

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 3, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, October 3, 2016 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, Mark Benner, Rue Rothermel, Donald Musser, Andrew Bickhart, Robert Herbert, and David Herbert were present.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Manager Ed Hovenstine, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Frank Witt, Joan Witt, Russ Broschious, and Brian Soles were present.

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

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Herbert to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016 meeting of Council as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

**VISITORS:**

Russ Broschious – Russ Broschious reviewed the minor re-subdivision of existing lots located at Routes 11/15 and Baldwin Blvd. The purpose of the re-subdivision would be to create two commercial lots from previously subdivided, but unsold portions of Orchard Hills. Each commercial lot owner will be responsible for submitting, to Shamokin Dam Borough, a comprehensive development plan for all building improvements including provisions for all traffic movements. This would allow for various types of options for development. Planning Commission members recommended approval of the submitted plan to be forwarded to Borough Council.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Snyder County Libraries – The Borough received correspondence from the Snyder County Libraries requesting an increase to the previous donation of \$5,000.00 to \$5,300.00.

Selinsgrove 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp – The Borough received correspondence from the Selinsgrove Intermediate School regarding a contribution towards Fifth Grade Camp. Councilman Musser suggested continuing the contribution to Fifth Grade Camp.

Pension State Aid – The Borough received the pension state aid in the amount of \$43,746.46. The 2016 non uniform pension minimum municipal obligation was \$30,433.00 and the 2016 police pension minimum municipal obligation was \$16,654.00 for a total of \$47,087.00. The 2016 cost of both pension plans was in the amount of \$3,340.54. The MMO was paid on February 1, 2016.

Fireman’s Relief State Aid - The Borough received the state aid for the fireman’s relief in the amount of \$10,451.59, which was deposited into the general fund, a check was written to the fire company for approval tonight.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Comprehensive Plan – Council reviewed the proposed 2016 Comprehensive Plan. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to adopt Resolution 2016-4, 2016 Comprehensive Plan with changes, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

Penn Valley Airport – President Herbert and Solicitor Slivinski attended a meeting held by the Penn Valley Airport Authority Board of Directors on Thursday, September 29, 2016 to discuss the USDA Rural Development Loan Program (new hangar project). Penn Valley Airport Authority proposed pursuing grants and soliciting for private donations in support of the hangar project. The Authority considers these municipalities as stakeholders in the airport: City of Sunbury, County of Northumberland, County of Snyder, County of Union, Middleburg Borough, Selinsgrove Borough, Shamokin Dam Borough, Monroe Township, and Penn Township. Penn Valley Airport Authority proposed that the municipalities adopt a resolution of intent that would indicate commitment to the concept of providing the requisite 1/9 guaranty for the loan with an approximate amount of \$625,000.00 from each stakeholder. The maximum amount guaranteed by each stakeholder is \$69,500.00. Council agrees that more information would need to be submitted to make a decision.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Police Chief Bremigen was absent due to family commitment. Mayor McGranaghan reported that Officer Hassenplug and his wife had a beautiful baby girl and returned to work today. The Mayor reviewed details of the bank robbery at First National Bank on Friday, September 30, 2016. Mayor McGranaghan suggested that the police department purchase cameras by way of a grant to be installed in the Borough. The Mayor reviewed a resident complaint regarding lighting curfew amendment in the ordinances.

Council reviewed the September police report.

Vice President Bickhart questioned whether the power plan had the right to stop traffic on North Old Trail. The Mayor responded yes. Manager Hovenstine stated that the process took approximately seventeen minutes for the workers to exit the job site. Mayor McGranaghan stated that the power plant has been working with the Chamber of Commerce, the Borough and the police department to make sure that the traffic is not a problem.

Vice President Bickhart stated that drivers are not stopping at the stop signs located at Eleventh Avenue and Eighth Avenue onto North Old Trail at approximately 6:00 AM. Councilman Musser suggested having the police department enforce traffic violations at the stop signs during that timeframe.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

Water Allocation Permit – The Borough received the water allocation permit with a term of twenty-five years. The amount of water allowed for withdraw from the river was decreased from 1.2 million gallons to 700,000 gallons per day. A leak prevention program was one of the stipulations of the new permit. Manager Hovenstine stated that meter pits would improve upon leak prevention issues. Councilman Musser suggested enacting the meter pits on new installations and re-hookups. The Manager will evaluate cost of a meter pit replacement

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program. The Borough has 44% unaccounted water; the Borough would like to be at 20% unaccounted water.

Tank Inspection & Wash – Utility Service will be inspecting and washing the elevated tank on Monday, October 17, 2016.

Fire Company Loan Satisfied – Manager Hovenstine reported that the fire company loan in the amount of \$20,000.00 was satisfied to the Borough on September 6, 2016.

NPDES Permit Renewal – Manager Hovenstine will submit for a five year NPDES permit to DEP for discharge (backwash) water.

Chemical Change at Water Treatment Plant – The Borough uses a phosphate chemical (shannacore), which coats the pipes and helps with lead & copper control. Sea quest would be the new chemical, which does the same as shannacore, however also helps with the valves in the system by not allowing particles to form. Manager Hovenstine is working with DEP for approval of the chemical change. The Borough would conduct two cycles of lead & copper testing voluntarily.

Request to ESCRA – Manager Hovenstine sent correspondence to ESCRA requesting that the 2017 non-metered flow estimate at the end of the North Old Trail be reduced from .030 MGD to .020 MGD at the time and monitor on a yearly basis.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

The Solicitor had no report at this time.

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP:**

A Workshop meeting will be held on October 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM to discuss the 2017 Budget. Manager Hovenstine requested information from Kluge Insurance regarding the possibility of a health insurance increase.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

General Fund bills in the amount of \$32,247.42 and Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$11,720.27 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel  
Borough Secretary