

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Shoemakersville Borough**

**July 18, 2017**

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 7:00 p.m.

**In attendance:** Chris Kline – President, Amy Botwright – Vice President, Joseph Wertz, Jr. and Tara Kennedy-Kline.

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

**Public Comment**

**Jarrold Emes (EMC):** The County has their 5-year review of the hazard mitigation plan. He notes that the borough is to assign a priority level to each item on the plan list. Mr. Emes and Ms. Wagner will work together to meet the September deadline.

The NIMS Compliance Reporting will also be updated. This notes that municipal staff, has the NIMS training. This is current not a yearly effort; once the individual has the training, they are fine. He recommends starting with the 100 training program. His goal is to have 50% of the borough staff/council take the training.

The Code Red System has been working well.

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

She would like to attend the meeting with the superintendent regarding the ramp at Peach & 4<sup>th</sup> Sts.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline states there were several complaints regarding manholes that aren't 6" deep and sinkholes that were not being repaired and would like to see a more proactive approach taken by the borough. President Kline notes that Foreman Zimmerman reached out to Mr. McKinney, who spoke with Wexcon on the matter. Council discusses how the matters are being addressed with PTMA, with Foreman Zimmerman keeping track of what items the borough is handling.

President Kline states the speed limit signs are on backorder. They will be waiving the shipping fee due to the delay.

**Sewer – Mr. Wertz**

Digester #1 is empty. The asphalt has been cut, with the last two scheduled to be dug out. The blowers tripped out, most likely due to heat. The exhaust fan in the blower room is being repaired.

President Kline states the meeting with Wolfe Dye & Bleach for Wednesday has been pushed back to 2:00 p.m.

**Water – President Kline**

The mixer on the water tank is failing. As part of the contract, USG is to perform annual inspections of the tank. President Kline will be requesting copies of their previous inspections. It appears there is a set cycle for the inspections/cleanings, which he will also be confirming.

Mr. Wertz states well #1 is not up and running, as there was an issue with the LMI pump. Parts for the pump may have been used for well #3.

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

President Kline will be inquiring as to what is needed to reset the base for the light in the park.

Vice President Botwright notes the pool is booked for pool parties on Saturdays for the remainder of the season.

President Kline and Vice President Botwright will be reviewing the pool plans before they are sent to DCNR. They briefly discuss concerns that are not in the plan.

**Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz**

Mr. Wertz is still reviewing the sidewalk specifications. Ms. Kennedy-Kline states that if there are several homes in a row that need sidewalk repairs, the residents should request project pricing from the contractor. President Kline states that this could be noted in the citation letters that are sent out. *Ms. Kennedy-Kline will draft a copy and forward it in an e-mail.*

Vice President Botwright notes that under noise ordinance, decibel limits range from time period to time period. But the ordinance also states that the sound levels listed in that table shall not apply to several noise sources, including lawn maintenance. Ms. Kennedy-Kline feels this should not be a decibel issue but a time/hour issue. *President Kline will summarize his and Ms. Kennedy-Kline's concerns in an e-mail to Mr. Wertz, with the issues relating to maintaining signs, the parking of recreational vehicles, fencing material and height, swimming pools, child care services, home occupation regulations, satellite dishes and the keeping of domestic pets. Ms. Kennedy-Kline will investigate home based businesses versus home occupations.*

*President Kline obtained an ordinance from another municipality for medical marijuana, which he will forward to Mr. Wertz.*

**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 July 11, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for July 18, 2017. 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 unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner  
Secretary/Treasurer