

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2022**

The Re-organizational and the regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, January 3, 2022, 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, Karen Roberts, Domenico Barillaro, Maria Brandt, and Donald Musser were present.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Manager Edward Hovenstine, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Police Chief Timothy Bremigen, Michael Gaugler, Elaine Herbert, and Marilyn Roberts were present.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Oath of Office – Mayor Joseph McGranaghan administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Council Members Shawn Bingaman, Maria Brandt, and Karen Roberts and incumbent Council Members Domenico Barillaro and Mark Benner.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor McGranaghan.

RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

Election of Officers:

President – Councilwoman Roberts nominated Don Musser for President of Council. A motion was made by Councilwoman Roberts to close the nominations for President of Council and elect Don Musser as Council President, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all.

Vice President – President Musser nominated Maria Brandt for Vice President of Council. Councilman Benner nominated David Sauers for Vice President of Council. A motion was made by Councilman Benner to close the nominations for Vice President of Council, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all.

Maria Brandt for Vice President of Council, a roll call vote called: Maria Brandt-yes, Domenico Barillaro-no, Karen Roberts-yes, Shawn Bingaman-no, David Sauers-no, Don Musser-yes, Mark Benner-no: 3-yes 4-no.

David Sauers for Vice President of Council, a roll call vote called: Mark Benner-yes, Maria Brandt-no, Domenico Barillaro-yes, Karen Robert-no, Shawn Bingaman-yes, Dave Sauers-yes, Don Musser-no: 4-yes 3-no. David Sauers was elected as Vice President of Council.

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

REAPPOINTMENTS:

Appointments: The following terms have expired as of December 31, 2021.

Zoning Hearing Board, 2 Year – Tim Minori, Derrick Backer, and Atty. Robert Cravitz,
Solicitor

Civil Service Commission, 6 Year - Vacant
Planning Commission, 4 Year – Gloria Hughes
Central Keystone COG – Donald Musser
ESCRA, 5 Year – Dr. Michael Dunigan
East Snyder Park Board, 3 Year – Citizen, 2 Vacant appointments
Shamokin Dam Fire Task Force, 4 Year – Mark Benner, Dr. Michael Dunigan, John Shirk, and Citizen
Vacancy Board, 1 Year – David Herbert
Snyder County Tax Collection Commission, 1 Year – LaDawn Leitzel, Ed Hovenstine

President Musser stated that Civil Service Commission, East Snyder Park Board, and Emergency Services Task Force have vacancies to fill.

A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to reappoint Boards, Commissions, Authorities, Misc. Committees, and Services as listed, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

East Snyder Park Board will remain vacant.

President Musser stated that the current committees (Public Safety, Water/Sewer, Finance, Property & Supply, Franchise, Streets, Personnel, Recreation, and Insurance) would be reviewed and appointed.

A motion was made by Councilman Barillaro to reappoint Slivinski Law Offices as the Borough Solicitor to a two-year term, seconded by Councilwoman Brandt, and approved by all.

A motion was made by Councilman Benner to reappoint David Herbert to the Vacancy Board to a one-year term, seconded by Councilwoman Brandt, and approved by all.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brandt to reappoint Manager Hovenstine to a two-year term, seconded by Councilman Bingaman, and approved by all.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Roberts to reappoint Secretary Leitzel to a two-year term, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to retain existing financial depositories (Cetera Investment, Edward Jones Investment, First National Bank, Mifflinburg Bank & Trust, PLGIT, and Truist Bank) for a two-year term, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Councilman Benner requested that the minutes be amended for the ambulance service to add Station 54 versus Americus Ambulance Service. A motion was made by Councilwoman Brandt to approve the Council minutes of December 6, 2021, as amended, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Michael Gaugler, Calvary Fellowship Susquehanna Valley – Calvary Fellowship Susquehanna Valley is under contract to buy the property at 2972 N Old Trail in Shamokin Dam Borough. One of the contingencies for purchase is a zoning change from the present R-2 zoning to an R-3 zoning designation that will allow for multi-family housing on that property. Upon purchase, the intended use of Calvary Fellowship will be to convert the entire property to residential housing with an estimated six (one and two bedroom) apartments for transitional housing for at least a year occupancy. Michael Gaugler requested a zoning district change from R-2 district to R-3 district for property located at 2972 N Old Trail. Mayor McGranaghan questioned whether the change would be spot zoning. Solicitor Slivinski suggested a zoning hearing board variance change from commercial to residential use to add conditions, such as at least a year occupancy-not transient housing, property manager-contact for the Borough, onto the grant of the variance, due to the possibility of spot zoning. The Solicitor recommended for Council to review at the February Council meeting and send comments to the Zoning Hearing Board.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Barillaro commented on the condition of the Joe Nevo property located at 2835 N Susquehanna Trail. Councilwoman Roberts commented on the condition of the property located at 12 Spruce Street.

MAYORS REPORT:

Update on Property Maintenance –Mayor McGranaghan updated Council on the house fire that occurred at 3517 North Old Trail, the owner does not have fire insurance and no attempt for repair has been made. The Mayor questioned whether the Borough had any resources to act on this property. Solicitor Slivinski stated that the property would be under the property maintenance code-The Manager will contact Central Keystone COG. The property located at 3507 North Old Trail sustained damage from the fire, the owner has fire insurance and began the process of repairs. The Mayor reported that Central Keystone COG was contacted regarding the condition of the property located at 3718&3720 North Old Trail.

Police Report – Police Chief Bremigen presented the December police report. Councilwoman Brandt commented about a stranded vehicle at the turn onto Route 11.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Lead & Copper Rule – The Borough tests for lead & copper every three years, which will be conducted in year of 2022. DEP has changed some of the requirements and regulations for this testing. All are additional items.

Golf Tournament – Manager Hovenstine reported that the 2021 Hummel Station golf tournament donation to the borough was made in the amount of \$7,900.00. The annual golf tournament has benefited the Borough parks since 2008.

Planning Updates 2022 – INSA facility expansion is underway. W & L Nissan Subdivision. Enterprise relocation. Royal Farms Store land development.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

No report currently.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in January.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$10,945.62, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$5,042.41, and Fire Protection Fund bills in the amount of \$4,902.27, 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 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary