

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

December 20, 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, and Bradley Smith – Engineer – leaves after Mr. Spencer’s report.

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

Engineer’s Report

Mr. Smith refers to his e-mail regarding paving, and states that all projects need to be bid. Council discusses the road projects and budgeted repair costs, as well as whether or not base repair would be needed. Mr. Smith states that the televising report on the pipes was received earlier in the day. Mr. Smith and Vice President Botwright agree that if Main St. is included in the road repair list, a street cut moratorium should be enacted, in addition to contacting UGI. Mr. Smith also suggests checking for water leaks in that section of roadway as well. President Kline and Mr. Smith discuss Penndot’s SRL levels. *Ms. Kennedy-Kline will speak with Foreman Zimmerman regarding the list of streets to be repaired.* Mr. Wertz notes that once the list is confirmed, Council should prioritize the streets to be repaired. *Mr. Smith notes that he will review the televising report and forward the results to Council.* Council will also decide whether or not the work will be bid as one large road project or broken down by street.

Mr. Smith will provide Council with a map and the technical specifications to bid the 2017 televising project through COSTARS.

Mr. Smith is working with Mr. Dietrich regarding the letter from DEP which referenced the spill at the plant.

Council and Mr. Smith discuss the borough’s municipal authority.

Ms. Brenner is working on a PSA for the back-up operator at the sewer plant.

Mr. Smith notes the next step in the MS4 process is for the borough to delineate the drainage sheds. A plan will be submitted to Council in May. Although the deadline to advertise isn’t until August, Mr. Smith suggests not waiting, as there could be potential public comment which would need to be addressed before submitting the plan to DEP in September. ARRO broke down the maps into a map book, complete with all the features and pictures. Mr. Wertz states that Nate is working on the foot contours, which will be the second component to the GIS mapping.

Mr. Smith states the plans for Miller St. were revised and forwarded to Penndot.

Mr. Smith notes that Mr. Witman is to meet with a resident on 2nd St., regarding complaints with the interceptor project. Council and Mr. Smith discuss details of the project.

Herb Spencer from Shannon Chemical Corp. arrives to discuss well remediation procedures to reduce iron and manganese levels. Mr. Smith discusses the results of the BART. Mr. Spencer and Council discuss the procedure submitted by Shannon Chemical. President Kline notes that the well was used so infrequently that bacteria has built up and had the opportunity to feed on the manganese. DEP’s limits of acceptable mineral content in water are discussed. Council decides to complete the BART at well #3 and the pool’s well.

Borough staff would be able to perform the well remediation procedure in house. Mr. Smith would forward that procedure to DEP for approval. **Mr. Smith will speak with Foreman Zimmerman regarding the additional testing for well #3 and the pool well.** Mr. Smith should be able to report on the test results at the January workshop meeting.

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline – no report

Sewer – Mr. Wertz

Mr. Wertz states that the pit that overflowed at the plant still has the same issue, even though Captain Clog was called out 3 times to jet the leaves away from the pit. Mr. Dietrich has contacted Kline's to pump out the pit. **Mr. Wertz will research whether or not a leaf grate for the scum pit would be beneficial.**

Mr. Wertz states the hand rail project should be completed this week.

Water – President Kline

President Kline will confirm with Foreman Zimmerman whether or not the wire was replaced at the Perry meter pit at the north end of town.

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

Vice President Botwright received an e-mail from Wade Associates regarding slide options for the pool.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz

Mr. Wertz asks Council to provide feedback on the draft zoning ordinance. Solicitor Mooney has suggested the ordinance be advertised and adopted as a comprehensive zoning ordinance, rather than amendments for individual sections. Council discusses the changes made by Stackhouse Bensinger.

Mr. Wertz states that he spoke with Mr. Noecker regarding the permits he submitted. Over one week later, Mr. Wertz received a copy of the approved permit, although it has been altered. On the original submission for the shed and railroad tie permit, Mr. Wertz wrote that the location was residential and a commercial use. That language no longer meets Mr. Noecker's narrative, as he crossed out the word commercial. He is also frustrated that it took almost 40 days to obtain the permit. Council discusses the matter.

Employee Relations – President Kline – no report

Approvals/Finance/Pension – Vice President Botwright

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for December 6, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills for December 20, 2016. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Vice President Botwright briefly discusses the quotes received for a new office copier, as well as the cost of toner and supplies for the machine from BK Computers. President Kline states that the cost of the copier from BK Computers is \$250.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to purchase the Xerox Workcentre 4150 for \$250 from BK Computers. 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 Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Melissa Wagner
Secretary/Treasurer