

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 6, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, June 6, 2022, in the municipal building located at 42 West 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President Musser presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Maria Brandt, Karen Roberts, Shawn Bingaman, Mark Benner, Domenico Barillaro, and Donald Musser were present.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dave Sauers was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Manager Edward Hovenstine, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Police Chief Bremigen, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, and Jim Emery 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 May 2, 2022, as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Roberts, and approved by all.

Secretary Leitzel and Jim Emery arrived at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Manager Hovenstine will attend a meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2022, to discuss utility involvement with the Central Susquehanna Valley Transportation Project.

Mayor McGranaghan reviewed correspondence from Trumbull, who is providing notification of the start of work on the Central Susquehanna Valley Transportation Southern Section Earthwork Project. Trumbull Corporation and the subcontractors will start mobilizing equipment the week of May 16, 2022. There will be no long-term impacts to traffic or road closures implemented at this time. Emergency response plan and contacts for the project were included in the correspondence.

MAYORS REPORT:

Susquehanna Valley Thruway Project – Mayor McGranaghan reported that Council was invited to attend the ribbon cutting (for the Northern Section) and groundbreaking (for the Southern Section). These events will be combined into one ceremony, which is by invitation only, will be held on Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at 10:30 AM on the new highway near the intersection of Route 147 and Ridge Road, in Point Township, Northumberland County. PENNDOT will hold an event for the public to walk and bicycle on the newly paved roadway and bridge on Saturday, June 25, 2022, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

Neighborhood Issues – The Mayor stated that there have been a few complaints regarding young children playing in Orchard Hills and at the apartment building located at 80-94 Baldwin Blvd. Mayor McGranaghan questioned whether the Borough could require that Russell Brosious provide a place in Orchard Hills for children to play.

Property Maintenance/Code Violation – Updates; 3710 NOT/3718 NOT/3720 NOT - Kyle Mirolli property, Jim Emery will contact Ed/Joe after contacting owner's girlfriend to find out information on the timeframe for completion of property maintenance. Councilman Benner stated that the Borough could request a confirmation for building material availability. 3517 NOT – damaged by fire, start the process for condemnation; 3507 N Old Trail, damaged by the fire from 3517 NOT, start the insurance escrow process. Councilman Benner and Councilman Bingaman discussed properties with possible high grass issues, police department will pursue.

The Sunbury police department will hold an open house on Friday, June 17, 2022, at 337 Arch Street Sunbury, PA between the hours of 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM; the Mayor and Police Chief recommended that Council attend the open house to review the plans of the police department.

Police Chief Bremigen reviewed the May police report. The Police Chief discussed the breakdown of the overtime for Highway Safety Network/PA Attorney General Office and reimbursement.

Councilman Bingaman discussed traffic concerns (not stopping at stop signs) at 8th Avenue/11th Avenue and the North Old Trail.

MANAGERS REPORT:

CSVT Water Line Relocation Update – Manager Hovenstine stated that the meeting has not been set yet because Russell Brosious still owns the land for the connector between Orchard Hills and Gunter Development.

PENNDOT Projects – The Manager would like to incorporate the manhole cover project with PENNDOT's street project. PENNDOT will repave Eleventh Avenue from North Old Trail to Park Road in year 2023. Councilwoman Roberts questioned whether the curbing, while making a right-hand turn, at Eleventh Avenue signal could be adjusted. Manager Hovenstine replied that PENNDOT would make that decision; maybe a possibility if Royal Farms is constructed.

Lead & Copper Testing – Manager Hovenstine reported that the Lead & Copper testing is completed every three years, which will be in August 2022. Contact the Borough Manager if you would be interested in participating with this testing.

Seasonal Employee – Manager Hovenstine was approached by Matt Stugart, who was interested in working as a seasonal employee. The Manager will hire Mr. Stugart as a seasonal position for approximately 20-25 hours per week.

Personnel Workshop – The Manager requested a Personnel workshop on Thursday, July 21, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Adoption of Central Keystone COG Ordinance – An ordinance adopting the Central Keystone COG maintenance code, property, fire safety & Building (CMC) for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire and explosion; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such existing structures; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees. A motion was made by Councilwoman Roberts to adopt Ordinance 2022-1, an ordinance adopting the Central Keystone COG Maintenance Code, Property, Fire Safety & Building (CMC) with additions, insertions, deletions, and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 114-2 of this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and roll call vote called: Karen Roberts-Yes, Shawn Bingaman-Yes, Donald Musser-Yes, Mark Benner-Yes, Maria Brandt-Yes, Domenico Barillaro-Yes. 6-Yes, 0-No

Consideration of Zone Change – Russell Broschius requested a zoning change from C-1, Commercial, Highway to R-2, Residential, High Density for two parcels that are a vacant lot adjacent to 99 Baldwin Blvd. Solicitor Slivinski sent the request to the Snyder County Planning Commission and the Shamokin Dam Borough Planning Commission, which no comments were received. The Solicitor would advertise for a public hearing for the zone change. A motion was made by Councilman Benner to authorize the Solicitor to advertise for public hearing and adoption of Ordinance for zoning change, seconded by Councilman Bingaman, and approved by all.

Stephanie Lewis trial date has been set for December 8, 2022. The Solicitor received a copy of a demolition contract made May 13, 2022, between Steinbacher Enterprises, Inc. and Stephanie Lewis, however no start date was established.

Annexation – Solicitor Slivinski questioned whether the petitions for the annexation of the property located at 111 W 11th Avenue had the number of signatures needed. The Shamokin Dam Borough petition has 38 signatures, and the Monroe Township has 2 signatures.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$26,390.50, and Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$152,227.85 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Benner to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Brandt, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary