

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 4, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, March 4, 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, Kyle Jessick, Mark Benner, and Donald Musser were present.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Robert Lockcuff and Domenico Barillaro were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Slivinski Law Offices, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Manager Ed Hovenstine, Ralph Sanchez, Jon Gray, Chester Telatovich, Bill Teisher, Michael Dunigan, Russell Fellman, Harry Mahan, Steve Eister and June Stark 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 February 4, 2019 as presented, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Jon Gray presented the fire department report from beginning of the year to date. Ralph Sanchez, Fire Company President, will not be running for office in 2020, but will train newly elected president the system. The fire department voted to remain a smoking facility, however will be nonsmoking when public events are held at the fire department.

COMMUNICATIONS:

PA Pets – The Borough received correspondence from Jo Wright explaining that PA Pets will no longer be involved in the Borough’s TNR program. Robin Montgomery with Cherished Cats Rescue Alliance, a local TNR Coordinator, will be continuing with the TNR program for the Borough. Mayor McGranaghan reported that the police department issued three warnings regarding the open containers of food on property, issued three warnings of pet running at large in the Borough, and issued one warning of pet waste/feces issue; all warnings were issued due to a complaint filed with the police department.

Liquid Fuels State Payment – Manager Hovenstine reported that the State Municipal Liquid Fuels payment will be in the amount of \$60,261.54 and the County Liquid Fuels will be in the amount of \$1,435.00.

Property Rezone Request – The Borough received correspondence from Sunbury Generation for a rezone request for property located on the North Old Trail, where the temporary drive is for

Sunbury Generation. The request would be to change 3090 N Old Trail from R-2 zone to M-1 zone and would provide Sunbury Generation with frontage on the North Old Trail. The request would be transferred to the Planning Commission for review and comment.

Golf Tournament - Manager Hovenstine met with Sunbury Generation and Panda to discuss the benefit golf tournament. The Manager reported that the Borough will work with Panda to plan the benefit tournament.

Susquehanna River Trail Association Meeting - Sunbury Generation and Manager Hovenstine will be attending a meeting of the Susquehanna River Trail annual meeting later this month.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Airport Authority – Manager Hovenstine reported that David Herbert would be willing to serve on the Penn Valley Airport Authority replacing Robert Scullin. Mayor McGranaghan stated that a borough resident reached out to him and would be willing to serve on a vacant board. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to appoint David Herbert to the Penn Valley Airport Authority for a five year term, seconded by Councilman Jessick, and approved by all.

Eleventh Avenue Boundary Change – Manager Hovenstine requested information on the annexation of the property at 111 West Eleventh Avenue into the Borough (boundary change). Solicitor Slivinski reported that petitions need signed in Monroe Township and Shamokin Dam Borough to be filed in the 2020 election (even year), whether it would be the spring or fall election ballot. Manager Hovenstine questioned on the amount of signatures required. The Solicitor stated that it would be five percent of registered voters that voted for governor in the last election. Shamokin Dam had 650 votes for governor, Monroe Township (1) had 840 votes for governor, and Monroe Township (2) had 943 votes for governor. Shamokin Dam would need 33 signatures of registered voters, Monroe Township 1 would need 42 signatures of registered voters, and Monroe Township 2 would need 48 signatures of registered voters. The petition needs to be filed with the election board at least ninety days prior to the election.

MAYORS REPORT:

Police Report – Mayor McGranaghan reviewed the February police report.

Website Update Proposals – The Mayor received two proposals for the website update:

Pronet Systems: Website design, programming, training and three-month support-\$2,999.00, Estimated fee for web hosting-\$125.00 per year, maintenance/support after three-month support-\$350.00 per year or \$65.00 per hour, and any modules/plug ins that need to be purchased are not included in this quote.

Brett Treas: Website design and development/mobile web optimization/rewrite website/ordinance section redesign/highlighted business section-\$1750.00.

President Musser questioned whether there were any samples of websites to compare. Council recommended that the Mayor contact the bidders with questions and respond at the April Council meeting.

SVTP Project Update – Mayor McGranaghan discussed an update to the Susquehanna Valley Transportation Project.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Engineering Study Update – Manager Hovenstine reported that HRG Engineering will present the long range planning for water system upgrades, and conceptual design possibly at the May Council meeting.

INSA Facility Status – The INSA final land development plan has been recorded at the courthouse. The Manager stated that all the conditions have been satisfied.

East Eleventh Avenue Study Update – Stahl Sheaffer Engineering will meet with PENNDOT and then submit plan design to the Borough.

Act 110 Submission – The Annual DEP Chapter 10 report was submitted.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Slivinski had no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM to discuss the Sunbury Generation request for a zoning change.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$6,702.63, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$107,354.32, and 111 W 11th Avenue Property Fund in the amount of \$470.46 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary