

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 in the municipal building located at 42 W. 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President David Herbert presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Malcolm Fleming was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Manager Ed Hovenstine, Mayor Joe McGranaghan, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Police Chief Tim Bremigen, Frank Witt, Joan Witt, Kathy Showers, Donna Shipe, Bob Garrett, Dave Sauers, Cindy O’Hora, and Don O’Hora 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 meeting minutes of August 3, 2015 and Planning Commission minutes of August 12, 2015 as presented, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Comprehensive Plan – Bob Garrett distributed the proposed list of members of the steering committee. The Superintendent of Selinsgrove School was contacted regarding possibly having student serve on the steering committee for a senior project. Bob Garrett reported that a Planning 101 will be held on Saturday September 26, 2015 between 8:00-11:00 AM at the Greater Susquehanna Chamber of Commerce building. The historical background was completed. Manager Hovenstine is working with Snyder County GIS for the requested maps. A survey will be sent out after the Planning 101 training is completed. Meeting dates will be set at the training session.

Bob Garrett left at this time.

Borough Resident – Kathy Showers, resident of the Borough, discussed concerns with Haubert Homes. See Attachment.

Kathy Showers and Donna Shipe left at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Sunbury Road Petition – Council reviewed a petition from residents located on Sunbury Road regarding the construction of the thruway that was sent to PENNDOT. Manager Hovenstine stated that the permit would need to be amended regarding the application of the striping along side of Route 11/15 at Baldwin Blvd signal.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan discussed possible issues with traffic at the end of a work day on the Hummel Station worksite. An initial 200 employees per day would be at the worksite, however an estimated 900 employees per day are proposed at the peak of construction.

Police Chief Bremigen reviewed the August police report.

The Shamokin Dam Police Department participated in the Snyder County Night Out on Tuesday, August 25, 2015.

Shamokin Dam Police Department conducted a check point on Friday, August 28, 2015 through an assistance of a grant. The police tested five individuals for DUI, which resulted in two DUI arrests. The aggressive driving grant was completed by August 30, 2015.

Councilman Musser questioned whether the 2009 car would be replaced in year 2016. Police Chief Bremigen would like to hold off on replacing the 2009 car until necessary, but contacted First National Bank to gather information regarding vehicle leasing.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Fall Newsletter – The fall newsletter will be mailed by the end of the week.

Councilman Benner expressed concerns regarding a flood mitigation meeting, which discussed adding a layer to the Sunbury flood wall and more flood proofing north of Shamokin Dam. Mayor McGranaghan suggested that Councilman Benner contact Representative Tom Marino.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Pension MMO – The Police Pension Plan Obligation for 2015 was \$16,035.00 and the Non-Uniform Pension Plan Obligation for 2015 was \$30,577.00. The 2015 Minimum Municipal Obligation has not been paid until the Borough receives the state aid. The Police Pension Plan Obligation for 2016 is \$16,654.00 and the Non-Uniform Pension Plan Obligation for 2016 is \$30,433.00. These obligations do not take into account any state aid.

Solicitor Slivinski arrived.

2016 Sewer Flows – Manager Hovenstine requested that ESCRA lower the estimated sewer flows for year 2016. The Borough received a credit in the amount of \$6,984.29 for the fourth quarter 2015 regional payment based on the 2010-2014 calculations.

Reservoir Repairs – Manager Hovenstine requested authorization for structural repair of two more corners at the reservoir with an estimated cost of \$10,000.00 per corner. A motion was

made by Vice President Bickhart to authorize structural repair on the corners at the reservoir with an approximate cost of \$10,000.00 per corner, seconded by Councilman Musser, and approved by all.

Streets Summary – Manager Hovenstine reported that New Enterprise completed the street program in three and one-half days. The streets completed were Smokehouse Lane, Baldwin Court, Center Street around the park, and Monroe Avenue. Councilman Musser questioned whether UGI completed repairs on Center Street to satisfaction. Manager Hovenstine answered that all the macadam has been repaired but the sidewalk needs replaced. The Manager requested that the sidewalk have a handicap curb. Manager Hovenstine recommended posting the Borough streets for weight limitations. A permit and fee are required for use of the posted streets. Councilman Rothermel discussed water drainage on Chestnut Street. Manager Hovenstine requested authorization to pay New Enterprise bill when received. Councilman Musser stated to pay the bill at the bid price; any additional amount could be paid at the October meeting.

Water Withdraw Renewal Permit – Manager Hovenstine met with DEP to review the water withdraw permit renewal. Engineering services would be retained per permit requirements. Permit will be submitted to DEP by the end of the year. The Manager will request a proposal from Stahl, Sheaffer Engineering.

Visitors left at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council adjourned to executive session at 8:35 PM to discuss a personnel issue and reconvened at 8:50 PM. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to approve the 2016-2018 Patrolman contract as published, seconded by Councilman Rothermel, and approved by all. A motion was made by Councilman Musser to approve the 2016-2018 Police Chief contract as specified in executive session, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

Mayor McGranaghan left at this time.

SOLICITOR:

Solicitor Slivinski reported that Haubert Homes filed bankruptcy under Chapter 11 (reorganization). Councilman Musser questioned whether the Borough could require anything to help with the low water pressure in Weatherfield Development. Manager Hovenstine answered that the pressure (while low) is within the DEP limits, which the developer is aware of and should be recommending pressure pumps to prospective home owners.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in September.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

President Herbert reported a workshop meeting will not be held in September.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$20,113.51 and Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$8,950.25 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Herbert to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Rothermel, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary