

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 6, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, March 6, 2017 in the municipal building located at 42 West 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President Herbert presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Manager Ed Hovenstine, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Police Chief Bremigen, Jeff Colyer, Frank Witt, Joan Witt, Chad Shaffer, Chyvonne Rhoads, Kyle Jessick, Brittney Jessick, June Stark, Peter Gallagher and Stephen Reilly were present.

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

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Benner to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2017 meeting of Council as presented, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Jeff Colyer distributed the February incident report of the fire department and Fire Chief’s correspondence.

Green Park Management – Peter Gallagher and Steve Reilly presented a proposal for a medical marijuana processing operation on the former Sunbury Generation property located in Shamokin Dam. The facility would cultivate and process the marijuana into a vapor, oil or pill form. The facility would be a 50,000 square foot building and would generate 50 jobs. Green Park Management would submit an application, due by March 20, 2017, to the state (the state has approximately 90 days to review the application); if the application would be approved, then Green Park Management would have 6-9 months to be operational. Green Park Management discussed numerous ways that the business gives back to the community.

Stahl Sheaffer Engineering – Chad Shaffer reviewed a proposed sketch plan for Robert Grayston property located in northern section of Orchard Hills in the R-S zone. The plan would need a condition use approval for residential development. The sketch plan consists of 224 units of townhouses, two family dwellings, and single family dwellings. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to refer the sketch plan for Robert Grayston property to the Planning Commission on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 for review, seconded by Councilman Rothermel and approved by all.

Borough resident – Chyvonne Rhoads discussed concerns with development in the Borough such as Calvary Baptist Church construction, UGI pipeline, and CSVT project. President Herbert explained that if a property owner meets all the guidelines and zoning requirements Council cannot deny property owners of development in the Borough. Ms. Rhoads discussed with the

Police Chief regarding a complaint that vehicles are not stopping at Eighth Avenue and Cherry Street stop sign.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Representative Lynda Schlegel Culver – The Borough received correspondence from Representative Lynda Schlegel Culver regarding the first Municipal Leaders meeting on Friday, March 24, 2017 at 10:00 AM.

Mayor McGranaghan received correspondence from Angela Kline, Borough resident, expressing concerns of Cortland Drive connector (Orchard Hills and Gunter Development connector introduced with the CSVT project) increasing traffic in both developments. The Mayor forwarded her concerns onto PENNDOT and Council. Councilman Musser explained that the traffic would be minimal after the bypass has been constructed. President Herbert discussed the meeting with PENNDOT and two property owners at Spruce Street.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan reviewed an analysis of the Comprehensive questionnaire.

Council reviewed the February police report.

Police Chief Bremigen evaluated Eric Hassenplug and Jacob Shipman. Jacob Shipman completed his probationary period. The Police Chief commented that Eric Hassenplug and Jacob Shipman are phenomenal officers. The police department was audited by the State Police on the criminal history access program and the police chief complimented Robyn Musser for her assistance provided.

Councilman Herbert suggested removing the two stop signs at Snyder Street and Arbogast Avenue.

The police department proposed a community basketball tournament in the spring more information will follow.

MANAGERS REPORT:

NPDES Renewal Submission – Manager Hovenstine submitted the NPDES (5 Year) renewal and additional testing was involved as part of this submission in comparison to previous renewal applications.

Chapter 110 Report Submission – Manager Hovenstine submitted the Chapter 110 report. The DEP goal is to reduce the unallocated water to 20%. The Borough is at approximately 35%.

2017 Streets Project – Manager Hovenstine reported that the Borough will receive a State Liquid Fuels Tax Fund payment in the amount of \$56,150.00 for year 2017. The 2017 streets project will include areas of Stetler Avenue and Maple Street.

Kmart Traffic Light Project – Manager Hovenstine reported that a traffic accident occurred in 2011 at the Kmart traffic light intersection. The light was repaired at the time; however the control box and pole now need replaced. The cost of replacement is approximately \$47,000.00.

The Borough owns the traffic light; however PENNDOT is responsible for the equipment. The Borough would fix the traffic light and be reimbursed by PENNDOT for the equipment.

Manager Hovenstine and President Herbert toured the power plant project and commented that if anyone from Council would be interested in a tour to contact the Borough Manager to make arrangements. The construction was approximately 40% complete when the tour was taken.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Slivinski recommended obtaining a survey of the property that was the Tot Lot to verify boundaries. Process for selling property: advertise at least ten days before the bids are accepted and bids must include payment within sixty days. If no bids are accepted, then advertise again. If a bid is received below fair market value, the Borough can reject that bid. Manager Hovenstine will obtain a survey form Stahl Sheaffer Engineering.

The Borough entered a municipal lien on the Murphy property, (518 Sunbury Road) with an approximate amount of \$13,000.00 in February 2014. The total on the lien with interest is approximately \$17,000.00.

The cell tower lease will be sent to Manager Hovenstine to execute.

The Solicitor reported that the annexation of the property located at 111 W 11th Avenue on the ballot in the spring.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM to discuss a sketch plan of the Robert Grayston property in Orchard Hills for subdivision and land development.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

A Workshop meeting will not be held in March.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$33,990.27, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$130,819.60, Local Service Tax Refund in the amount of \$135.00, and 111 W 11th Ave Property Fund in the amount of \$470.46 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Rothermel, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary