

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, November 4, 2019 in the municipal building located at 42 West 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President Musser presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Sauers, Mark Benner, Andrew Bickhart, Robert Lockcuff, Kyle Jessick, Domenico Barillaro, and Donald Musser were present.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Secretary LaDawn Litzel, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Police Chief Bremigen, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Jon Gray, Robert Hare, Angela Kline, Nick Klose, Tony Bixby, and June Stark were present.

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

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Jessick to approve the Council minutes of October 7, 2019 as presented, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all. A motion was made by Councilman Barillaro to approve the Workshop minutes of October 17, 2019 as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Emergency Ambulance Service Discussion – Nick Klose stated that the Evangelical Regional Mobile Medical Services, LLC (ERMMS) was placed in service on October 1, 2019 at the Hummels Wharf Fire Company. Angela Kline, Borough Resident, discussed geographic based on calls and care of patient. Nick Klose, Robert Hare, Jon Gray and Council discussed concerns such as cost of membership and billing, quickest/closest available, 911 dispatch, history of ambulance calls and monetary gain. President Musser discussed the options for the primary ambulance service for Shamokin Dam such as remaining the same, ERMMS, or closest available. Robert Hare with Americus Ambulance Service stated that the ambulance company will not solicit Borough residents for memberships, if not the primary ambulance service. President Musser questioned whether solicitation would take place if the vote would be closest available. Mr. Hare stated that after the communication center divided the territory as closest available the Americus Ambulance would solicit membership to residents within their territory.

A motion was made by Councilman Benner to recognize the quickest available ambulance service, discussion was held after motion was made on how Americus became the primary response. President Musser stated the Americus became the primary response ambulance based on the geographic location of DH&L/Americus. Councilman Benner changed this motion from quickest available to closest available. A motion was made by Councilman Benner to designate closest available ambulance service as primary response, seconded by Vice President and roll call vote called: Sauers-Yes, Musser-No, Benner-Yes, Lockcuff-Yes, Barillaro-Yes, Jessick-Yes, Bickhart-Yes (6-Yes, 1-No).

Robert Hare, Angela Kline, Nick Klose, and Tony Bixby left at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS:

PENNDOT, Signal Ahead Sign Request – PENNDOT responded to correspondence received by Rhiannon Myers requesting a signal ahead sign to be installed at the intersection of US 11/15 and Baldwin Blvd on the southbound approach. The Borough would have to agree to the installation of a signal ahead sign, and then submit a request to PENNDOT for review, if approved the traffic signal permit would be updated to reflect the addition, and the sign can then be installed. Council will direct the Borough Manager to send correspondence to PENNDOT on the feasibility and cost of a sign.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Proposed 2020 Meeting Nights – President Musser discussed that one Council meeting night in September would be held on Tuesday, due to holiday, instead of the first Monday of the month. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to approve and advertise the proposed meeting nights of 2020 as presented, seconded by Councilman Lockcuff, and approved by all.

Tentative 2020 Budget Adoption - Proposed 2020 Budget –The 2020 General Fund Budget and the Water/Sewer Fund Budget were presented for tentative adoption and advertising. The 2020 General Fund budget is proposed at \$860,635.00 with no tax increase. The 2020 Water/Sewer Fund Budget is proposed at \$1,016,922.00 with no increase to the water/sewer rates in 2020. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to tentatively adopt and advertise the proposed 2020 Budgets as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all. The Manager will advertise the 2020 Budgets for adoption on Monday, December 2, 2019.

The 2020 reappointments are as follows:

Appointees – Edward Hovenstine, Manager/Treasurer- LaDawn Leitzel, Secretary- Slivinski Law Office, Solicitor- Tim Minori and Derrick Backer, Zoning Hearing Board-Wayne Muthler, Civil Service Commission- David Sauers and Robert Noll, Planning Commission-David Herbert, Landfill Commission-Steve Diehl, East Snyder Park Board-Donald Musser, Robert Lockcuff, Warren Humphrey, Joe McGranaghan, and Citizen, Emergency Services Task Force-David Herbert, Vacancy Board. The Manager will contact the members and find out if they are interested in continued service.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan reported that the Trick or Treat was rescheduled to Wednesday, October 30, 2019 due to the weather and was successful. A consideration would be to have a rain date for future Trick or Treat night. Council decided not to have an official rain date.

The Mayor updated Council on radar for municipal police.

Police Report – Police Chief Bremigen reviewed the police report for October.

Police department will be participating in the Aggressive Driving and the Buckle Up Grant.

Police Chief Bremigen discussed the donated Sunbury Generation boiler plate.

Council discussed the Stephanie Lewis property, Golden Arrow property, and the Phillips Motel property regarding demolition and maintenance of these properties.

President Musser reported that Manager Hovenstine will be having hip surgery tomorrow morning.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Slivinski reviewed the Solicitors' Proposed Revisions to the ESCRA agreement.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in November.

WORKSHOP MEETING:

A Workshop meeting was held on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM to discuss the 2020 Budgets.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$16,730.56, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$17,099.27, Fire Protection Fund bills in the amount of \$1,800.00, and 111 W 11th Avenue Fund bills in the amount of \$7,340.57 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Lockcuff, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary