

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 7, 2016**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Manager Ed Hovenstine, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Bob Garrett, Brad Aurand, and June Stark were present.

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

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Musser to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2016 meeting of Council as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Comprehensive Plan Update – Bob Garrett mentioned that 144 residents responded to the survey. Mr. Garrett reviewed the planning for the upcoming meetings: March 22, 2016 (Committee Meeting – Planning polices drafted, methods of management and implementation drafted), April 26, 2016 (Committee Meeting – Draft plan reviewed, edited, and posted), May 11, 2016 (Planning Commission – review of comprehensive plan), May 2, 2016 or May 19, 2016 (public review initiated), and June 6, 2016 adoption of Comprehensive plan after a public hearing.

Bob Garrett left at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Entertainment in the Park – The Borough received correspondence from Jinny Treas requesting that Council consider having music in the park or entertainment in the park again this summer. Councilman Herbert mentioned that concerts were well attended at Attig Park in the past. Mayor McGranaghan suggested holding entertainment in the park once at Attig Park. Council agreed to hold entertainment in the park in June, July and August on the third Wednesday of the month.

Code of Ordinance Update – Manager Hovenstine reported that the Borough is reviewing proposals for code of ordinance update.

Monroe Township, Road Posting – The Borough received correspondence from Meck-Tech Incorporated with a notice of intention to restrict gross weight limit and that Monroe Township has a posting and bonding ordinance associated with a 10 ton weight limit on various township roads.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan discussed comments from the survey regarding the amount of stop signs in Gunter Development. The Mayor requested an update on the lines on Baldwin Blvd. Manager Hovenstine stated that that project will be part of the 2016 streets program.

Mayor McGranaghan reported that after fifteen years Dynamic Wings & Subs is no longer located at the Orchard Hills Shopping Center. The Mayor has a concern on whether the owner of the shopping center will maintain the building and secure occupants for empty spaces.

Mayor McGranaghan presented the February police report and reported that Jacob Shipman is doing an excellent job.

Councilman Musser requested an update of the police vehicle lease. Manager Hovenstine stated that the Police Chief is gathering information. Councilman Musser stated that before the contracts are signed Council should review options for the 2009 police car.

Councilman Musser requested an update on the renovations of the police department. Manager Hovenstine stated that Wednesday, March 9, 2016 the contractor is scheduled to begin the work.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2016 Spring Newsletter – The 2016 Spring Newsletter will be mailed in March. Manager Hovenstine mentioned that the newsletter will have updates on the gas line, power plant, and an explanation of the fire protection tax.

Manager Hovenstine reported that Jason Sprenkel resigned from the Borough crew; March 11, 2016 will be his last day of work. The Manager will place an advertisement in the newspaper for a replacement.

Vice President Bickhart suggested creating a junior council position for Borough 11th and 12th grade students. Manager Hovenstine mentioned that in the past the Borough contacted the school regarding a junior council position; however no response was received. Mayor McGranaghan will post information on Borough's Facebook page and send to the Borough Secretary to post on the website to gauge any interest.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Audit Update – Susan Forgett Rheam will return to the office to complete 2015 audit by the end of the month. A message will be in the audit regarding the internal control note as in the past. Councilman Rothermel questioned whether Deann Lockcuff could monitor the internal controls or would that be a conflict of interest. Manager Hovenstine will review.

Storm Jonas PEMA Submission – Snyder County applied for state of emergency funding due to storm Jonas. The Borough's submission totaled \$4,634.35.

Traffic Signal Yearly Maintenance – The Manager reported that in February the traffic signal yearly maintenance was completed.

State Liquid Fuels – Manager Hovenstine reported that the Borough will receive a Liquid Fuels Tax Fund payment in the amount of \$53,664.80 for year 2016.

Eagle Scout Project – Kerry Bingeman contacted the Borough regarding an Eagle Scout Project in April/May. Manager Hovenstine suggested that work needed to be completed at the dog park. The Manager suggested that Council consider moving the play equipment from the Tot Lot to Weller Field Park and consider selling that lot. Council discussed the property near Weller Field located at 111 West Eleventh Avenue in Monroe Township that is for sale. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to pursue negotiations for purchase of the property located at 111 W Eleventh Avenue to add to Weller Field, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all. Council agreed to relocate the Tot Lot to Weller Field Park in the future. Mayor McGranaghan suggested that if the lot at the Tot Lot would be sold, perhaps the proceeds could be used for a park in Orchard Hills Development.

Golf Tournament to Benefit Parks - Manager Hovenstine reported that the Sunbury Generation Golf Tournament is proposed to be held in May.

DEP Updates – Manager Hovenstine reported that the 2016 Lead & Copper testing is this year. The 2015 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), a mandated EPA report, will be distributed in March. The Borough had the filter evaluation presentation and discussion from DEP on Wednesday, February 17, 2016.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Slivinski reported that ESCRA would return to billing by flow rates, if Selinsgrove Borough would pay the surcharges.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 7:00 PM to discuss final land development of Calvary Fellowship Susquehanna Valley Church.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

A workshop meeting was held on Thursday, January 21, 2016 to discuss an apparatus replacement; at that time the Workshop committee recommended purchasing a fire engine up to \$550,000.00 with financial information to be reported to the Borough Manager. Council suggested referring the fire department to the Shamokin Dam Fire Service Task Force for approval or recommendation on the proposal for an apparatus replacement at the 2016 February Council meeting. Councilman Benner reported that the Shamokin Dam Fire Service Task Force recommended the funding and approval for the final design of the fire truck purchase. Councilman Benner recommended that the Borough send a letter to Monroe Township from Council regarding a contribution to the fire department for unassisted calls. Councilman Musser stated that the letter from Council would be in support of Fire Chief Gray's previous correspondence requesting a contribution from Monroe Township. Council agreed to send correspondence to Monroe Township. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to authorize the fire department to purchase the preliminary approval of the fire engine not to exceed \$550,000.00, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$24,248.35, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$108,766.09, and Local Service Tax Refund in the amount of \$224.00 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary