

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 1, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, May 1, 2017 in the municipal building located at 42 West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President Herbert presided.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBER ABSENT:**

Councilman Herbert was absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Manager Ed Hovenstine, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Police Chief Bremigen, Gail Kulp, Brian Soles, Jeff Colyer, Chad Shaffer, Domenico Barillaro, Chyvonne Rhoads, Kyle Jessick, 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 April 3, 2017 meeting of Council as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

**VISITORS:**

Susquehanna Greenway Partnership – Gail Kulp, Susquehanna Greenway Partnership, requested a letter of support for the Lake Augusta West Shore Trail Feasibility Study and \$3,000.00 allotted in the 2018 Budget. A letter of support for Lake Augusta West Shore Trail Feasibility Study was submitted from R. Edward Nestlerode, Jr., Nestlerode Real Estate Partner. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to support the initiative for the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership with no contingency based on the information submitted as of today, seconded by Councilman Rothermel, and approved by all.

Gail Kulp left at this time.

Robert Grayston Property – Chad Shaffer requested a conditional use approval for plan residential development based on the sketch land development plan presented for Orchard Hill’s development extension. Mayor McGranaghan expressed concern over the possibility of increased traffic on Smokehouse Lane. Councilman Musser suggested widening Smokehouse Lane to accommodate the traffic. The Mayor suggested conducting a traffic study. Solicitor Slivinski explained that the sketch plan is just a concept on the planning and that a conditional approval requires a hearing. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to accept the sketch plan as presented to Planning Commission, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Thank You Notes – The Borough received thank you notes from organizations that received this year's contributions.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

The Annual Sunbury Generation Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 for funding of parks and recreation.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Mayor McGranaghan discussed solutions for the activities at the Fabri Dam Park. Chief Bremigen received two quotes for a camera system: NRG Controls North, Inc. - \$15,800.00 or Alert Enterprises LLC - \$6,120.00. Councilman Sauers suggested putting signs up at Fabri Dam Park. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to utilize the park money to purchase signs to be used at the Fabri Dam Park, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

The Police Chief, Officer Hassenplug, and Officer Shipman have been attending training regarding clean training, sobriety test training, and drug interaction training.

Police Chief Bremigen reviewed correspondence from PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency regarding the police department submitting police reports in 15 days or less.

Council reviewed the April police report.

Mayor McGranaghan commended the Police Chief, Police Department, Fire Department, Sunbury Fire Police, and Manager Hovenstine for the work on the tanker spill. Police Chief Bremigen will send a thank you letter to the Sunbury Fire Police for assistance. Mayor McGranaghan recommended sending a donation of \$100.00 to the Sunbury Fire Police. Council agreed. Councilman Benner commented that the Snyder County EMS has a lack of protocol, because the EMA Coordinator for the Borough (Councilman Benner) was not contacted on the two situations during the past year. Solicitor Slivinski recommended that Councilman Benner write a letter to the Snyder County Commissioners regarding the emergency response plan.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

King Avenue Water Lines – Manager Hovenstine stated that later this week the King Avenue water line replacement will start with exploratory work for preparation of water line replacement. Sixteen services are involved: six on King Avenue Extension, eight on Ninth Avenue, and two on Eighth Avenue.

Sewer Lateral – Manager Hovenstine reported that a sewer lateral needs to be replaced near Shaffer Insurance. The lateral is at Route 11/15, which involves a street excavation cut.

Dog Park Ribbon Cutting – Manager Hovenstine mentioned that June Stark was contacted by different companies for possible item donation/possible grants. A ribbon cutting ceremony will in July. President Herbert passed the gavel to Vice President Bickhart. A motion was made by

President Herbert to name the dog park Stark Dog Park, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all. Vice President Bickhart returned the gavel to President Herbert.

New Instrumentation WTP – The water plant now has instrumentation that the Borough crew can now monitor the elevated tank levels. The Borough crew will be alerted when the levels are low or overflowing.

11<sup>th</sup> Avenue Community Garden – Manager Hovenstine reviewed possible plans of a community garden on Eleventh Avenue, former Tot Lot property. Councilman Rothermel stated Council passed a motion to survey, appraise, and sell the mentioned property. A community garden could be introduced as a possible Plan B if lot is not sellable as long as documented. Council is waiting on results of survey. Councilman Rothermel suggested a community garden in the Orchard Hills development.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

Ordinance 2017-2, an ordinance amending to require owners or persons making new or replacement water line connections to provide a meter pit and meter at the curb line and adding section 107 to provide for rules and regulations to be adopted by resolution of the Borough Council. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to adopt Ordinance 2017-2, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

Solicitor Slivinski reported that the Joy Murphy property located at 518 Sunbury Road was purchased by Robert Grayston, in which the municipal lien ML11-2014 in the amount of \$13,148.93 dated February 3, 2014 has been satisfied with an amount of \$17,312.76 paid to the Borough.

Jeff Colyer represented the fire department and reported on fire calls. Fire department is ISO compliance with no insurance increase and no negative reports. Fire department will be replacing radios that can be used in high-band, low-band and digital situations. Councilman Rothermel suggested applying to the Degenstein Foundation for a grant towards the purchase of the radios.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

A Planning Commission meeting was 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 May.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

General Fund bills in the amount of \$15,036.58, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$14,093.33, and 111 W 11<sup>th</sup> Ave Property Fund in the amount of \$254.60, Fire Protection Fund in the amount of \$1,800.00 and Payroll Fund in the amount of \$161.60 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 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel  
Borough Secretary