

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 6, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday November 6, 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, Mark Benner, Robert Herbert, Rue Rothermel, and David Herbert were present.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Donald Musser was absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Manager Ed Hovenstine, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Police Chief Bremigen, Heidi Robuck, Frank Witt, Joan Witt, Dan Weber, Rose Weber, Dennis Adams, Randy Brosious, Debrah Brosious, Phyllis Solomon, Harvey Reichenbach, Chet Telatovich, Chyvonne Rhoads, Kyle Jessick, June Stark, and Brian Soles 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 2, 2017 Meeting of Council as presented, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all. A motion was made by Councilman Benner to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2017 Workshop meeting to discuss 2018 Budget as presented, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Proposed 2018 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 Councilman Herbert to approve the proposed meeting nights of 2018 as presented, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

Proposed 2018 Budget – President Herbert stated that a request was submitted from the Penn Valley Airport Authority for an additional \$1,500.00 contribution in 2018. Council decided not to amend the budget for additional contribution to Penn Valley Airport Authority. The 2018 General Fund Budget and the Water/Sewer Fund Budget were presented by Manager Hovenstine for tentative adoption and advertising. The 2018 General Fund budget is proposed at \$787,243.00. Manager Hovenstine recommended no change in the real estate tax for 2018. The 2018 Water/Sewer Fund Budget is proposed at \$1,060,100.00. Manager Hovenstine recommended no increase to the water/sewer rates in 2018. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to tentatively adopt the proposed 2018 Budget as presented, seconded by Vice

President Bickhart, and approved by all. Manager Hovenstine will advertise the 2018 Budget for adoption on Monday, December 4, 2017.

Manager Hovenstine reported that in the year 2018 there are reappointments as follows: Appointees – Tim Minori, Dorcas Dailey, and Solicitor Cravitz, Zoning Hearing Board-Girard Hughes, Civil Service Commission-Gloria Hughes, Planning Commission- John Whitmer, ESCRA-Ed Hovenstine, Landfill Commission-Mark Benner, Jesse Herman, and Jon Gray, Fire Task Force. The Manager will contact the members and find out if they are interested in continued service.

**VISITORS:**

Debrah Brosious – Debrah Brosious thanked Council for noting in the newsletter that residents should take responsibility for the stray cats, if they begin feeding and caring for them. Mrs. Brosious reported that there is not a state law regarding cats and stated that each municipality would have to set up variances regarding cats. Debrah Brosious questioned whether Council will consider regulations in the Borough for cats. Mayor McGranaghan stated that in his report he will discuss a possible quality of life ordinance.

Heidi Robuck – Heidi Robuck was involved in a hit and run accident on Routes 11/15 in the Borough and requested that the Borough install cameras on the traffic signals. Police Chief Bremigen stated that cameras are great; however should also have a license plate reader. The Police Chief and the Manager have been researching possibilities of camera systems in the Borough.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Mayor McGranaghan reviewed a quality of life ordinance that would replace a number of existing ordinances, streamline them into one ordinance, and make enforcement of ordinance easier. The first offense would be a warning. Some municipalities allow police department, code enforcement officer, Borough Manager, and in some instances the Mayor to issue tickets. Mayor McGranaghan will present a draft quality of life ordinance to Council members via email to discuss at the next Council meeting.

Mayor McGranaghan stated that PENNDOT will announce the recommended alternative route of the CSVT southern section to avoid construction on the existing ash waste basins.

Council reviewed the October police report.

Police Chief Bremigen reported that the bulletproof vests ordered through grant were cancelled with vendor and reordered with another vendor, because the vests were not suitable.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

ESCRA Trial – Manager Hovenstine reported that the trial between ESCRA and Selinsgrove Borough is scheduled to begin on Thursday, November 16, 2017.

New Hire – Brian Fatzinger, Borough crew, resigned on October 13, 2017 and will be missed. Manager Hovenstine hired Chad Latsha on October 23, 2017 as Borough crew and water

distribution specialist. The salary of Chad Latsha will be paid half from General Fund and half from Water/Sewer Fund.

Police Chief Bremigen left at this time.

Ninth Avenue Water Line – The Ninth Avenue water line replacement is complete.

Hydrant Flushing & Maintenance – Manager Hovenstine reported that the Borough crew conducted an annual hydrant flush and maintenance the week of October 23, 2017.

Verizon Agreement – Manager Hovenstine stated that the Verizon Wireless agreement was fully executed. The payment on agreement would begin after construction is commenced. The agreement has a term of twenty-five years with a 3% add on every year.

Conferences – Manager Hovenstine attended two conferences: one discussed upcoming regulations for the water system and the other discussed MS4, which is storm water. LB Water sponsored the storm water conference. The conference reviewed mapping the storm water system, points of discharge of storm water, and possible costs involved. A Comprehensive County plan was suggested as an authority.

Frank and Joan Witt left at this time.

Council discussed the Kmart closing and the Nissan dealership construction.

Harvey Reichenbach left at this time.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

Solicitor Slivinski transferred the property located at 15 W 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Jeffrey and Craig Doak on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 and payment was received.

Manager Hovenstine questioned whether the annexing of the property at 111 W 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue would be in the November ballot. Solicitor Slivinski stated that petitions need to be signed in Shamokin Dam Borough and Monroe Township (2 precincts), after the required amount of signatures, then the election office would put the annexation on the voting ballot.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in November.

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP:**

A Workshop meeting was held on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM to discuss the 2018 General Fund and 2018 Water/Sewer Fund budgets. A Workshop meeting will not be held in November.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

General Fund bills in the amount of \$20,713.61, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$22,961.11 and Fire Protection Fund bill in the amount of \$1,800.00 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel  
Borough Secretary