

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2023**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, August 7, 2023, in the municipal building located at 42 West 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President Musser presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Sauers, Mark Benner, Shawn Bingaman, Maria Brandt, Karen Roberts, Paige Visneski, and Donald Musser were present.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Manager Edward Hovenstine, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Police Chief Timothy Bremigen, and Robert Hare were present.

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

PUBLIC HEARING, ROYAL FARMS REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE:
Hearing began at 7:01 PM and ended at 7:08 PM. No Public Comment.

Solicitor Slivinski presented three exhibits: 1. Proof of publication of notice for public hearing, 2. Printed notice that was posted at the property, and 3. Hearing exhibits include a hearing request form, redacted agreement of sale, existing liquor license documentation, and offer of proof. Resolution 2023-5, Approving the transfer of Restaurant Liquor License No. R-20064 into the Borough of Shamokin Dam, roll call vote called: David Sauers-Yes, Donald Musser-Yes, Mark Benner-Yes, Maria Brandt-Yes, Paige Visneski-Yes, Karen Roberts-Yes, Shawn Bingaman-Yes. 7-Yes, 0-No

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brandt to approve the Council minutes of July 3, 2023, and Workshop minutes of July 20, 2023, as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Visneski, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Robert Hare representing the Americus Ambulance Service was present to answer any questions. Councilwoman Visneski had questions regarding the billing for the Americus Ambulance service; Mr. Hare and Councilwoman Visneski will work together to resolve the account.

Robert Hare left at this time.

STREET BID:

2023 Street Project Bids – Bids were received and opened today for the 2023 Streets Project:

New Enterprise Stone & Lime

\$123,915.00

Rite-Way Sealing	\$139,456.25
Meckley's Limestone Products	\$142,300.00

A motion was made by Councilman Benner to award the bid for the 2023 Streets Project to the low bidder, New Enterprise Stone & Lime with a bid of \$123,915.00, seconded by Councilman Bingaman, and approved by all.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Borough received correspondence from Camp Cadet program, Selinsgrove Outdoor Education Program, Selinsgrove Area Community Pool, Snyder County Libraries, and Selinsgrove Meals 4 Seals thanking the Borough for the 2023 contributions.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2023 Fall Newsletter – The Fall newsletter was presented and will be distributed.

Trick or Treat Night Hours will be from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor's Conference – Mayor McGranaghan attended the Mayor's Conference and reviewed the content discussed at the conference.

Community Alert System – The Mayor stated that Snyder County has a community alert system with an annual cost of \$500.00. Borough residents would have to register to receive notifications via email or text messages. A motion was made by Councilman Benner to pursue the Snyder County community alert system, seconded by Councilwoman Brandt, and approved by all.

Police Report – Police Chief Bremigen presented the July police report. The Police Chief discussed the process of hiring the police administrative assistant. An advertisement, an application, and a thorough job description were developed.

Police Chief Bremigen mentioned that the gathering for Robyn Musser's retirement was well received, the police department presented Mrs. Musser with a plaque and Senator Culver's office presented a certificate. Police Chief Bremigen commended Secretary Litzel on the assistance offered for Robyn Musser's retirement luncheon.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Miscellaneous Project Updates –

- Elevated tank the work on the inside of the tank was held up due to a mechanical failure, which allowed the company to perform exterior work.
- Fish ladder is approximately eighty-five percent complete, on schedule for completion on October 10, 2023. The Borough has received complaints regarding the construction traffic.
- Complaints have been received regarding the other construction project on the North Old Trail, which includes replacement of poles and wire.
- The property owner for 3718 & 3720 N Old Trail found a natural spring on the property while razing and rebuilding townhouses.

- Manager Hovenstine will be receiving bids for paving the water treatment plant, which would be paid for by the Water/Sewer Fund and the basketball court at Jack Treas Park, which would be paid for by the Recreation Fund.

Liability Insurance Renewal – Liability Insurance renewed on August 1, 2023, with an increase of approximately 3.5%.

Royal Farms Update – Highway Occupancy Permit – Manager Hovenstine attended a meeting regarding the traffic signal, the main issue with the signaling would be the pedestrian crossing, which is more than what is allowable while crossing Routes 11/15. The Manager stated that maybe some intersections should not have a pedestrian crossing, which they answered that this intersection needs a pedestrian crossing.

Manager Hovenstine reviewed an issue with feral cats, Borough residents signed up for the TNR program, however there is nowhere to take the feral cats to be neutered or spayed locally.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Service Electric Cablevision Franchise Agreement – The Borough and Service Electric Cablevision have a franchise agreement that began in year 2013 with a term of ten years, which expires on April 4, 2023. Solicitor Slivinski mentioned that the Landlord/Tenant section 13 was added for this agreement: No landlord shall demand payment from cable company for permitting cable on the property, no landlord shall interfere with the installation of cable company, no landlord shall discriminate in rental charges or otherwise, between tenants who have and those who do not, and no landlord shall demand or accept payment from any tenant for permitting cable on the property. The agreement states that Service Electric Cablevision shall pay the Borough a fee equal to 3% of gross revenues collected by Service Electric Cablevision from charges for Cable Television Services. Payment of fees shall be made annually no later than March 31st of the year following the calendar year in which the fees accrue. There will need to be a new ordinance passed by Borough Council and a new agreement executed with Service Electric Cablevision and each will need to be approved by Council. The Franchise agreement was tabled until Council meeting on September 5, 2023.

Solicitor Slivinski reviewed correspondence received from PENNDOT regarding a traffic signal maintenance agreement between PENNDOT and Shamokin Dam Borough. The Solicitor will prepare a resolution for the September Council meeting, designating who in the Borough is authorized to sign agreement.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in August.

WORKSHOP:

A Workshop meeting will be held in August on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at 7:00 PM to discuss Borough/Police building project update and an executive session for personnel review and property review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council adjourned to executive session at 8:05 PM, to discuss personnel issue; reconvened at 8:20 PM. No action was taken at this time.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$9,806.71, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$10,854.30, and 111 W 11th Avenue Fund in the amount of \$2,168.61, were presented for payment. A motion was made by Vice President Sauers to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary