

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Tuesday, September 3, 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, and Donald Musser were present.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Domenico Barillaro was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Manager Ed Hovenstine, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Police Chief Bremigen, Chet Telatovich, and Laura Benfer 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 August 5, 2019 as presented, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Laura Benfer – Borough Resident, Laura Benfer, discussed with Council issues with utility companies/contractors using easements and not maintaining the area (example: leaving tire ruts) after completion of project. The Police Chief suggested that when this occurs to contact the police department immediately, the police can run a crash report because of property damage for insurance purposes. Laura Benfer stated that all easements should be accessible for utility vehicles (nothing blocking the easement such as: shrubbery, trees). Manager Hovenstine will contact the utility companies regarding maintaining the area after use of easement, and recommended that a note be in the next newsletter explaining easements to Borough residents. Laura Benfer thanked the Borough for all the services that the Borough provides and stated that the services are appreciated by Borough residents.

Laura Benfer left at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Meals 4 Seals and the Sunbury Fire Police thanked the Borough for recent donation.

Culver Invite-Throughway Tour – Representative Lynda Schlegel Culver will be hosting a tour of the CSVT project for municipal leaders on Friday, September 27, 2019 at 9:30 AM; RSVP by Thursday, September 12, 2019.

Budget Requests – Manager Hovenstine asked that any budget requests should be received prior to the Budget meeting in October.

ESCRA – The Borough received a credit from ESCRA towards the next quarter billing. ESCRA representative Tom McBryan will be attending the October Council meeting to provide another update on current issues at the authority.

OTHER BUSINESS:

President Musser discussed a conversation with Fire Chief Gray regarding a fire company located in Tennessee, who made an offer in the amount of \$7,000.00 for the old fire truck. President Musser recommended that Fire Chief Gray report to the October meeting with two quotes for a heating system for the truck room.

MAYORS REPORT:

Proclamation – A Proclamation honoring the United States Constitution week. Mayor McGranaghan proclaimed that September 17th to 23rd of 2019 as Constitution Week in the Borough of Shamokin Dam and urge all citizens of the Borough to study the Constitution, and reflect on the privilege of being an American with all the rights and responsibilities which that privilege involves.

National Beef Trucking – Mayor McGranaghan sent correspondence to the Plant Manager of National Beef, which led to a conversation involving truck traffic turning south and exiting the North Old Trail Road at Sheetz.

MANAGERS REPORT:

DEP Regulations and RAFA System – Manager Hovenstine reviewed the DEP regulations and the installation and advancements with the RAFA system.

Center Street Program Review – The Manager reported that new water/sewer lines were installed on Center Street from Sixth Avenue to Seventh Avenue. Center Street was paved after the utility job was completed.

2019 Streets Program Review – The Manager reported that the 2019 Streets project is complete. The 2019 Streets contract was awarded in the amount of \$104,874.50 and the total project cost was \$108,889.94. The added cost was extra stone and superpave, wearing course materials.

Pension MMO – The Non-Uniform Pension Plan Obligation to be paid by the Borough for 2020 is \$55,556.00 and the Police Pension Plan Obligation to be paid by the Borough for 2020 is \$18,706.00 due December 31, 2020. These obligations do not take into account any anticipated state aid reimbursement.

Zoning Hearing Review – A hearing was held on Monday, August 19, 2019 regarding the appeal of Dusan Bratic of adverse decision of Zoning Officer regarding the use of 2621 North Susquehanna Trail, Shamokin Dam (Golden Arrow Motel). The Zoning Hearing Board denied the appeal of Dusan Bratic.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in September.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$63,808.32, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$63,551.41, Motor Fund bills in the amount of \$60,600.00, and PLGIT Local Service Fund in the amount of \$3,288.94 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 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary