

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 2, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, August 2, 2021, in the municipal building located at 42 West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President Musser presided.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mark Benner, Domenico Barillaro, Maria Brandt, Rue Rothermel, Dave Sauers, and Donald Musser were present.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Kyle Jessick was absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Police Chief Bremigen, Manager Edward Hovenstine, Solicitor Matthew Slivinski, Robert Lockcuff, Tom Gray, Sgt. Michael Brubaker, June Stark, Rebecca Kilps, and Bob Hare were present.

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

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Barillaro to approve the Council minutes of July 6, 2021, as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

**VISITORS:**

PA State Police – Sergeant Michael Brubaker with the PA State Police in Selinsgrove reviewed the yearly report. Sgt Brubaker commented that the Shamokin Dam police department have a great work ethic.

INSA Expansion – Tom Gray with LR Kimball Engineering reviewed the revision subdivision plans of the site. The plan represents a revision to the plan conditionally approved by the Borough Planning Commission in October 2020. While the overall building footprint remains nearly the same, operational advances will allow higher density production with an all-single-story configuration. Site related changes consist of site regarding the accommodation of a depressed loading dock, reduction in parking in accordance with the Borough Zoning Hearing Board’s approval of January 22, 2021, and modifications to the stormwater infiltration/detention system. There are no changes to the previously proposed parcel boundary.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the land development plan contingent upon approval of: Shamokin Dam Borough sewage and water supply capacity approval, Snyder County Planning Commission approval, ESCRA/PA DEP sewage planning approval, DEP & Snyder County Conservation/NPDES approval.

It is the intention of this plan to extinguish the proposed lot lines of the tract labeled as “Shamokin Dam Station”. No portion of that lot was transferred out of the parent tract and no development is currently proposed on that area.

A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to approve the land development plan contingent upon the ESCRA/PA DEP sewage planning approval, DEP & Snyder County Conservation/NPDES approval, and seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and roll call vote called: Rue Rothermel-Yes, David Sauers-Yes, Donald Musser-Yes, Mark Benner-Yes, Maria Brandt-Yes, Domenico Barillaro-Yes (6-Yes 0-No)

Robert Lockcuff and Tom Gray left at this time.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Thank You Notes – The Borough received thank you notes from the Outdoor Education Program at Selinsgrove Area Intermediate School, the Meals 4 Seals program, and the Snyder County Libraries for the 2021 contributions.

Selinsgrove Area Recreation Inc, Request – Selinsgrove Area Recreation Inc. requested a contribution from the Borough from the American Rescue Plan Act Funding for the community pool. President Musser stated that Council will review this request at budget time.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Set Trick or Treat Night – Secretary Leitzel requested that Council set Trick or Treat Night, so that the information would be published in the Fall Newsletter. Council decided to gather more information on local community participation, tabled until later.

Ambulance Service, Public Meeting – Councilman Barillaro stated that at a February Workshop meeting the suggestion from the workshop was to hold a meeting in the fall with the public attendance to discuss the 2022 Ambulance Service. Public notice will be in the 2021 Fall Newsletter to inform residents of the public meeting. President Musser questioned whether the public meeting is necessary. Councilman Benner suggested that the meeting take place, because of past discussions. President Musser requested volunteers to make arrangements, such as where, when, and who will conduct the public meeting. Councilman Barillaro mentioned that the discussion would be whether to have the 2022 Ambulance Service named as primary service or closest available. Mayor McGranaghan suggested placing the question on the voting ballot. The Mayor questioned what the meeting will discuss. Councilman Barillaro answered that the residents will be informed of the EMS process. Councilman Sauers questioned why Council should decide primary service, when closest available would be decided by the County at dispatch. Solicitor Matt Slivinski reviewed other municipalities that held public meetings on ambulance service. Councilwoman Brandt will work with Solicitor Matt Slivinski and will coordinate a location, date, and speakers for the public meeting.

Fall Newsletter – Council reviewed the fall newsletter and tabled circulation until more information was available for subjects such as trick or treat night and a public meeting on the ambulance service.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Phillips Motel Modification – Mayor McGranaghan reported that there was a modification to the court order, regarding ninety days to have a plan and ninety days to implement the plan. Robert Grayston will not raze the former Phillips property; if after ninety days, he is the owner. Central Keystone COG must site specific items of a code violation.

Queen Avenue Update – Queen Avenue, the property owner is not corresponding with Central Keystone COG.

Economic Development Issues in the Borough – The former Phillips property, First National Bank, Colonial Village Shopping Center, and Orchard Hills-One space available are vacant business properties in the Borough. Manager Hovenstine will contact the manger of the Colonial Village Shopping Center to discuss vacancies and the appearance of the sign.

Sergeant Michael Brubaker left at this time.

Riverfront Project 70 Land – Mayor McGranaghan met with Alex Skotedis, who reviewed proposed plans for the riverfront property such as Yurts. Manager Hovenstine stated that the area would have to be rezoned, through a zoning hearing board request.

Police Report – Police Chief Bremigen reviewed the July police report. The police department conducted a DUI roving patrol on Friday, July 2, 2021. Patrolman Hassenplug attended taser instructor recertification and all officers will be trained before the end of the year. The Police Chief attended a zoom meeting and is working with the County DA and Attorney General for law enforcement treatment initiative. The department continues to work with the Attorney General on drug investigations. Snyder County Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, with a rain date of Wednesday, August 11, 2021.

Mayor McGranaghan left at this time.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

CSVT Impact Update

- PENNDOT Utility Relocation Resolution – Resolution 2021-3, authorizing the submission of a cost sharing request, PENNDOT intends to reconstruct State Route 0015, Section 088, and the Borough has water facilities located within the proposed highway project area that will need adjusted to resolve conflicts with the proposed reconstruction. The borough authorizes the submission of the attached request for PENNDOT to provide fixed 75% per centum reimbursement for all costs incurred by the Borough in relocating the Borough's water facilities affected by the improvement project. The Manager of the Borough be authorized and directed to sign a utility reimbursement agreement with PENNDOT and all associated documents, and that the Secretary be authorized and directed to attest the Manager's signature on the Utility Reimbursement Agreement for this highway project. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to adopt Resolution 2021-3, seconded by Councilwoman Brandt, and approved by all.

- Utility Meeting with Gannett Fleming & Aqua – Manager Hovenstine met with Gannett Fleming and Aqua water company to discuss the possibility of Shamokin Dam Borough availability for water supply to Aqua, if needed.

EMC Insurance Dividend Review – The liability and workers compensation insurance were renewed. The Borough received a dividend check in the amount of \$3,283.69 from the liability insurance. The dividend check is based on profits from EMC Insurance. The Borough had two lightning strikes at the reservoir in July.

Fish Passage – DCNR proposes the construction of a fish passage facility at the west abutment of the Adam T. Bower inflatable dam located on the Susquehanna River. The primary goal of the proposed fish passage facility is to enable the upstream movements of anadromous fish and resident fish species when the dam is inflated.

ESCRA I/I Meeting – Manager Hovenstine attended a meeting to discuss I/I. I&I describes what happens when stormwater (inflow) and groundwater (infiltration) enter a wastewater system. This water should drain into the ground or into storm drains, if not drained properly, could overload wastewater systems.

ARPA Funding – The American Rescue Plan Act funding was approved, and the Borough received \$89,282.84 in July with the remaining funds in the same amount will be distributed next year. Manager Hovenstine has not received the specifics on the usage of these funds, and funds need to be used by December 2024.

#### **SOLICITOR REPORT:**

Ordinance 2021-5 – This ordinance is being enacted to promote the general health, welfare, and safety of the community by requiring permits for construction and development within the areas prone to flooding within the Borough, providing for standards for construction and development and providing for penalties for failure or refusal to obtain such permits or otherwise comply. Manager Hovenstine recommended adopting the ordinance with a 1.5-foot free board flood plain. A motion was made Councilman Rothermel to adopt Ordinance 2021-5, floodplain management regulations to promote public health, safety of the community, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all.

Ordinance Amendment – The proposed ordinance would adopt the Central Keystone COG code of regulations respecting building condition, maintenance, and fire protection for enforcement in the Borough. Such code contains provision for the standards for occupied structures including utility services, materials, condition, and the like and for fire protection requirements. The Ordinance would allow for enforcement by the Borough by way of fines of up to \$1,000.00 and/or imprisonment for up to 30 days. The ordinance would replace the Borough's current ordinance provisions, which enforce the International Property Maintenance Code.

Rebecca Kilps with Central Keystone COG reviewed the Chapter 7 – Fire safety requirements. President Musser questioned whether the fire inspections would be conducted every year, three years, or five years. Ms. Kilps answered that the inspections would be either every three or five years based on the initial inspection. Councilman Sauers questioned whether residential rental

properties are considered commercial/industrial properties. Ms. Kilps answered that residential rental properties with three units or more are considered commercial/industrial properties and would be included in the fire safety requirements. Councilman Barillaro question what the inspection cost might be. Rebecca Kilps answered that an average of approximately \$120.00 every five years.

A motion was made by President Musser to amend Ordinance 2021-3, to include the fire safety requirements such as fire safety permits, operational permits, and inspections, motion was withdrawn due to lack of second.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

A Planning Commission meeting was held on July 14, 2021, at 7:00 PM to discuss the INSA expansion.

**WORKSHOP MEETING:**

A workshop meeting will be held on July 15, 2021 at 7:00PM to discuss the adoption of Ordinance 2021-3, Central Keystone COG maintenance code, property, fire safety and building (CMC). Meeting was cancelled.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

General Fund bills in the amount of \$10,632.59, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$6,879.15, 111 W 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue Fund bills in the amount of \$319.23, and Fire Protection Fund in the amount of \$1,800.00, were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Rothermel to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel  
Borough Secretary