

CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough

April 18, 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, Bradley Smith – Engineer – leaves after the Public Works Report and Chad Zimmerman – Public Works Foreman – leaves after his report.

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

Public Comment

Jerry Blecker (King's Water): States that PTMA signed the second amendment to the water supply agreement. Their group has entered into a water capacity reservation agreement with PTMA as well.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to accept the second amendment to the water agreement between PTMA and Shoemakersville Borough. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer's Report

Ms. Smith discusses the potential for additional stormwater controls at the fire company. Costs for the controls are expected to remain well under \$10,000. Mr. Smith met with the fire company's engineer, who stated most of their improvements will be affecting the drainage shed to the east. Mr. Smith will expect to see the rate of discharge have no change or to be reduced, as it discharges into the yard. They could also install a swale at the western end for stormwater control.

Mr. Smith notes that a drainage easement across 303 Church Ave. was not located in the office.

Mr. Smith received an e-mail from the school district, stating that all items have been addressed, with the exception of their offer regarding the sidewalk. Mr. Smith will perform a physical inspection at the school. Mr. Smith and Council discuss the sidewalk project. Mr. Wertz would like to see an exemption from the ADA requirements or payment of \$4,500.

Mr. Smith states that as of now, the borough has enough water to meet its needs, but eventually additional water sources will be needed. If PTMA draws all that is entitled to them and something in the borough's system goes down, the borough will be short water capacity. DEP recommends having capacity in reserve. Council discusses the wells. **Foreman Zimmerman will contact Moyer's to provide an estimate to inspect the pool well.**

Mr. Smith states that before the Main St. road work is completed, PTMA would like to complete work to add redundancy to their meter pit. Foreman Zimmerman discusses the water shut off valves for the line leading to Perry Twp., noting that if the borough were to shut off the water to the 900 block of Main St., the water to Perry Twp. would also be turned off. He suggested to Mr. McKinney for PTMA to tie in at a different point in the line, so the township would still have water if the borough needed to turn off the water supply. As this is the township's service, they would be responsible for the expense. PTMA would just need to officially be contacted to proceed with the work.

Mr. Smith and Foreman Zimmerman measured several intersections in the borough; 8th & Reber Sts., 8th & Franklin Sts. and 5th & Franklin Sts. The approximate cost for total rebuild on 8th & Reber Sts. is \$30,500. The 8th & Franklin Sts. intersection would cost \$24,400 and 5th & Franklin Sts. would be \$19,700. If all of 5th St. would be done, up to where the school stopped paving, the cost would be \$79,500. Council and Mr. Smith discuss road repairs for the borough. **Mr. Smith will compile a budgetary estimate for 8th St., from Main St. to Reber St.**

E.R. Felty was unable to find any boundary records for the borough recorded in the courthouse. Mr. Smith will continue to research the matter.

Mr. Smith is still in communications with Mr. Witman regarding the sewer agreement. Mr. Witman feels the borough should pay for additional trench width.

The borough is on track with the source water protection plan.

Mr. Smith is drafting a letter to PennDOT regarding the Route 61 intersection. Since the state's new accident tracking system went online in March 2016, there have been 16 accidents at the intersection.

Mr. Smith received an e-mail from PTMA, asking why the borough replaced the water meter at Smart Choice Auto Sales, as they are a customer of PTMA. Foreman Zimmerman was unaware that a PTMA meter was in the location and had inadvertently installed a radio read meter. He has given PTMA their meter that was removed.

Public Works Report – Foreman Zimmerman

Foreman Zimmerman notes that the treatment for well #1 is not as simple as it originally appeared. The pipe needs to be pulled and the well cap needs to be altered so that the treatment can be put down the hole. Scott Moyer provided a price of \$1,075 to pull one section of the pipe and to build a well cap that will work for the treatment.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve Moyer Well Drilling to pull the pipe and to modify the well cap for well #1, for a price not to exceed \$1,250. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Foreman Zimmerman states that Univar no longer wishes to deliver 100 gallons of chlorine to the borough. The current price is \$1.97/gallon. They will continue to offer the service, but at \$8.00/gallon. Main Pool & Chemical will deliver 100 gallons at \$2.20/gallon. The tank on site belongs to Univar, but they will sell it to the borough for \$1. Foreman Zimmerman is to move ahead with the changes.

Foreman Zimmerman would like to see one part-time seasonal employee hired by May.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline feels the borough should have the contractor information when PennDOT is having work completed in the borough; such as the pavement work at Main St. & Noble Ave. Foreman Zimmerman states the work is to be completed by the end of the week. Ms. Kennedy-Kline will contact the PennDOT liaison to convey her concerns.

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

Sewer – Mr. Wertz

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve Steve Cryts Contracting to perform the work specified in the April 3 quote for the blower room roof repairs, for the cost of \$15,572. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried unanimously.

Water – President Kline

President Kline will follow up with Ms. Wagner to confirm when the payment is received from PTMA.

President Kline and Mr. Wertz discuss well #1. President Kline believes onsite treatment will still be needed for the well, in addition to the current treatment.

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

Ms. Kennedy-Kline would like Foreman Zimmerman to rent a ditch witch to start digging for the project in the park.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to approve the expense of \$500 to purchase bicycles for a donation for the Children’s Fair. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz – no report

President Kline asked Mr. Schwenk to look into the property at 17 Main St., but has not yet heard back from him. Mr. Wertz will contact him, as he has to discuss other zoning matters with him. President Kline states there should be a clear definition of what is to be expected from both Mr. Schwenk and Mr. Noecker. Council discuss how to best handle the matter, with President Kline suggesting zoning and property maintenance issues be addressed by Mr. Schwenk, with Mr. Noecker focusing on code enforcement matters.

Employee Relations – President Kline – requests an executive session

Approvals/Finance/Pension – Vice President Botwright

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for April 4, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for April 18, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Botwright states the 2016 audit report was released from the auditors. Nothing out of the ordinary was noted.

Executive Session

The Board recessed into executive session at 8:55 p.m. to discuss employees. Regular session reconvened at 8:59 p.m.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to extend an offer of part-time seasonal employment to Larry Miller, for \$11/hr. Ryan Karasek’s pay rate is to increase to \$12.50/hr, as he continues his part-time employment with the borough. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. 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 unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Melissa Wagner
Secretary/Treasurer