

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 7, 2019**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Secretary LaDawn Litzel, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Police Chief Bremigen, Manager Ed Hovenstine, Solicitor Matt Slivinski, Jon Gray, Robert Hare, June Stark, Tom McBryan, James O'Brien, Jake Kline, and Nick Klose were present.

The meeting was opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance".

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Benner to approve the Council minutes of September 3, 2019 as presented, seconded by Councilman Lockcuff, and approved by all.

**VISITORS:**

Tom McBryan – ESCRA – Tom McBryan reviewed with Council that the upgrade project has been postponed due to the lack of approval by all four municipalities. The service agreement expired when ESCRA's debt was paid off. The four municipalities need to settle issues and sign a new service agreement before the wastewater treatment plant improvements project can move forward. The Solicitor reviewed the proposed amendments to the service agreement. PA DEP approved the planning module of the plant improvements project.

Tom McBryan left at this time.

New Emergency Services Proposal – James O'Brien reviewed the proposed QRS fee agreement. Evangelical Regional Mobile Medical Services, LLC (ERMMS) placed an ALS MICU in service at the Hummels Wharf Fire Company. Mayor McGranaghan questioned what type of impact this would have on the current Americus Ambulance Service. James O'Brien responded that ERMMS would be the primary ambulance service for Shamokin Dam. ERMMS would have one unit at Hummels Wharf Fire Company and Americus has five units with two-three units in service daily. President Musser stated that Council needs to review how this decision will impact the Borough residents. The Mayor questioned whether ERMMS would honor the membership for Americus Ambulance Service. Nicholas Klose, ERMMS, stated that the other memberships would be honored and explained to the resident that every November ERMMS will be offering memberships. The Mayor questioned whether UPMC and Americus were contacted regarding this discussion. James O'Brien stated that UPMC or Americus was not contacted after ERMMS contacted the Fire Company about agreement, because of time not available, however the Mayor could contact them. Councilman Benner commends ERMMS for the QRS reimbursement as a monetary gain. ERMMS will reimburse SDVFC, \$100.00 when SDVFC acts as a QRS and

ERMMS does the treatment and transportation of said patient. Councilman Benner recommended appointing the closest available as the primary ambulance service. Councilman Sauers recommended that this proposal be reviewed by the Shamokin Dam Fire Task Force for recommendation to Council. Manager Hovenstine stated that Council appoints and/or reappoints annually and the new appointment would be 2020. President Musser recommended that Council review discussion and vote at a later Council meeting.

James O'Brien and Nicholas Klose left at this time.

Fire Company – Fire Chief Jon Gray reviewed the September call report. Manager Hovenstine requested that the Fire Chief notify the Borough when the fire truck is sold, so insurance can be cancelled. The Fire Chief discussed gathering quotes for a heating system for the truck room.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Pension State Aid – The Borough received the pension state aid in the amount of \$61,445.98. Manager Hovenstine stated that the MMO for year 2019 totaled \$67,415.00.

Firemen's Relief State Aid – The Borough received the firemen's relief association state aid in the amount of \$9,234.23, which a check will be approved for the firemen's relief association in the same amount.

Resolution 2019-4, Non Uniform Pension Plan – A resolution that establishes the non-uniform employees withholding to the pension plan from the required 4 ½ % to 3% for year 2020 only. A motion was made by Councilman Benner to adopt Resolution 2019-4, Non Uniform Pension Plan, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, roll call vote: Barillaro-Yes, Jessick-Yes Bickhart-Yes, Sauers-Yes, Musser-Yes, Benner-Yes, Lockcuff-Yes (7-Yes, 0-No).

Resolution 2019-5, Police Pension Plan – A resolution that waives the uniform employee contribution to the Police pension fund for the year 2020. A motion was made by Councilman Lockcuff to adopt Resolution 2019-5, Police Pension Plan, seconded by Councilman Benner, roll call vote: Barillaro-Yes, Jessick-Yes, Bickhart-Yes, Sauers-Yes, Musser-Yes, Benner-Yes, Lockcuff-Yes, (7-Yes, 0-No).

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Mayor McGranaghan reported that a second gas fire plant project may be started in the year 2020 at the Sunbury Generation site.

2020 Census – The Mayor met with Timothy Neville. The Census Bureau would like to partner with the Borough to encourage residents by website and Facebook to participate in the 2020 census.

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

The Chief questioned whether there was tractor trailer traffic on the Old Trail in the Borough and members of Council responded no.

Police Chief Bremigen updated Council on the purchase of vehicle and reviewed the issues with the car.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

ESCRA Budget 2020 – Manager Hovenstine reported that ESCRA reduced the 2020 budget by \$229,000.00.

Filter Evaluation Summary – The Manager discussed violations such as record keeping and the water plant will be changing the process.

Healthcare Renewal – The renewal will be discussed at the Budget meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Rental Upgrades – Manger Hovenstine requested three quotes and received two quotes for HVAC system for the rental unit from Comfort Specialty in the amount of \$10,700.00 and Mull’s Mechanical in the amount of \$6,000.00. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to not exceed \$10,700.00 on the purchase of the HVAC system, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all.

Water Project Grant Opportunity – The Manager discussed a possible grant opportunity to install meter pits throughout the Borough.

HRG Proposal – HRG submitted a proposal for utility coordination and relocation design assistance for the anticipated utility conflicts associated with CSVT Project. A motion was made by Councilman Benner to accept the proposal for utility coordination and relocation design submitted by HRG Engineering in the amount of \$34,940.00, seconded by Councilman Lockcuff, roll call vote called: Musser-Yes, Benner-Yes, Lockcuff-Yes, Barillaro-Yes, Jessick-Yes, Bickhart-Yes, Sauers-Yes (7-Yes, 0-No).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council convened to executive session at 8:42 PM to discuss assessment agreement of 127 Queen Avenue and reconvened at 8:47 PM. A motion was made by Councilman Jessick to accept the recommended reassessment agreement with Rod Donaldson at 127 Queen Avenue, seconded by Councilman Lockcuff, and approved by all.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

Matt Slivinski reported that Robert Slivinski is doing well after surgery.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in October.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

General Fund bills in the amount of \$21,884.66 and Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$9,124.15 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Lockcuff to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel  
Borough Secretary