kyle Jessick, and Donald Musser were present.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Robert Lockcuff was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

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

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to approve the Council minutes of May 6, 2019 and Planning Commission minutes of May 8, 2019 as presented, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Shawn Bingaman, Borough Resident, discussed with Council issues regarding garbage on porches, weeds, and owners not disposing of dog feces properly. Mayor McGranaghan will discuss these issues with the police department, because these complaints would be consider under the Quality of Life Ordinance.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Borough received correspondence from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) stating that the Borough failed to locate water lines at East Eighth Avenue near North Susquehanna Trail and Helen Street, Shamokin Dam, therefore the Borough was charged an administrative penalty in the amount of \$500.00, which is included in the bills paid tonight.

Manager Hovenstine was informed about Eighth Avenue closure at approximately 7:00 AM Monday morning.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Borough Picnic – The Borough Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 4, 2019. The meal will be served from 4:00 - 6:00 PM and entertainment will be from 5:00-7:00 PM.

Right To Know – Resolution Request – The Borough received a request from Councilman Dees of the Borough of West Easton to adopt a resolution that would amend the right to know law and provide relief from vexatious requesters. The resolution urges the Pennsylvania State Legislature to enact an amendment to provide relief. Council took no action at this time.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan updated Council on the progress of the work on the website. The Mayor supplied photos.

The Mayor reported that Orchard Hills has been infested with black snakes.

Mayor McGranaghan and others in the Borough were interviewed by Jeff Brady of National Public Radio regarding communities that are faced with the loss of a coal fire power plant and how the communities are surviving. The Borough was a positive story due to the gas power plant that replaced the coal fire power plant.

Police Report – Mayor McGranaghan reviewed the May police report.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Golden Arrow Motel – Manager Hovenstine sent correspondence to Dusan Bratic, owner of the Golden Arrow located at 2681 North Susquehanna Trail, regarding an ordinance violation of permanent housing at the motel with a sixty day compliance and requested an on-site inspection of the property as soon as possible (due to the visible exterior deterioration of the building) with Central Keystone COG.

Councilman Sauers commented on the condition of the property located at 6 & 8 Helen Street. Vice President commented on the amount of garbage on the porch at the property located at the intersection of Eighth Avenue and Center Street. Councilman Benner commented that there is no sidewalk on Eighth Avenue between Center Street and the Old Trail near 3405 North Old Trail property.

Sunbury Generation KOEZ Approval – Sunbury Generation must apply annually to DCED in order to receive certification as a qualified business of KOEZ. DCED approved the application of Sunbury Generation to receive certain tax benefits for calendar year 2019.

Eleventh Avenue Property Vacancy – The Borough’s tenants of 111 West Eleventh Avenue reported to the Borough that they will be vacating the property in July 2019. Manager Hovenstine suggested possible updates to the property, while vacant.

PENNDOT Meeting – Manager Hovenstine attended a meeting held by PENNDOT on Thursday, May 30, 2019 to discuss the preliminary construction schedule of the CSVT.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

ESCRA Meeting – Solicitor Slivinski reported on the ESCRA meeting between the participating municipalities that was held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. The Solicitors will meet at a later date to discuss the municipality requests.

Manager Hovenstine stated that the 1984 Vactor is permanently out of service; not available for any flushing, vacuuming or root cutting in the sewer collection system. ESCRA ordered a new GapVax combination truck with an expected delivery date in December of 2019.

East Eleventh Avenue Ordinance – A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to approve advertisement of an ordinance prohibiting specified lengths of vehicles turning at the intersection of East Eleventh Avenue and North Old Trail, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

Lewis Property – Central Keystone COG posted a condemnation notice on property located at 3042 North Old Trail. Stephanie Lewis responded to Central Keystone COG: The structure will be demolished, anticipated completion of the interior removal is the end of August 2019, and demolition is projected to begin at the end of August; a dumpster for the remaining cleanup is scheduled for July. Slivinski Law Offices notified Ms. Lewis and that the Borough expects the demolition to be complete by September 30, 2019, if not the Borough will proceed with condemnation, and also a reminder that she will remain responsible to maintain the lot (mowing).

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2019.

A Planning Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM to discuss final land development plan for Susquehanna Valley Foot and Ankle Center located at 2 Arbogast Avenue.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$4,010.55 and Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$102,055.13 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary