

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 3, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, May 3, 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:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Manager Edward Hovenstine, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Police Chief Bremigen, and Michael Dunigan were present.

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

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Benner to approve the Council minutes of April 5, 2021, as presented, seconded by Councilman Jessick, and approved by all.

**VISITORS:**

Fire Company – Mayor McGranaghan received an email from Fire Chief Gray, and the topic of gambling funding from the fire company was questioned. The Mayor stated that the state law was modified, due to the pandemic. Michael Dunigan stated that House Bill 777 modified the distribution of gambling funds, which is in effect from March 6, 2020, since the pandemic started, until the Governor terminates the executive order or one year, whichever is later. Dr. Dunigan explained that the fire department will receive gambling funds, through the proper procedure.

Michael Dunigan left at this time.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Manager Hovenstine attended a Zoom meeting to discuss Aqua concerns regarding the CSVT project that could possibly impact a well that supplies the water system. Aqua discussed connecting to the Borough water supply if the well was impacted by the construction of the new highway. At this time Aqua is not anticipation a problem, this is a contingency plan at this point.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

2022 Per Capita Taxes Decision – Council discussed eliminating the 2022 Per Capita Tax, however a decision was not made. Manager Hovenstine discussed how the revenue will be offset by the W&L Nissan car dealership. Solicitor Slivinski mentioned that the Borough would consider the following: who would collect the per capita tax, fees for tax collection, and keeping records-who to collect it from. The Manager and the Solicitor will gather information on how to eliminate the 2022 Per Capita Tax. A motion was made by Councilman Barillaro to eliminate the Per Capita Tax beginning year 2022, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Central Keystone COG Update – Property Maintenance – Mayor McGranaghan reported that Robert Grayston has two weeks to remove shingles from the property located on Eleventh Avenue side of the property, however, did not comply at this time; and Queen Avenue: property owner has not responded to Central Keystone COG communications so the CKCOG will be filing charges at the District Magistrate. Solicitor Slivinski researched blighted property filing and will forward the information onto Council. Council questioned whether the Solicitor had a timeframe for the Lewis property regarding the next phase of condemnation. Solicitor Slivinski will file with the court next month.

Police Report – Mayor McGranaghan presented the revised April police report. Police Chief Bremigen reviewed the revision and will contact Informant Technology for possible updates. Council discussed the police salary reimbursement from the Attorney General office.

Security System – Police Chief Bremigen received a bid from Mid-Penn Investigative Solutions, LLC for a security system in the amount of \$9,961.15. President Musser stated that the entrance doors need replaced with steel commercial doors prior to security system installation. The system would consist of camera access at the exterior entrances with inside personnel allowing access through a button. Personnel would have access to the office building through key fobs. Council authorized for the Manager to purchase steel commercial exterior doors. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to accept the bid from Mid-Penn Investigative Solutions, LLC for security system as presented in the amount of \$9,961.15, contingent upon final approval by Manager Hovenstine and Police Chief Bremigen, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

UGI Gas Line Updates – UGI gas lines are being worked on in Orchard Hills on Jonathan Road.

2020 Water Quality Report – CCR Complete – Manager Hovenstine completed the 2020 CCR Report with DEP requirements and was posted to the website. The deadline for the report is July 1, 2021.

Crypto Testing Summary – The Borough completed the Crypto testing that was once a month for a length of twenty-four months. The testing summary establishes the filtering and processing of the water system.

Additional DEP Testing Requirements – Manager Hovenstine reported that additional testing will be required for the elevated tank as an entry point. The Manager disputes that because the elevated tank will not be used as an entry point. Update: DEP has agreed that it is not a permanent entry point and is not requiring that testing at this time.

CSVZ Zoom Meeting – Manager Hovenstine attended a CSVZ zoom meeting regarding the impact study for the thruway. A joint comprehensive plan was mentioned for local municipalities.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

Ordinance 2021-3 – A motion was made by Vice President Rothermel to adopt Ordinance 2021-3, an ordinance adopting the Central Keystone COG maintenance code, property, fire safety & Building (MCM), as published by Central Keystone COG, or subsequent editions as it may be amended, supplemented or changed by the executive committee of the board of directors of the CKCOG, regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings, and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; 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 in the Borough of Shamokin Dam; and repealing all other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith, seconded by Councilwoman Brandt, and approve by all.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in May.

**WORKSHOP MEETING:**

A workshop meeting will not be held in May.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

General Fund bills in the amount of \$9,473.84, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$7,575.01, Fire Protection Tax Fund in the amount of \$1,800.00, and 111 W 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue Fund bills in the amount of \$40.00, were presented for payment. A motion was made by Vice President Rothermel to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and approved by all.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel  
Borough Secretary