

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

October 25, 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, Joseph Wertz, Tara Kennedy-Kline, Mike Dietrich – STP/WTP Operator – left during budget workshop, and Melissa Wagner – Secretary/Treasurer – left during budget workshop.

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

Visitors

Jim Giles (1039 Mill Rd. Leesport): Owns the 10-unit apartment building at 730 Main St. and would like to assure Council he is doing everything he can to address the complaints at his building. He has contacted the PA State Police and also spoken to Mr. Noecker, to see what can be done. A lot of the junk was removed today. One eviction has taken place, with four more to follow. Mr. Giles feels the law is on the tenant's side, when it comes to the speed of the eviction process. He feels it may be beneficial to have an organized group of landlords who own properties in the borough, so that information could be shared amongst them. President Kline provides his contact information to Mr. Giles and will forward him links to look up magisterial and court of common pleas records.

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

Ms. Kennedy-Kline and Mr. Wertz discuss the resident's concern regarding the Penndot curb project. President Kline states that it was decided before, that the borough would not be requiring any permits, as was the case for other municipalities in which Penndot completed the work. Mr. Wertz states the work meets ADA requirements and that Penndot is performing their own inspections. The resident should contact Penndot directly with any concerns.

Sewer – Mr. Wertz

Mr. Dietrich has contacted Blooming Glen regarding the approval of the railing project. Mr. Wertz will sign the necessary paperwork and forward it to Blooming Glen.

Water – President Kline

Well #6 is down. The pump has been pulled and the motor and couplings are fine, although something was sheared off just inside the head of the pump. President Kline is obtaining pricing on a new pump and a new motor, although he feels just the pump may be needed. During this time, the pipe will be cleaned out as well.

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

Trunk or Treat will take place at the park on October 28, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Council discusses the recent vandalism at the park that was caught on camera. Ms. Kennedy-Kline asks that in the future, the committee members be notified first of any occurrences in the park.

Council discusses the chain at the skate park. The level of activity at the skate park does not appear to have changed.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz

Chris Falencki from Stackhouse Bensinger has reviewed all of the materials and has completed a draft on definitions. He has made an appointment for November 3 at 10:00 a.m., to drive around the borough to get a clear view of the set back issues. Mr. Wertz feels something should be done to encourage redevelopment.

Mr. Wertz is moving forward with the mapping project. A borough employee will be meeting with Nate to lift grates, measure manholes and take invert elevations.

Employee Relations – President Kline – no report

Approvals/Finance/Pension

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for October 18, 2016. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

President Kline refers to UGI's plan to replace the gas line at the Miller St. Bridge. They would like to directional bore under the river and come up on borough property. They plan to place the regulator station on borough property. They are requesting a right of way for the line, from the river to the regulator and from the regulator to Main St. President Kline has spoken to UGI and notes that during the line replacement, the dry hydrant needs to remain accessible and in operation. The hydrant could be relocated but not taken out of the ground for the duration of the project. UGI has also requested to perform a cultural resource study and a geotech study.

*A motion is made by President Kline to approve the request for a cultural resource study and a geotech study for UGI for the river crossing on the gas line. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

President Kline and Mr. Dietrich discuss the property line between the borough garage and the neighboring home.

Old Business

President Kline asks if Berks Sewer & Drain Services were televising this weekend, with Vice President Botwright confirming that they were in the borough.

Neither Vice President Botwright nor President Kline has had any recent contact with Randy Galiotto from Wade Associates.

Budget Workshop

The board recessed into a budget workshop at 7:46 p.m. Regular session reconvened at 10:30 p.m.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the 2017 budget as presented. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried by a vote of 3 yes to 1 no, with Mr. Wertz voting no. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted - Melissa Wagner -Secretary/Treasurer