

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 5, 2023**

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Manager Edward Hovenstine, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Solicitor Matthew Slivinski, Greg Cromer, June Stark, and Angie Olson were present.

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

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Councilman Bingaman noted that Others Present-Police Chief Bremigen was not present. A motion was made by Councilwoman Brandt to approve the Council minutes of May 1, 2023, as amended, seconded by Councilman Bingaman, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Greg Cromer, Aerial Photography, presented an aerial view of Shamokin Dam from October 2021 to Council for purchase. Greg Cromer left at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council adjourned to executive session at 7:05 PM, to discuss personnel issue and possible litigation; reconvened at 8:20 PM. No action was taken at this time.

June Stark left during the executive session.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilwoman Roberts received an email today regarding ordinance concerns such as storage trailers and pods, parked vehicles in the grass that are not moved, and large garages. Mayor McGranaghan mentioned that the police department will enforce nonregistered and non-inspected vehicles. Manager Hovenstine stated that the storage pod will be removed after a storage shed is installed near the rear of the property. Mayor McGranaghan reminded Council that it was requested to amend the ordinance pertaining to dumpsters to also include storage pods, so that there would be a time limit for storage pod use.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Trick or Treat Night – Councilman Bingaman requested that Council consider holding Trick or Treat Night on Friday, October 27th or Saturday, October 28th from 6:00-8:30 PM and offer hot dogs and hot chocolate at Jack Treas Park after trick or treat hours. Councilman Bingaman will

coordinate the activity at the Jack Treas Park. Council agreed to set Trick or Treat Night on Saturday, October 28, 2023, between the hours of 6:00-8:30 PM and offer hot dogs and hot chocolate at Jack Treas Park after trick or treat hours.

2023 Summer Newsletter – The Summer newsletter was presented and will be distributed in June.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan reported that Police Chief Bremigen was not able to attend the meeting tonight, due to moving out of current residence, however the Police Chief will send highlights of the police report to the Mayor when returning to the office. Mayor McGranaghan will forward onto Council.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Training-Backflow/Air Release Valves – Manager Hovenstine and Aron Hummel attended training on backflow. Josh Herb and Brady Bachman attended training on air release valves. The Manager learned that the Borough could require residential property owners by law to have a backflow valve installed at the water meter and the valve would be replaced every five years. The commercial properties are required to have the valve tested yearly. Vice President Sauers questioned whether apartments would be considered commercial property. Manager Hovenstine explained that McDonalds would be an example of a commercial property. The Manager suggested sending a letter to commercial properties instructing them to meet these requirements, and the Borough would survey residential property owners and begin a backflow preventer program.

EWT Project-Backwash from Main Reservoir – The Verizon antennas will be installed on a pole temporarily until the work is completed on the elevated water tower. The project will begin early July and the tower will be out of service for approximately four to six weeks. The tower will be painted light blue instead of white. The water plant will begin the process of backwashing from the main reservoir to prepare for when the water tower is out of service.

3718-3720 North Old Trail Property – Benjamin Wert, property owner of 3718 & 3720 North Old Trail, will be submitting drawings for a new construction, which will have the property elevated due to the floodplain. The Manager mentioned that a future plan may involve tearing down the property located at 3710 North Old Trail, which is located next to 3718-3720 North Old Trail.

CD Reinstatement – The Manager reported that a certificate of deposit matured in the amount of \$160,000.00 with FNB Investments and was reinvested at 4.65% for a term of three years.

Senator Culver’s Office Update – It seems most likely that the Senator’s Office will be moving out of the Borough Office building sometime later this year. We are waiting on the final plan.

Golf Tournament – Manager Hovenstine stated that the annual golf tournament that benefits the borough parks will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023. The golf tournament has donated \$174,563.00 over the years with an average of \$12,500.00 per year.

EMC Renewal – The Manager explained that the Borough’s liability insurance is with EMC Insurance, which renews on August 1, 2023, and has a dividend program, which over the last eleven years the Borough received approximately \$29,205.00. The Manager stated that EMC Insurance was an excellent vendor over the years and suggested remaining with EMC Insurance for the renewal.

Streets Bidding Schedule – Manager Hovenstine will change the proposed 2023 street project, because UGI has plans to install gas lines on Queen Avenue. The Manager will have the bids for the project due in August.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Matt Slivinski had no report.

President Musser questioned whether a note should be on the sign in sheet to let visitors know that there is a five-minute limitation on speaking. Council tabled this at this time.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in June.

WORKSHOP:

A Workshop meeting will not be held in June at this time. Manager Hovenstine requested a Property & Supply meeting in June to discuss the renovation for the Borough Office; the committee consists of Dave Sauers, Chair, Mark Benner, and Karen Roberts. Vice President Sauers will be out of town on Thursday, June 15, 2023, when a workshop is scheduled. Mayor McGranaghan reminded Council that if only the three committee members meet with the Manager to review the Borough office renovation plans, there is no need to meet on an advertised meeting night.

Angie Olson arrived at this time and questioned whether there was an ordinance regarding sailboats on private property. Mayor McGranaghan stated that this was discussed earlier and if the items are registered/insured nothing the Borough can do.

Mayor McGranaghan left at this time.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$24,374.86, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$163,756.29, and Fire Protection Tax Fund bills in the amount of \$36,616.14, were presented for payment. A motion was made by Vice President Sauers to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Visneski, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary