

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2016**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Manager Ed Hovenstine, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Police Chief Bremigen, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Ralph Sanchez, Cindy O’Hora, Don O’Hora, Jon Gray, Jeff Colyer, Frank Witt, Joan Witt, 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 minutes of the October 3, 2016 meeting of Council and of the October 20, 2016 meeting of Workshop as presented, seconded by Councilman Herbert, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Fire Company – Ralph Sanchez presented the review of the 2015 fire company financials completed by Amerman & Amerman, PC to Council. President Herbert stated that in the lease agreement the review is due by June 1st of every year. Mr. Sanchez apologized for the delay and mentioned that the report can be completed by the availability of the auditor. Vice President Bickhart commended the volunteers at the fire company for a great job of working towards a better financial situation. Council expressed that the fire company needs to budget projects, so that the necessary funds are available. Ralph Sanchez requested consideration of Council for payment of \$2,000.00 to the auditor. Council will review consideration. President Herbert stated that the lease money collected from the fire company is not an extra account for the fire company to use for expenses.

Borough Resident – Cindy O’Hora resides on Stetler Avenue and is strongly opposed to supporting the Penn Valley Airport Authority’s new hangar project. Mrs. O’Hora expressed that the program at the airport benefits a small group of people not the entire community and asked Council to decline to participate in the guaranteeing of loan. President Herbert stated that nine municipalities need to approve the program and that Penn Township requested additional information from the airport authority by the third week in October, however the municipalities have not received the requested information. Cindy O’Hora stated that the Borough contributes on a yearly basis to the Penn Valley Airport. Solicitor Slivinski stated that the Shamokin Dam Borough is 1/9th owner of the airport, the airport is setup as an authority of which Shamokin Dam is a member, the borough appoints someone to the board, but if that airport would fold then the assets would go back to the nine municipalities.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

The Borough received correspondence from the Snyder County Sherriff's Office requesting donations for a K-9 Unit to combat Snyder County's ever growing illegal drug problem. The Sheriff has authorized the formation of the office's first K-9 Unit and the goal is to fund the unit solely through grants and donation from citizens and businesses in the community; not from tax dollars. Police Chief Bremigen stated that a K-9 Unit would be an asset.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Proposed 2017 Meeting Nights – President Herbert discussed two Council meeting nights that would be held on Tuesday due to holiday instead of the first Monday of the month. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to approve the proposed meeting nights of 2017 as presented, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan recommended celebrating Trick or Treat night on Halloween night as other municipalities.

The Mayor stated that Police Chief Bremigen adjusted the police department schedule to monitor a complaint of drivers not stopping at the stop signs located at Eleventh Avenue and Eighth Avenue onto North Old Trail at approximately 6:00 AM.

The Mayor received compliments on the line painting at Baldwin Blvd., so the Mayor commended Police Chief Bremigen and Manager Hovenstine for the outstanding work on Baldwin Blvd.

Mayor McGranaghan reported that the allowance of radar gun speed enforcement by local police department has not been approved this year and has been amended to include a cap on how much officers can make on speeding tickets. If the policy would be adopted next year, the municipality will need to enact an ordinance, and if the municipality would participate in radar gun enforcement.

Police Chief Bremigen reported that vehicles have been broken into on Helen Street, Center Street, North Old Trail, and Eighth Avenue. A suspect has been located.

The Police Chief updated Council on the new police vehicle as being absolutely the best vehicle that he has ever driven. Manager Hovenstine reported that the 2009 Crown Victoria would be placed on Municibid with a reserve bid of \$2,000.00. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to accept a minimum bid of \$2,500.00 for the 2009 Ford Crown Victoria Interceptor, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

Council reviewed the October police report.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Manager Hovenstine reported that in the year 2017 there are reappointments as follows:
Appointees – June Stark, Zoning Hearing Board-Eugene Kardohley, Civil Service Commission-Kerry Stark, Planning Commission-David Jackson, Planning Commission-Dr. Michael Dunigan, ESCRA-Steve Diehl, East Snyder Park Board. The Manager will contact the members and find out if they are interested in continued service.

Tank Wash – Manager Hovenstine reported that the tank was drained on October 17, 2016; Utility Services conducted an inspection and wash down, and the tank was back in service on October 20, 2016.

October Flood Incident, October 20, 2016 – Manager Hovenstine mentioned that the Borough did not have precipitation from the flood; however the river was affected due to flood waters and a gasoline spill occurring north of the Borough. The plant was shut down for the weekend with a 4-5 day surplus water supply and started producing water to replenish our supply on Sunday, October 23, 2016.

Streets Review 2016 & Proposed 2017 Streets Project – Manager Hovenstine stated that the 2016 Streets Project was budgeted at \$123,660.00, a bid of \$86,309.00 was received from New Enterprise, and the 2016 Streets program totaled \$117,503.11 with a difference of \$6,156.89. Additional work included advertising, engineering, posting and bonding (engineering, signs and posts), brake retarder posts and signs, and line painting and graphics (Eighth Avenue & Baldwin Blvd). The Proposed 2017 Street Project would include Stetler Avenue and Maple Street. The work on Stetler Avenue would involve widening the street.

UGI Pipeline – UGI estimated completing the pipeline project by end of November. An underground river was located while drilling for the pipeline. A water pipe service to Brookside Ministries was damaged and repaired on Saturday.

Auditor Change – The Borough received correspondence from Forgett & Kerstetter, PC. stating that they will no longer be able to provide the Borough with auditing services. The firm will cooperate with the new auditors to allow for a smooth transition when they are appointed. Manager Hovenstine will contact Herring, Roll, & Solomon CPAs, which were recommended by Forgett & Kerstetter.

Proposed 2017 Budget – The 2017 General Fund Budget and the Water/Sewer Fund Budgets were presented by Manager Hovenstine for tentative adoption and advertising. The 2017 General Fund budget is proposed at \$779,660.00. Manager Hovenstine recommended no change in the real estate tax for 2017. The 2017 Water/Sewer Fund Budget is proposed at \$988,900.00. Manager Hovenstine recommended no increase to the water/sewer rates in 2017. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to tentatively adopt the proposed 2017 Budget as presented, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all. Solicitor Slivinski will advertise the 2017 Budget for adoption on Monday, December 5, 2016.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Slivinski reviewed the Verizon agreement and memorandum regarding cell phone antenna installation on the water tower. The agreement would be a five year agreement with five automatic five year renewal periods; and notice of non renewal would be due six months prior to the term of agreement. Verizon can cancel a lease three months prior to an anniversary date; however the Borough does not have a cancellation provision. The Borough must maintain the water tower, if not Verizon will maintain the water tower and charge the Borough all expenses. The rent would be \$1,000.00 per month. The renewal is at a rate of 2% rent increase per year. Electric and telephone service must be available at the site; the services would be billed to Verizon. Solicitor Slivinski suggested adding a cancellation provision; which would allow the

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lease to be cancelled three months prior to an anniversary date. Mayor McGranaghan questioned whether there was a clause regarding their system occurs harm to third parties.

Councilman Musser recommended paying the Amerman invoice for the fire company just one time and then the fire company would budget for any future bills, which would be paid by the fire company. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to pay Amerman invoice in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the 2015 Audit review, however going forward needs to be in the 2017 fire company budget, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 7:00 PM to discuss second power plant.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

A Workshop meeting was held on October 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM to discuss the 2017 Budget.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$42,390.66, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$8,908.29, Motor Fund bills in the amount of \$53,660.00, Local Service Fund in the amount of \$17,650.61, Recreation Fund in the amount of \$6525.00, Police Fund in the amount of \$29,640.52, and Fire Protection Tax Fund in the amount of \$3,478.77 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 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary