

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 4, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday May 4, 2015 in the municipal building located at 42 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President David Herbert presiding.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Malcolm Fleming was absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Manager Ed Hovenstine, Mayor Joe McGranaghan, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Chad Shaffer, Naomi Hoffman, Irene Henninger, Linda Walker, and June Stark were present.

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

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to approve the Council meeting minutes of April 6, 2015, Council Special Meeting of April 13, 2015, and Planning Commission minutes of April 8, 2015 as presented, seconded by Councilman Herbert, and approved by all.

**VISITORS:**

Shamokin Dam Sunrise Rotary Club – Irene Henninger introduced Linda Walker as President of the Shamokin Dam Sunrise Rotary and explained that the rotary meets on Thursdays at 7:00 AM at The Educators Inc., 12 Commerce Avenue, Selinsgrove, PA. The rotary club began meeting in February 2014 and with twenty members the rotary club was chartered on April 9, 2015. The rotary club was established to service the community. Linda Walker should be contacted if any projects arise in Shamokin Dam.

Irene Henninger and Linda Walker left at this time.

Dave Brubaker Apartment Complex – Chad Shaffer reviewed the preliminary land development/subdivision plan. The access road has been moved further from Maple Street and the two lots would be combined for the property located on Eighth Avenue. The builder’s intent is to build the first ten units this summer and construct the second ten units in year 2016. The grading, storm water, sewer, and water will be constructed this year with the first phase. The water/sewer would be privately owned. Manager Hovenstine explained that the Borough would read a master water meter and the twenty individual meters, bill the property owner on the master water meter and also send the individual bills to the property owner. The Borough will collect the water/sewer payment from the property owner. Chad Shaffer stated that a

commitment letter was received from ESCRA for the EDU's and the plan was submitted to the Snyder County Planning Commission. The NPDES permit (storm water management) was not approved and building permits were not submitted at this time. A motion was made by Councilman Benner to approve the preliminary land development/subdivision plan, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

Chad Shaffer left at this time.

Broschious Construction – Russell Broschious reviewed a request to consider parcels A and C of Section L of Orchard Hills as uneconomic remnants due to the impact of the CSVT. Mr. Broschious requested that these parcels be designated by PENNDOT as “Uneconomic Remnants” and included in the offer to purchase Section L of Orchard Hills. Mr. Broschious feels that if the parcels are not purchased by PENNDOT, then the parcels would become an economic burden to Broschious Construction. President Herbert stated that PENNDOT recently hired the final design consultant for the southern section. Mayor McGranaghan stated that will be meeting in June/July to discuss final design coordination for the southern section and suggested that Russell Broschious present situation to PENNDOT at meeting. Discussion was tabled until further information is available.

Russell Broschious left at this time.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Council reviewed the April financial report submitted by Shamokin Dam Fire Company.

President Herbert received correspondence from Eric Hassenplug to begin collective bargaining for police contract beginning 2016 and referred to Personnel/Finance Committee Workshop on Thursday, May 21, 2015.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Mayor McGranaghan presented the April police report.

Mayor McGranaghan stated that Terrell Lehman is doing a good job. Patrolman Lehman received comprehensive training from Corporal Bremigen of the Sunbury Police Department between the hours of 11:00PM-2:00AM on Friday and Saturday.

The police department received a complaint on abandoned vehicle located at 3042 North Old Trail and filed citations. The Police Chief recommended taking the next step. Solicitor Slivinski will review the ordinance on abandoned vehicle. Mayor McGranaghan stated the police department likes the amendment made to the weed ordinance.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

2015 Summer Newsletter – Council reviewed the proposed newsletter with anticipated mailing in June.

The Borough needs a long term solution for a Republican Judge of Elections. President Herbert mentioned that a separate ballot box would be placed outside of the Borough (Monroe Township

office), if no one holds the position. Mayor McGranaghan requested that interested persons contact President Herbert or himself.

New Employee – Manager Hovenstine reported that Jason Sprenkel started working for the Borough today.

Spring Cleanup – Spring Cleanup was completed today with 26.68 ton hauled away. The bill in the amount of \$4,268.80 was received after meeting bills were prepared, however check was written for tonight's meeting. Manager Hovenstine noted that quantities do not include the carpet sent to Sunbury Municipal Transfer Station.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

Water Permit Renewal – Manager Hovenstine stated that the Borough's fifty year water permit for renewal in September 2015. The Manager will coordinate the renewal of the permit with the Department of Environmental Protection.

Sign Replacement – Manager Hovenstine reported that all required stop signs are replaced. It will be approximately ten years until the Borough would be required to replace the stop signs put in by PENNDOT approximately four years ago. The recommendation is to replace signs approximately every fifteen years. The Borough started replacing the enforcement signs. Manager Hovenstine requested permission to purchase the remainder of the enforcement signs at a discounted price this year rather than the initial three year plan to purchase signs. Council approved. The Manager discussed whether the Borough would replace the signs on the US Highway Route 11/15 with PENNDOT. PENNDOT is researching an answer.

Recycling Proposal – Sunbury Municipal Authority met with the Borough Manager requesting that the Borough pay \$1,700.00 per year to continue recycling. Manager Hovenstine stated that other options would be to contact Penn Township, cancel service, or travel to Allenwood with recyclables. Councilman Musser commented that the recycling locations are available to all Snyder County residents and recommended contacting Penn Township or Monroe Township for recycling option.

Child Protection Law Seminar – Manager Hovenstine attended a child protection law seminar and recommended that all employees of the Borough obtain these clearances by July 31, 2015. The cost would be \$20.00 per employee.

Reservoir Structural Repairs – Manager Hovenstine met with Eagle Ridge Construction to discuss a quote to reinforce and strengthen two of the corners at the concrete reservoir.

DEP Regulatory Meeting – Manager Hovenstine attended a regulatory meeting and was updated with drinking water regulation changes. Most of the changes are minor in nature.

Councilman Herbert commented about a manhole cover located on Eleventh Avenue in need of replacement. Manager Hovenstine stated that repair will be scheduled. Most likely when the streets work is done.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

Solicitor Slivinski stated that Council was scheduled to hold public hearing and possibly adopt zoning amendment. The proposed ordinance wording was changed from site to lot. The public hearing and zoning amendment will be scheduled for Council meeting dated June 1, 2015. The proposed amendment will have to be advertised again at Panda Power Funds cost. The Planning Commission will review the proposed amendment on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 to approve wording of amendment and that the amendment conforms to the Borough's comprehensive plan. The Solicitor stated that when the final land development plan is approved a letter would be sent to begin the thirty day appeal period. Manager Hovenstine suggested that Hummel Station hold a meeting with the nearby residents to review changes and anticipated noise. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to authorize Solicitor Slivinski to advertise public hearing of ordinance amendment as presented at the cost of Panda Power Funds, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

A Planning Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM to review proposed amendment to zoning code by adding provisions for power generation facility in the general Industrial (M-1) district.

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP:**

President Herbert reported that a workshop meeting will be held on May 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM to discuss personnel issue.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

General Fund bills in the amount of \$29,558.75 and Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$10,906.33 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 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel  
Borough Secretary