

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 2, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday March 2, 2015 in the municipal building located at 42 W. 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President David Herbert presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Malcolm Fleming was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Manager Ed Hovenstine, Mayor Joe McGranaghan, Police Chief Tim Bremigen, Chad Shaffer, Dennis Adams, June Stark, Jon Gray, Jesse Herman, Gail Brandon, Terrell Lehman, Wayne Muthler, Todd Sowers, Ralph Sanchez, and Gloria Hughes were present. Secretary LaDawn Leitzel was absent due to illness.

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

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Benner to approve the Council meeting minutes of February 2, 2015 as presented, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Stahl Sheaffer Engineering – Chad Shaffer explained the proposed sketch plan of two ten unit apartment buildings between Econolodge and Eugene Kardohley property with an entrance off Eighth Avenue. The land will be developed by Dave Brubaker. The sewer line connection will be near the Bob Evans Restaurant and the water line will be connected at Eighth Avenue. The street would remain private as proposed. The units will have sprinklers for fire protection and a fire hydrant is currently located nearby Eighth Avenue and Maple Street. Tree removal will be completed by March 31, 2015, due to an endangered bat, restricting tree and brush removal from April through November. Council referred to Planning Commission on Wednesday, March 11, 2015.

Chad Shaffer left at this time.

Shamokin Dam Fire Company – Ralph Sanchez reviewed audit quotes. President Herbert mentioned possibly helping financially with audit. Councilman Benner stated that Ammerman and Company would be willing to help prepare audit and conduct audit at no cost. Councilman Musser would like an agreement from Ammerman and Company. Councilman Benner will forward contact information to Ralph Sanchez. Jesse Herman sent a response to the Attorney General’s correspondence explaining the status of audit. Ralph Sanchez explained that the fire

company is waiting on proper documentation from the state for the tax exempt number. Mr. Sanchez discussed that the cash register system needs replaced to comply with Liquor Control Board requirements. President Herbert questioned the method of bookkeeping showing continuous monthly losses. Gail Brandon explained some of the methods used and is working to convert to Quick Books for better financial reports.

Gloria Hughes arrived at this time.

Todd Sowers offered to make changes to the financial reports. Gail Brandon stated that Purdy Insurance and Reinhart Food Service are the only vendors carrying a balance; all vendors are paid in full monthly. Sandi Gill and Jeff Snyder payments are monthly. The Borough and FNB Bank loans are being paid every month. The Northumberland National Bank loan has been paid in full.

Councilman Musser agreed to maintaining building and audit compliance, but not to the computer cash register. Mayor McGranaghan questioned whether the hardware was an issue on the computer. Ralph Sanchez answered that the software is outdated. President Herbert recommended using a bank for future loan, if necessary to purchase cash register system. President Herbert thanked the fire company for attending and updating Council. Councilman Musser stated that moving forward the fire company should continue with updating Council.

Gloria Hughes stated that the sound system Saturday night was too loud. The fire company will have the sound panels updated and installed in windows. Manager Hovenstine will forward the fire company agreement for sound information on to the fire company regarding noise regulations.

Ralph Sanchez, Todd Sowers, Gail Brandon, and Jesse Herman left at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Manager Hovenstine reported that the Borough will receive a Liquid Fuels Tax Fund payment in the amount of \$45,965.03 for year 2015.

MAYORS REPORT:

Hiring Process – Police Chief Bremigen introduced Terrell Lehman, who graduated from Mansfield University with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, served three years in the Air Force, currently serving in the PA Air National Guard, background check was good, and scored first after the written and oral testing so that veteran's preference was not a consideration. The Police Chief requested for a conditional offer of employment approval upon completion of testing. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to approve a conditional offer of employment upon completion of testing with a salary of \$37,834.00, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

Terrell Lehman left at this time.

Police Chief Bremigen presented the February police report.

Surveillance Camera – The Police Chief is working with SEDA-COG to seek funding for cameras at three intersections with the ARLEE Grant, which has a deadline of June 30, 2015. Green Light Go Grant is another option available. Police Chief Bremigen will update Council on progress.

Department Upgrades – Robyn Musser and Eric Hassenplug painted both police department offices. The police department has been cleaning out unwanted items. Police Chief Bremigen discussed storage issues. Councilman Herbert questioned on the garage area and the room attached to the garage. Manager Hovenstine stated that the garage area would need a controlled climate, which would not be a problem. The Manager, the Mayor and the Police Chief will meet to review the area needed and availability. A plan will be submitted to Council. The Police Chief requested a security door at the entrance of the police department.

OTHER BUSINESS:

UGI Pipeline Open House – UGI Sunbury, LLC held an open house on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at the Sunbury Social Club from 5:30 PM-7:30 PM to discuss Sunbury Pipeline Project. Manager Hovenstine stated that the proposed map of the pipeline would interfere with property lots located in Weatherfield Development and that our concerns for that issue were relayed to UGI and Sunbury Generation.

MANAGERS REPORT:

MS4 Permit Meeting – Manager Hovenstine attended a meeting regarding EPA regulations for tracking and routing storm water. DEP would regulate the storm water compliance. The Manager will update Council as information is available.

Veteran's Bridge Meeting – Manager Hovenstine will be attending a meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at SEDA-COG 1:30 PM to discuss a barrier for the bridge.

ARC Funding for Sunbury Generation – Manager Hovenstine reviewed the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funded projects. Sunbury Generation may possibly qualify for an ARC project, if roadway accesses to Sunbury Generation property are created. The Borough would be the sponsor receiving ARC funds. The sponsor of the project will be responsible for ownership and future maintenance of the roadway constructed with federal funds. ARC Funding is a yearly grant.

Bogar Replacement – The Borough employees will be gathering for Steve Bogar's last day of work as Borough employee at the Shamokin Dam Fire Company on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 after 3:30 PM. Manager Hovenstine stated that Mr. Bogar will be using vacation and sick days because of surgery on March 5, 2015; the last day of employment will be April 3, 2015. The Manager recommended hiring replacement by May. Manager Hovenstine reviewed the budgeted 2015 Borough crew salaries with Council and requested an increase to salaries. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to approve the proposed 2015 Borough crew salary restructure beginning May 1, 2015 through 2016, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Monica, Inc. (Econolodge) Tax Appeal – Solicitor Slivinski reviewed an agreement for intergovernmental cooperation in assessment appeal litigation cost and settlement. The proportionate share of the cost of an appraisal, expert witness fees and special counsel fees would be County of Snyder 22%, Selinsgrove Area School District 67%, and Shamokin Dam Borough 11%. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to pay 11% of the appraisal (not to exceed \$1,000.00), seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

Solicitor Slivinski reviewed an agreement to have the market value of Monica, Inc. (Econolodge) for the tax period of 2014 and 2015 at \$2,600,000.00. A motion was made by Councilman Herbert to approve the agreement of a market value for tax period 2014 and 2015 in the amount of \$2,600,000.00, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 to review sketch plan of Dave Brubaker apartments on Eighth Avenue.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

President Herbert reported that a workshop meeting will not be held in March.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills, Water and Sewer Fund bills, and Local Service Fund bill. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to approve payment of the bills upon review by Manager Hovenstine, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary