

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Shoemakersville Borough**

**October 18, 2016**

President Kline called the workshop meeting of the Shoemakersville Borough Council to order in the Shoemakersville Borough Office, 115 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Shoemakersville, PA at 7:04 p.m.

**In attendance:** Chris Kline – President, Amy Botwright – Vice President, Joseph Wertz, Tara Kennedy-Kline, Chad Zimmerman – Public Works Foreman, Bradley Smith – Engineer – leaves after his report, and Melissa Wagner – Secretary/Treasurer.

Absent from the meeting were Clark Zimmerman, John Leshner, Paul Gruber and Mayor Richard Kepner.

**Visitors**

**Scott Ulrich (331 Main St.):** Would like to know if Council has reached an opinion on the sprinkler bill he received for his business' system. President Kline spoke with Haines Fire Protection, who was to schedule a test and double check the flapper valve, and let him know if anything was out of place. President Kline states that when pressure is dropped on the hydrant, the system cannot be surged to the point that the valve will override. President Kline and Mr. Ulrich discuss the system. Mr. Ulrich will contact the company tomorrow for their results.

**Tom McKinney (PTMA):** Requests a copy of the formula that was used to calculate the original street cut permit for the interceptor project. *Ms. Wagner will forward a copy of the ordinance to Ms. Mast.*

Mr. McKinney states that the approximate \$16,000 figure for the laterals did not include 5" of blacktop to replace 2" of blacktop. It also did not include 550-600 ton of 2B stone. PTMA was planning on using the 2B that is typically used, as well as placing the fill that was taken out, back in. Mr. Smith clarifies that the \$16,880 amount includes the cost of moving the PTMA pipe, the laterals, and the bypass pumping, as well as a 10% contingency. Mr. Smith states that the fill that was taken out may not be replaced and that 2RC or 2A stone is required to fill the area. 2B may only be used to fill in the area around the pipe. Mr. McKinney states that the bid specs were based upon what is currently in the road. It appears that the PTMA engineer may not have reviewed the borough's current street cut ordinance. Mr. McKinney still feels that the borough would be responsible to pay for 62% of the cost of the stone backfill. The 62% calculation and the number of laterals are discussed. Mr. McKinney was led to believe that the borough insisted that a new pipe be installed, with Mr. Smith and President Kline clarifying that it was not a requirement, but an option for PTMA, as it would be difficult to work near the existing utility lines underground. Gene Bell's proposal to build an interceptor was discussed, however it is noted that his plan was well before the borough adopted the street cut ordinance in 2015.

President Kline and Mr. McKinney discuss the cost of the street cut permit, with President Kline noting that all fees for 2<sup>nd</sup> St. were waived, which is why the permit cost was drastically reduced for PTMA. The \$9,000 permit cost was calculated using the square footage figures as provided by Mr. Witman.

Mr. McKinney asks what the difference is between an EDU of water and an EDU of sewer, as he was told by Drew Hoffman at DEP that there is one set of numbers for an EDU. Mr. Smith explains that each is calculated differently and discusses how the calculations are determined; the sewer EDU is calculated yearly, per the Chapter 94 report. There is no requirement on how often the water tapping fees are to be updated.

President Kline, Mr. McKinney and Foreman Zimmerman discuss the fact that the meter pit box for the water meter on the north end of Main St. is not connected. When Wexcon was trenching in the area, someone sheared off the conduit. Mr. McKinney was not aware of that and will speak with Wexcon to resolve the issue.

### **Engineer's Report – Mr. Smith**

Mr. Smith has received a response from AEM Architects regarding the final punch list for the school project. Item #2 in the letter states that Mr. Leinbach was under the impression that the issue with the sight triangle for the school's signs was resolved. *A copy of their communication to Mr. Noecker from September 17, 2015 is provided and will be given to Mr. Noecker for his feedback.*

Item #4 references the cracked curb on Chestnut St. Mr. Smith states the school could either seal the crack or rip out the curb as requested. Council and Mr. Smith discuss the curb, deciding that the school should contact the homeowner on the matter, to come up with a reasonable settlement.

President Kline discusses the potential gas line to be installed for the Logistics Park. He notes that all of Chestnut St. would be disturbed, as 4<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut Sts. is the only place where a new line could be tied in. The line would be tied in near the school, head north on Chestnut St., directional bore under Noble Ave. up to 9<sup>th</sup> St. and head east across Route 61, come up at the water tank and run along Route 61.

Item #5 addresses the installation of a new curb adjacent to a private driveway. The district requests that the pre-existing condition remain. Council discusses the matter and agrees that the ramp is to be built.

Item #6 notes that the original base survey indicated that only two marble monuments were in place. The affected portion of Reber St. was vacated and the one monument not in the handicap ramp was replaced. Mr. Smith's concern is whether or not the monument was installed properly. The other monument was given to the borough's street department. Foreman Zimmerman states that he has not seen any monument in the garage.

Council and Mr. Smith also discuss the school's electronic sign, which is not in violation, and the ornamental plants that had died at the Noble Ave. parking lot. The district chose not to replace them and to return the area to lawn.

### **Property/Streets/Sanitation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline**

Council and Foreman Zimmerman discuss the use of traffic calming devices such as a flashing speed limit sign, to lower the speed of drivers on Main St., Franklin St. and Park St. Vice President Botwright notes pricing for a sign is between \$2,000-\$4,000.

### **Sewer – Mr. Wertz**

Council discusses the proposal for the control room railing repair from Blooming Glen that Mr. Wertz received.

\*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to have the repairs performed by Blooming Glen, at a cost not to exceed \$7,000. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

President Kline states that all invoices for the sewer televising will be held until the contractor fixes the covers or the borough purchases and replaces them, deducting that amount from the invoice.

### **Water – President Kline – no report**

### **Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline**

Trunk or Treat will take place at the park on October 28.

As it was too late to apply for the Gilbert Henne Grant this year, the committee would like to submit an application for the next round. Vice President Botwright would like to include the skate park. Ms. Kennedy-Kline has received quotes from Sean Kerschner for potential projects.

### **Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz**

Stackhouse Bensinger will be contacted for an update on the zoning ordinance work.

### **Employee Relations – President Kline**

As the work load is beginning to lessen, Foreman Zimmerman has not scheduled the part-time staff to work as many hours.

### **Approvals/Finance/Pension**

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for October 18, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for October 4, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

Ms. Wagner asks if there is a limit to the number of spay/neuter cat vouchers that a resident can obtain. Ms. Kennedy-Kline states that since there is a budgeted yearly limit for the borough to pay for the service, there would not be a limit per resident. Ms. Wagner asks if the vouchers are to have an expiration date. Vice President Botwright states the expiration date of the voucher should coincide with the end of the contract with No Nonsense. **Vice President Botwright is working on the vouchers and will include all necessary information.**

### **Old Business**

Foreman Zimmerman asks if there has been a resolution with the ongoing issues at the 730 Main St. apartments. He was notified that one of the apartment residents dropped a bag of trash in front of a neighbor's property. President Kline states that if there are any ordinance violations, such as junk, the property owner should be cited.

### **Budget Workshop**

The board recessed into a budget workshop at 9:15 p.m. Regular session reconvened at 10:15 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted - Melissa Wagner -Secretary/Treasurer