

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, December 5, 2022, 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, Shawn Bingaman, Karen Roberts, Maria Brandt, Domenico Barillaro, Mark Benner, and Donald Musser were present.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Manager Edward Hovenstine, Brian Soles, Elaine Herbert, Joe Gonya, Jon Gray, John Shirk, Marilyn Roberts, Brian Hollenbach, Dr. Michael Dunigan, and were present.

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

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brandt to approve the Council minutes of November 7, 2022, as presented, seconded by Councilman Bingaman, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

President Musser requested that visitors, who want to speak, call Secretary Leitzel prior to the meeting to be added to the Council meeting Agenda with respect to time and productive meeting constraints. President Musser requested that anything besides the fire police report be tabled until the January meeting.

Fire Police – Brian Soles, fire police, presented documentation of five individuals that have been trained, clearances have been sent, and proper paperwork has been filed. Mayor McGranaghan mentioned that the Mayor is required to certify all active fire police under Borough code and will swear in all fire police working in the Borough after all individuals have been approved.

Meck-Tech, Joe Gonya, presented a final subdivision plan approval of Howard Bowers lot consolidation at 47 Jonathan Road. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Howard Bowers lot consolidation at 47 Jonathan Road. A motion was made by Councilman Benner to approve the final subdivision plan approval of Howard Bowers lot consolidation at 47 Jonathan Road as submitted, seconded by Vice President Sauers, and approved by all.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2023 Budget Adoption – 2023 Budget –The 2023 General Fund Budget and the Water/Sewer Fund Budget were presented. The 2023 General Fund budget is proposed at \$1,234,255.00 with a proposed two mil tax increase. The 2023 Water/Sewer Fund Budget is proposed at \$1,361,809.00 with no increase to the water/sewer rates in 2023. A motion was made by Councilman Benner to adopt the proposed 2023 Budgets as presented, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and roll call vote called: Don-Yes, Mark-Yes, Maria-Yes, Dom-Yes, Karen-Yes, Shawn-Yes, Dave-Yes 7-Yes, 0-No

Stop Sign – Council discussed the Eighth Avenue and North Old Trail traffic related issues after discussion the suggestion was to install a solar powered lighted (flashing) stop sign at the intersection. Manager Hovenstine will contact vendor to see options available and purchase a lighted stop sign. Mayor McGranaghan questioned whether the Borough will submit a formal request to PENNDOT for a southbound stop sign on North Old Trail at the intersection. The Manager stated that a traffic study would most likely be the first stage of the request.

2023 Committee Appointees – Manager Hovenstine reviewed the vacancies on Boards and Commissions. June Stark, Zoning Hearing, Thomas McBryan, ESCRA, Ed Hovenstine, Landfill Commission, LaDawn Leitzel, County Tax Collection Commission have all agreed to serve another term. Vacancies: Landfill Commission, Mark Benner will serve, Civil Service Commission, Jon Gray will serve, Franchise Committee, vacancy, Vacancy Board, vacancy, and East Snyder Park Board, 2 Vacancies.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan reviewed property maintenance: 3507 N Old Trail was sold, 3517 N Old Trail was sold, 3710 N Old Trail, 3718 N Old Trail, and 3720 N Old Trail were sold, and 2835 N Susquehanna Trail parking area.

Mayor McGranaghan complimented Vicar Mindy Bartholomew from St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Pastor Mike Gaugler from Calvary Fellowship Susquehanna Valley, and Pastor Jerry Helman from Brookside Ministries and their congregations that organized the Christmas Tree Project a nice community event, which should be an annual event.

Police Report – Mayor McGranaghan presented the November police report.

MANAGERS REPORT:

NPDES Renewal – Manager Hovenstine mentioned that the NPDES permit renewal is for the backwash basins, all testing and information gathering must be submitted by March 4, 2023, six months prior to the renewal in August 2023, the renewal is good for five-year period.

Planning Updates – Royal Farms, Highway Occupancy Permit was not applied for at this time, and Eagles Wind Coffee Shop waiting on traffic study.

Park Request – A Borough resident requested to submit a community garden plan. Manager Hovenstine suggested participation with the Susquehanna Valley Garden Club that maintains the garden at Jack Treas Park.

President Musser left at this time, Vice President Sauers resided over the remainder of the meeting.

2023 Streets Proposed – Manager Hovenstine reviewed the proposed 2023 Streets project as the upper part of Baldwin Blvd (hill area), Queen Avenue, end of Maple Street near Stetler Avenue.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Resolution 2022-8, Implement Act 57 of 2022, Taxes – A motion was made by Councilman Barillaro to adopt Resolution 2022-8, Implement Act 57 of 2022 Taxes, directing the tax collector to waive additional charges for real estate taxes in certain situations, seconded by Councilwoman Roberts, and approved by all.

Ordinance 2022-4, Fixing the Real Estate Tax Rates for the Fiscal Year 2023 – A motion was made by Councilman Bingaman to fix the real estate tax rates for the fiscal year 2023 at 14 mills for general purposes and 3 mills for fire protection, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all.

Mayor McGranaghan questioned the Solicitor on the status of annexing the property located at 111 W 11th Avenue into the Borough of Shamokin Dam. Solicitor Slivinski reviewed the process: a description of the new property boundary, surveyed, an ordinance, a joint meeting, and a public hearing would be needed for annexation between Monroe Township and the Borough of Shamokin Dam. The Mayor questioned the timeframe of this process. The Solicitor answered with prior to the fall taxes.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 7:00 PM to discuss final subdivision plan approval of Howard Bowers lot consolidation at 47 Jonathan Road.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$23,776.17, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$158,034.37, and 111 W 11th Avenue Fund in the amount of \$70.00 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilwoman Brandt to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary