

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

June 21, 2016

President Kline called the workshop meeting of the Shoemakersville Borough Council to order in the Shoemakersville Borough Office, 115 E. 9th St., Shoemakersville, PA at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Chris Kline – President, Amy Botwright – Vice President – arrived during Public Comment, Clark Zimmerman, Joseph Wertz, Paul Gruber and Tara Kennedy-Kline.

Absent from the meeting were John Leshner and Mayor Richard Kepner.

Public Comment

Gary Noecker (Borough Code Enforcement): Is concerned that the proposed animal ordinance states that any structure with less than 100 sq. feet of floor area would be exempt from all building code requirements. This would include any electrical or plumbing work that someone could install in the building. Mr. Noecker and Mr. Wertz discuss side lot line restrictions according to the zoning ordinance and the building/fire codes. Mr. Noecker and Council discuss enforcement of the ordinance, stating that state police would enforce Section E of the ordinance, which allows for the putting down of a dangerous dog. Council feels wording to include the animal control officer should also be added. Discussion of the number of dogs permitted on the property takes place, as well as the number of animals inside a home. Ms. Kennedy-Kline notes that for suspicion of an abundant amount of animals within the home, the Animal Rescue League should be contacted. Council discusses adding language to the ordinance that would state the structure would not be exempt from the utilities aspects of the building code, as well as adding wording to address the distance to other structures.

Mr. Noecker notes that if the vehicle at 8th & Park Sts. is not moved by Wednesday evening, it will be towed. The grass has been mowed at the Pine St. property. The vehicle at Water & 6th Sts. has been moved.

Rusty Wagner (212 7th St.): Also has an issue with wording in the animal ordinance, in that the structure would be exempt from all building codes. Mr. Wagner feels the ordinance appears to discriminate against dog owners, as no more than 3 dogs are permitted on property, as the way the ordinance is written he could have 10 goats or 95 roosters/chickens on his property. He feels the ordinance should place restrictions on barn yard animals. He notes that there are several agricultural regulations that would need to be followed in order to properly enforce any type of farm animal ordinance. Mr. Wagner and Council discuss how the animal ordinance relates to the noise ordinance, with President Kline stating that municipal law shows that if there are two or more conflicting ordinances and the situation violations at least one of the ordinances, the violation will be enforced. Mr. Wagner also feels that 2# of animal per sq. foot is not reasonable. Council and Mr. Wagner discuss grandfathering of the ordinance, as well as how a variance or special exception would apply. Ms. Kennedy-Kline states that the objective is to create an ordinance to allow responsible people to act legally and to hold irresponsible pet owners accountable.

President Kline introduces the newly hired full-time employee, Joshua Mohn to Council. July 5 will be his last day working with his present employer. He is given all the new hire paperwork and will complete the pre-employment physical and drug test.

Property/Streets/Sanitation Committee – Mr. Zimmerman

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to purchase pesticide at a cost of \$505. Seconded by Mr. Zimmerman. Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer Committee – Mr. Gruber

Council discusses the blower room roof repair quote from Derstine. Mr. Gruber will follow up with Mr. Dietrich on additional quotes.

Mr. Wertz briefly discusses the agreement and will forward copies to all of Council

Water Committee – President Kline

President Kline received an updated quote from Wiring by Wall to upgrade the control system. He did reach out to Roberts, however they will only provide a quote to install an entire new system. The quote from Fromm Electric is \$25,000 to upgrade the control system. Council discusses motor operated valves. President Kline states there are the Roberts filter beds and the well control system that runs the booster pump, tank and wells; this is a separate system and would not be affected by the upgrade.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve the maintenance quotation from Wiring by Wall for the PLC and HMI system at the water plant for \$18,036.19. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks/Recreation- Ms. Kennedy-Kline

Council discusses the recent vandalism in town. Ms. Kennedy-Kline feels there should be a protocol in place for employees to report these types of incidents to the state police, as no borough representative contacted PSP to note of borough property being defaced. She also discusses the quote from BK computers for cameras at the park.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to approve the quotes from BK Computers, to install cameras at the borough building and playground for a total of \$3,596.67. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Mr. Gruber would like quotes for cameras at both plants, with Ms. Kennedy-Kline stating that those figures have already been obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to hire the following as lifeguards for the pool: Julia Heller at \$8.75/hr., Lauren Hart at \$8.25/hr. and Justine Link, as a minimal fill-in guard at \$10/hr. Seconded by Mr. Zimmerman. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to change the pool designer from Wallover Architects to Wade & Associates. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

President Kline shows a sample of the LED fixture that will be installed at the park.

Vice President Botwright states that the diving board and the 12' at the pool are currently closed. Several people have slipped on the board. Chad Zimmerman is looking at pricing for a grip cover to resurface the board. Mr. Gruber recommends looking into Durabak. Vice President Botwright discusses the alkalinity of the pool water.

Council discusses the rebuilding and maintenance of the pool pumps.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz

Mr. Wertz forwarded copies of the Stackhouse Bensinger proposal for the zoning ordinance to Council via e-mail. Mr. Wertz does not plan on receiving information from SSM, as they have not returned his calls.

President Kline is still working with McCarthy Engineering for a proposal. Council will review the proposal from Stackhouse and discuss it at the next meeting.

Employee Relations – President Kline

Vice President Botwright has reviewed the part-time employee applications and feels there are three potential candidates. Council discusses the position.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to hire Sean Fager, Clifford Weinhold and Ryan Karasek as part-time seasonal employees at the rate of \$11/hr. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Mr. Gruber asks if seasonal employment has a defined start and end date, with relation to unemployment. Mr. Wertz amends the motion to part-time employment only, with no designation of seasonal. Motion carried unanimously.

Approvals/Finance/Pension

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for June 21, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Zimmerman. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Botwright discusses a possible timeframe for disbursements for the Customer's Bank loan. As street repairs may not occur this year due to the televising project, it should be noted that the water meter undertaking could be scheduled for a September or October disbursement.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Mr. Wertz to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Zimmerman. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner
Secretary/Treasurer