

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 2, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, May 2, 2016 in the municipal building located at 42 West 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Andrew Bickhart was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Manager Ed Hovenstine, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Police Chief Bremigen, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Brian Hoffheins, June Stark, Frank & Joan Witt, and Jon Gray, 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 April 4, 2016 meeting of Council as presented, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Stahl Sheaffer Engineering, Weight Restriction – Brian Hoffheins reported on the results of the engineering evaluation of Borough streets, as to whether the Borough should have a weight restriction enacted on the streets. Stahl Sheaffer Engineering recommended that the Borough enact an ordinance that imposes restrictions as to the weight of vehicles operated upon certain Borough streets and bridges, providing for the issuance of permits and the posting of security for the movement of vehicles of a weight in excess of restriction, and prescribing penalties for violations. The recommended weight limit restriction would be ten tons. The ordinance would be enforced by the police department. Councilman Musser questioned who would inspect the streets before and after bonding and use of the streets. Brian Hoffheins answered that Stahl Sheaffer Engineering could be the inspectors. Mayor McGranaghan questioned on a location to weigh the vehicles. Police Chief Bremigen discussed possible locations, however will pursue a weigh station. Solicitor Slivinski recommended using a certified weigh station. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to advertise the proposed weight restriction ordinance for adoption at the June Council meeting, seconded by Councilman Herbert, and approved by all.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Manager Hovenstine reported that the auditor is reviewing the pension plan information and anticipates attending the June meeting for the 2015 audit presentation.

Manager Hovenstine reported that correspondence was sent to PENNDOT a second time requesting a brake retarder survey.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan reviewed a proposal to replace the 2013 police vehicle with a similar used 2013 police cruiser, which has 20,000 miles more than the wrecked vehicle. The insurance will pay \$16,000.00 for the police vehicle involved in the accident. Cyrus Hovenstine will pick the vehicle up with a car hauler in Virginia at a cost of \$900.00 along with Eric Hassenplug.

Councilman Musser reviewed points of interest as far as the used vehicle: use serial number to reference whether any Ford warranty remains and if the vehicle has a branded title. Police Chief Bremigen stated that the Ford warranty expires July 21, 2017/100,000 miles drive train and that the vehicle does not have a reconstructed title. Councilman Musser recommended an undercarriage review. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to accept the proposal of purchasing the used 2013 police vehicle at a cost of \$12,274.00 plus \$900.00 delivery fee, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

Police Chief Bremigen recommended a salary increase for Jacob Shipman from current salary of \$34,000.00 to a salary of \$38,500.00. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to increase salary of Jacob Shipman to \$39,000.00, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

Council reviewed the April police report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Benner questioned whether the Borough received a response from Monroe Township Supervisors regarding donation to fire department. Manager Hovenstine answered no response was received.

Manager Hovenstine stated that the Borough purchased the property located at 111 W 11th Avenue on Friday, April 29, 2016. Solicitor Slivinski stated that a proposal to have the property line moved into the Borough would be a referendum question on both Monroe Township and Shamokin Dam Borough ballots. Councilman Musser discussed objectives for the property: having the property in the Borough, reconfigure the park, and maximize the resource of the house to the best of our ability. Council discussed short term leasing of the property. The Manager reported that the carpet needs replaced. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to authorize Manager Hovenstine to update the carpeting in the house with a budgeted amount of \$5,000.00, seconded by Councilman Rothermel, and approved by all.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Eagle Scout Project – Manager Hovenstine reported that the Eagle Scout Project at the dog park is approximately 60% completed with the pathway and pavers. Lynn Fiedler requested purchasing and donating a picnic table in honor of her father, Bob Longenberger, with assistance from the Shamokin Dam Lion's Club.

Utility Vehicle – Manager Hovenstine reviewed the comparison of a Ford, Dodge, and Chevy cargo van with shelving upgrades. 2016 Ford Transit Connect - \$24,780.00, 2016 Dodge Ram Promaster City - \$21,304.00, and 2015 Chevy City Express - \$21,325.00. The Dodge has front

wheel drive. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to purchase a 2016 Dodge Ram Promaster City in the amount of \$21,304.00, seconded by Councilman Rothermel, and approved by all. Manager Hovenstine reported that the Chevy truck and top kick will be placed on Municibid.

Special Exception Hearing – Manager Hovenstine stated that a Zoning Hearing was held on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 6:00 PM to review a variance request for special exception in regards to an access driveway from 3090 North Old Trail to the Sunbury Generation site. The Zoning Hearing Board granted the special exception use to Sunbury Generation for the temporary access driveway for a period of two consecutive years. Sunbury Generation may apply for a one year extension of this special exception use. The house located at 3090 North Old Trail will be demolished this week.

WTP Instruments – Manager Hovenstine reported that the water treatment plant replaced the turbidity meters and that he will be meeting with HRG Engineers later in the week to discuss the system, specifically the clarifier.

Brady Water Operator License – Manager Hovenstine mentioned that Brady Bachman became a fully certified water operator in 2016. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to approve a merit increase of \$2,000.00 for Brady Bachman's 2016 salary, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

Manager Hovenstine reported that Vice President Bickhart has been hospitalized due to complications from the flu.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Slivinski reported that correspondence was sent to landlords that have not registered for the 2016 year. Chung Ly, property owner of 12 Spruce Street, has not responded to correspondence. The Solicitor will pursue the registration.

Councilman Benner requested an update on the Borough resident that has one water meter at his residence with beauty shop, but is billed for two units. Manager Hovenstine stated that other beauty shops were never billed for two units. Manager Hovenstine recommended crediting the water/sewer account of the Borough resident that was billed for two units, for the past five years of overpayment.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM to discuss a land development plan for the Kmart site.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

A Workshop meeting will not be held in May.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$19,084.69, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$9,539.38, Local Service Tax Refund in the amount of \$52.00, and PLGIT Local Service Tax in

the amount of \$12,274.00 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Rothermel, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary