

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, February 5, 2024, 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, Shawn Bingaman, Charlene Bailey, Maria Brandt, Karen Roberts, and Donald Musser were present.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Manager Edward Hovenstine, Jim Emery, Travis Martin, Rod Neitz, and Chet Telatovich 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 January 2, 2024, and the Workshop minutes of January 18, 2024, seconded by Councilman Bingaman, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Livic Civil, W&L Mazda Preliminary Land Development Plan – Travis Martin with Livic Civil presented the W&L Mazda Preliminary Land Development Plan. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the preliminary land development plan for W & L Mazda dealership located at 3819 N Susquehanna Trail, Shamokin Dam. Mr. Martin requested conditional approval of the final land development plan with a waiver through planning commission. The requirements are NPDES permit, ESCRA allocation of EDU’s. Manager Hovenstine stated that the gallons per day of water allocation needs reported to the Borough and bonding for the site improvements. A motion was made by Councilman Benner to a conditionally approve the W&L Mazda Final Land Development Plan upon the NPDES permit, ESCRA allocation of EDU’s, and the Borough allocation of gallons per day of water and a waiver through planning commission, seconded by Vice President Sauers, and roll call vote called: Don Musser-Yes, Mark Benner-Yes, Maria Brandt-Yes, Charlene Bailey-Yes, Karen Roberts-Yes, Shawn Bingaman-Yes, David Sauers-Yes, 7-Yes, 0-No.

Central Keystone COG – Rodney Neitz, Director/Building Code Official, and James Emery, Code Enforcement Supervisor were introduced to Council. President Musser explained that Council requested Central Keystone COG representatives to meet and discuss better communication with Borough representatives (once a month progress/status report of properties that are in violation). Jim Emery questioned whether Manager Hovenstine was receiving the monthly reports on property violations. The Manager answered no. Mr. Emery will check on why the reports are not being received. President Musser requested that Central Keystone COG send the Borough reports for the last ninety days for properties with code violation. Building permits that are issued are valid for two years, however an extension could be issued for up to five years with a written request. Jim Emery gave an update on the property located at 3517

North Old Trail. Mayor McGranaghan questioned whether there was a way to have continuous progress on property improvements. Solicitor Slivinski stated that Central Keystone COG would be able to act on safety issues, however building permits are valid for two years, without an extension.

Rodney Neitz, Jim Emery, and Travis Martin left at this time.

COMMUNICATION:

Correspondence was received from Service Electric to inform the Borough in advance of upcoming rate adjustments.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

Council requested an agenda listing for open business as follows:

Central Keystone COG Emails

Fire Company, Monthly Statements – Audit – Lease

Flood Mitigation

OTHER BUSINESS:

Resolution 2024-1, County Liquid Fuel – A motion was made by Councilwoman Roberts to adopt Resolution 2024-1, application for County aid to purchase salt and/or anti-skid material for Borough streets in the amount of \$1,435.00, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

Exonerate Deann Lockcuff, 2023 Taxes – The 2023 Delinquent Real Estate Taxes will be sent to the Snyder County Tax Claim Bureau. A motion was made by Vice President Sauers to exonerate the Tax Collector Deann Lockcuff from collection of the delinquent 2023 real estate, seconded by Councilman Bingaman, and approved by all.

Commission/Committee Appointments – President Musser explained the committees and appointments. Councilwoman Bailey requested to be appointed to the Personnel committee and Councilwoman Brandt resigned from the Personnel committee. President Musser appointed Councilwoman Bailey to the Personnel committee and appointed Councilwoman Brandt to the Water/Sewer committee.

Council discussed the vacancy on the Franchise Commission. Mayor McGranaghan recommended disbanding the Franchise Commission. A motion was made by Councilman Bingaman to dissolve the Franchise Commission, seconded by Councilwoman Brandt, and approved by all.

A motion was made by Councilman Benner to appoint Marlin Moyer and Paige Visneski to the Emergency Services Task Force for a four-year term, seconded by Vice President Sauers, and approved by all.

A motion was made by Councilman Bingaman to appoint Paige Visneski to the Civil Service Commission for a six-year term, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

MAYORS REPORT:

Right To Know, Alternate – The Mayor requested that Elaine Morgan be appointed as an Open Records Officer alternate for Right To Know. A motion was made by Councilwoman Brandt to appoint Elaine Morgan for the Borough and police department Open Records Officer for the Right To Know alternate, seconded by Councilwoman Bailey, and approved by all.

Police Chief Bremigen Update – Mayor McGranaghan reported that Police Chief Bremigen fell and injured his knee on Thursday, January 18, 2024, and is on light duty.

Speed Enforcement Issues – The Mayor reported that the Enrad system needs repaired, however parts are no longer available, radar for municipal police has not been passed by state representatives, the police department will paint lines and use a stopwatch as alternative method. The Mayor questioned whether there were locations in the Borough to watch for speeders. Councilman Bingaman answered the Old Trail and Routes 11/15.

Police Report – The Mayor reported that Police Chief Bremigen will distribute the January police report via email.

Mayor McGranaghan received a note from Jon Gray and stated that the police safety buffer for the school buses each morning is greatly appreciated.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Main Reservoir – Manager Hovenstine reported that PA DEP requires an interior washout and inspection of a public water systems storage facility once every five years. The estimated cost to do this required work at the main reservoir is \$3,800.00 for one compartment. The work should be done in 2024. The first of the four 250,000-gallon compartments in the first quarter of the year. One compartment should be done at a time due to the usage demand for our system.

ARPA Funds – President Musser discussed options for use of funds and recommended stopping the phase of the architecture for renovation of the police department garage into the police department, however, get a plan to renovate the Borough building to accommodate the Borough and the police department. Council agreed to stop that phase with the architect. Manager Hovenstine recommended using the ARPA Funds for vehicles (Truck and Police vehicle), equipment (camera/card reader for police department). Mayor McGranaghan recommended the security aspects of the Borough office (outside security). Councilwoman Roberts recommended that the Council meeting be aired over a speaker for individuals that have an issue hearing during the meeting. Councilman Benner recommended purchasing emergency generators with the funding.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Authorization to Advertise Ordinance – A motion was made by Vice President Sauers to authorize Solicitor Slivinski to advertise ordinance, amending the Borough's zoning code by amending the zoning map to include an annexed parcel in the residential medium density (R-1) district, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

Solicitor Slivinski commented that the property located at 111 W 11th Avenue be added to the water/sewer system due to the subdivision of that property after the zoning change. Manager Hovenstine recommended that the property continue with on lot sewage.

Mayor McGranaghan reported that the ordinance needs to be amended to allow the Borough to bill property owners for the fees incurred from Central Keystone COG. Manager Hovenstine stated that 3517 N Old Trail did not have homeowners' insurance, so there should be a provision in the ordinance for that instance. Solicitor Slivinski will research.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 7:00 PM to discuss the Preliminary Land Development Plan for W & L Mazda. The Planning Commission recommended upon conditional approval of the preliminary land development plan for W & L Mazda dealership located at 3819 N Susquehanna Trail, Shamokin Dam. The Planning Commission recommended to Council to adopt the proposed ordinance to zone the property located at 111 W 11th Avenue a R-1 zone.

WORKSHOP:

A Workshop was held on Thursday, January 18, 2024, to fill the vacancy for the Council, two-year term. Council appointed Charlene Bailey to the vacancy of Borough Council for the two-year term.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$7,816.58, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$11,521.43, and Fire Protection Tax Fund bills in the amount of \$1,845.95, were presented for payment. A motion was made by Vice President Sauers to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Bingaman, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary