

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 1, 2023**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, May 1, 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, Mark Benner, Shawn Bingaman, Maria Brandt, Karen Roberts, Paige Visneski, and Donald Musser were present.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Manager Edward Hovenstine, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Chad Shaffer, Diana Bickhart, Angie Olson, Rue Rothermel, Elaine Herbert, June Stark, Emanuel Lapp, and Kolleen Keister were present.

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

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Mayor McGranaghan requested that the minutes be amended to include: The Mayor asked if the fire company was being run according to their by-laws. Dr. Dunigan and Fire Chief Shirk responded that the social side and fire fighters each had a set of company by-laws which did not match. The Mayor told them that their first order of business had to be to form a by-laws committee to reconcile the differences between the two sets and arrive at a unified set of by-laws from which the company would be run. A motion was made by Councilman Benner to approve the Council minutes of April 3, 2023, and the Workshop minutes of April 20, 2023, as amended, seconded by Councilwoman Roberts, and approved by all.

VISITORS:

Eagles Wind Coffee Shop – Chad Shaffer with Stahl, Sheaffer Engineering presented the final land development plan for Eagles Wind Coffee Shop located at 3175 N Susquehanna Trail. The proposed project involves demolishing the existing building and constructing a new building. The site will include a drive-through window service, inside seating, and adequate parking for customers. The primary entrance and southbound exit will be at the southwest corner of the site directly onto Routes 11/15. A second entrance/exit will be at Eighth Avenue with access allowed for Bastian Tire Sales, delivery truck exit only. The Highway Occupancy Permit has been received. Planning Commission recommended approval contingent upon the following: The Manager’s review of the comments by the Snyder County Planning and Snyder county Conservation District, and Final Highway Occupancy Permit from PENNDOT. A motion was made by Vice President Sauers to approve the final land development plan for Eagles Wind Coffee Shop located at 3175 N Susquehanna Trail, seconded by Councilwoman Visneski, and approved by all.

Kolleen Keister – Kolleen Keister, tenant at 111 West Eleventh Avenue, requested conversation regarding the lease renewal. Vice President Sauers commented that the lease is on a month-to-month basis currently. Council agreed to maintain the month-to-month lease at this time.

Angie Olson – Angie Olson, Borough resident, questioned whether the Borough would consider a day for collecting leaves throughout the Borough. Manager Hovenstine mentioned that the Borough will pick up leaves that are bagged on Monday during brush collection and that the equipment used for leaf collection would tie up a truck that would be used for different projects during this time of year. Ms. Olson commented on incidences that occurred at 80-94 Baldwin Blvd apartments with the tenants.

Kolleen Keister left at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Employee Resignation – Robyn Musser submitted a formal notification of intention to resign as police secretary of the Shamokin Dam police department after twenty-two years in this position; final day would be Friday, July 28, 2023. Manager Hovenstine mentioned that the job description would be rewritten for a new part-time position. Mayor McGranaghan stated that Ms. Musser did a great job and will be missed.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan reviewed a letter from the Sheriff of Wyoming County, NY which commended Officer Jacob Shipman for diligent efforts and immediate action in the crucial recovery of a missing juvenile; these actions likely saved a young life, and played a crucial role in what will be a diligent and successful prosecution of the suspect.

Police Report – The April police report was reviewed.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Misc. Project Updates – Manager Hovenstine reported that the relocation of the waterline for the CSVT project has been completed. The fish passage project is at forty percent completion with an estimated completion date of October 20, 2023. The elevated tank project will begin in July, which will have the tank out of service for approximately eight weeks. The 2023 streets project, which includes Baldwin Blvd. and Queen Avenue, will be bid in July.

CD Reinvestments – Manager Hovenstine has been reinvesting monies into investments that are 3 ½ to 4 ½ percent instead of the 1 ½ percent.

Borough Crew Training – The Borough crew are attending training: Josh, Brady, and Aron attended a PA One Call training, Josh and Brady will be attending training for the continued education for the water treatment plant license, Aron will be attending training for a distribution license, some of training will consist of air release valving maintenance, water filtration, line locating, etc. This education is required training to work for the Borough.

Diane Bickhart and Elaine Herbert left at this time.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Slivinski discussed the traffic signal agreement that was made with Shamokin Dam Motor Inn, which the Borough would bill annually in the amount of \$1,685.00 in March. The Solicitor recommends settling with Neema Hospitality with a four-year term totaling \$6,740.00.

SD Lodging, LLC (the buyer) intends to continue with the agreement, so the Solicitor recommended billing SD Lodging, LLC for the year of 2023. A motion was made by Vice President Sauers to approve recommendation of settling with Neema Hospitality in the amount of \$6,740.00 and release Neema Hospitality of any continued obligation, seconded by Councilman Bingaman, and approved, President Musser opposed.

President Musser stated that police negotiations are continuing, and a meeting will be held between the committee and police officers on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

President Musser discussed that the fire company lease has not been signed at this time and discussed alternatives due to the situation of the land (owned by the Borough) and building (owned and built by the fire company). The Borough has an obligation to provide fire protection. The first step for the fire company would be to have one common set of bylaws to abide by.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in May.

WORKSHOP:

A workshop meeting was held on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 7:00 PM to discuss the COPS Grant.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$15,687.05, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$16,996.32, and Fire Protection Tax Fund bills in the amount of \$7,778.45 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Vice President Sauers to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary