

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

February 21, 2017

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 his report.

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

Public Comment

Ryan Karasek (212 Main St.): When pulling out of his driveway, there is a blind zone if heading northbound. Met-Ed will not permit him to place a driveway mirror on the electric pole across the street from his driveway. He is requesting to either place the mirror on the speed limit sign which is near the utility pole or on the Pigeon Creek sign. Council and Mr. Karasek discuss the matter, with Ms. Kennedy-Kline stating further investigation for placing mirrors in roadways would be needed before the mirror could be placed on a Borough sign. *Ms. Kennedy-Kline will look into the matter.*

Chief Wagner (300 Church Ave.) – did not sign in: Is present to answer any questions Council may have on the fire company's new addition. The current work is related to the parking lot. Chief Wagner states Phase 1 will include the parking area and the placement of grass over the macadam road leading toward the top parking log. Phase 2 will be to build the 40' x 90' addition, once a loan is secured. The building will be for the trucks, as well as a 30' section that will be utilized for a training room. Chief Wagner discusses how runoff will be handled. Mr. Wertz states that since this would be a non-residential structure, the land development requirements for the Borough's planning code comes into play, which would include several requirements. Mr. Smith notes these requirements are in the SALDO. Mr. Smith asks that a sketch plan be submitted for ARRO's review. Any issues would be noted during that review.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to waive the sketch plan review fees for the land development. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried unanimously.

A planning commission meeting will be scheduled for March 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Smith notes a meeting is approaching for the County MS4 Steering Committee. Council discusses who should attend the quarterly meetings.

Ms. Brenner will review plant operations with Mr. Dietrich tomorrow. If time permits, equipment options for the solid handlings permit will be discussed.

Mr. Smith remains in communications with Berks Sewer & Drain regarding the damaged manhole covers. President Kline will be speaking with a representative from the company later in the week.

Comments are being drafted to PTMA for the third amendment to the sewer agreement. Mr. Smith states the Borough's contribution was raised to \$45,465.11 from \$18,000. Mr. Smith notes the increased cost includes 50% of permit fees, stone, temporary paving and delay for water line construction. Council and Mr. Smith discuss the fees and the agreement. *Mr. Wertz will speak with Mr. Koch on the matter.*

Mr. Smith notes that Foreman Zimmerman has been in touch with Herb Spencer to move forward with the well #1 treatment.

Mr. Smith is helping Ms. Wagner obtain quotes from Costars, asking to have the quotes received by March 3.

Council discusses the DEP letter regarding the King's Development project, noting that they are exempt from the requirement to revise the official plan for new land development.

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

Council discusses road repairs for 2017.

Sewer – Mr. Wertz

President Kline discusses Duke's Root Control work that should be completed. Vice President Botwright notes that Foreman Zimmerman has the list of streets and would be contacting the company. **Mr. Wertz will speak with Foreman Zimmerman on the matter.**

Mr. Wertz notes that Mr. Dietrich has a quote from Blooming Glen for the roof repair. DESCCO is working on their quote. A third firm was contacted for a quote.

Mr. Dietrich reported to Mr. Wertz that the generator had its annual servicing. Mr. Dietrich is again able to separate the water and sludge in the digesters well enough that he can decant. Mr. Wertz discusses polymer and Mr. Dietrich's request to have the digesters virtually drained in December, rather than purchasing a new polymer.

Water – President Kline

President Kline repaired a valve unit that was not working properly. He also located a diagram of the charge layers in the filters. He will be obtaining a quote for the recharge.

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

Vice President Botwright states Foreman Zimmerman will be forwarding pool measurements to the architect to finalize the plan. She anticipates pool staff to be hired the beginning of March.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline discusses the trenching that is required for the additional cameras at the park and feels the work could be completed in the near future. President Kline would like to verify what is being dropped into the trench before the Borough employees dig the trenching.

President Kline notes that the one pole in the park needs to be replaced, as it was broken off. It is being stored in the garage, as the base is damaged. A new base could be welded. Another option would be to remove the light pole that was not replaced near the shuffleboard court. The wires could be capped and the pole could be repositioned on the other base. Council further discusses lighting at the park.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz

Mr. Wertz asks if anyone has further comments to the zoning ordinance revisions. No further comments are offered. Council discusses a few of the changes including setbacks and animals. President Kline asks what would happen to structures that were in violation prior to the amendment, with Mr. Wertz stating that this would potentially bring them to compliance.

Council discusses code enforcement options including the current operations or having the Borough employees note the infractions and send out the violation notices and/or hire Mr. Schwenk. A zoning letter would need to be signed by the zoning officer. If it is a code issue, the letter could come from the Borough.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to hire Michael Schwenk, at a rate of \$55/hr. to handle all new zoning and nuisance & property maintenance code violations, implying directly that Gary Noecker remain on to complete what notices he has sent out. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Relations – President Kline

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to run an ad for seasonal part-time road crew employees. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Approvals/Finance/Pension – Vice President Botwright

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for February 7, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for February 21, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Council discusses the renewed interest shown by the developer to purchase the Route 61 commercial tract near the Borough pool. Further discussion takes place on current land values and the bidding process.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to authorize Solicitor Mooney to update the bid package for the pool parcel, with a starting bid of \$75,000. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Botwright notes that e-mails have been set up under shoeyboro.org for Council and employees. She will be forwarding the appropriate passwords to everyone.

Old Business - none

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner
Secretary/Treasurer