

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Shoemakersville Borough**

**August 1, 2017**

President Kline called the monthly meeting of the Shoemakersville Borough Council to order in the St. Luke's Church Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> & Franklin Sts., Shoemakersville, PA at 7:00 p.m.

**In attendance:** Chris Kline – President, Amy Botwright –Vice President – arrived at 8:10 p.m., Joseph Wertz, Jr. Tara Kennedy-Kline, Clark Zimmerman, Richard Kepner – Mayor, Keith Mooney – Solicitor, Brad Smith – Engineer , Gary Noecker - Code Enforcement and Zoning and Melissa Wagner – Secretary/Treasurer.

Absent from the meeting were Paul Gruber and John Leshner.

**Public Comment**

**David King (16515 Pottsville Pike):** Represents the Hamburg Commerce Park development and asks if Council wishes to review the water design plans for the project. He would like a recommendation from the board. President Kline references the plans PTMA submitted for a connection north of the borough, connecting in to the 8" line, for the Hamburg Logistics Park. President Kline drafted a letter to Mr. McKinney, stating that Mr. Smith reviewed the plan and provided comments. Council approved the connection, which has not changed. PTMA, not the development, would connect directly to the system. Solicitor Mooney suggest having Mr. Smith send Mr. King a letter stating that there are not any technical deficiencies with the plan received.

\*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize Mr. Smith to write a letter indicating there are no technical deficiencies to the plan. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

**Richard Geschwindt (603 Reber St.):** Would like to know if the fire hydrant in the 200 block of E. Noble Ave. is going to be replaced. Foreman Zimmerman states that he is waiting for final approval from Penndot. Mr. Geschwindt asked what happened with the hydrant, with Foreman Zimmerman stating there was an accident whereby a truck sheared off the hydrant. Mr. Geschwindt asks if potholes will be addressed, with Mr. Zimmerman stating the staff has begun and will continue to fill potholes as time permits.

Mr. Geschwindt asks for the results of the water test, with Ms. Wagner stating that Suburban tested the water on July 7 at New Era Logistics and the water plant and that all results met the necessary requirements.

Mr. Geschwindt asks if the school contractors replaced the marble markers, with Mr. Smith stating that all of the markers that are on the plan are in place.

**MS4 Public Hearing**

Mr. Smith presents a PowerPoint presentation of the borough's PRP for the 2018-2023 MS4 permit. He highlights that the borough is considered an urbanized area and is required by PADEP to apply for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System MS4 Permit. Focusing on siltation, the borough plans to construct a Bioswale, which is a filtration canal. Street sweeping would not remove enough sediment to meet the requirements of the permit. Mayor Kepner asks if only one area will be treated, with Mr. Smith stating that treating that one area will remove all of the sediment that needs to be removed for the borough to meet the requirement. Mayor Kepner asks if the requirements get stricter each year, with Mr. Smith stating he is unsure at this time what will occur. Hearing closed at 7:18 p.m.

### **Code Enforcement – Mr. Noecker**

- **Permits:** Eight permits were issued in July.
- **Enforcement:** Notes that the borough crew has begun cleaning up 17 Main St. Mayor Kepner was notified that the tenants at 151 Main St. were burning cardboard. Mr. Noecker witnessed them burning wood. He will review the burn ordinance and send a notice.

Two violation letters for vehicles were sent.

Mayor Kepner states that the property at 372 Main St. has been accumulating more junk. The tenants never applied for a zoning permit for their pool. Mr. Noecker will follow up on the property.

### **Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Mooney**

- **Wolfe Dye & Bleach:** Presents the pre-treatment ordinance that he and Ms. Brenner drafted. He will e-mail copies to Council. He feels the ordinance could be reviewed at the August workshop meeting and approved to be advertised at that time.
- **Pool Property:** Solicitor Mooney is completing the agreement of sale.
- **Trash RFP:** Will speak with Ms. Wagner regarding dates. The RFP will be forwarded for review at the August workshop meeting. The RFP advertisement and pre-bid meeting will be held so that bids will be received for the October monthly meeting.
- **No Parking Ordinance:** Confirms with Foreman Zimmerman on the side streets, noting the 200 block of Main St. is bound by Second St. and Miller St. This would be for 132', from the center of Miller St., on the east side of Main St.
- **17 Main St.:** President Kline will forward his paperwork for the property to Solicitor Mooney. Solicitor Mooney states the borough could either place a lien on the property and then immediately execute on the lien or take the property. If a decision would be made to execute on the lien, Solicitor Mooney would need to file similar to a mortgage foreclosure. If the owner cannot be served by a constable, the borough will need to make notice by public notification, which would entail running an ad in newspaper, which would serve as their notice. He will attempt to contact the mortgage company so that perhaps the borough could execute on their judgment.

### **Engineer's Report – report will remain on file in office**

- **MS4:** Public hearing took place at the beginning of the meeting.
- **Route 61 Betterment Project:** ARRO is completing utility relocation plans, specifications and estimates in compliance with the Penndot agreement. The plans are due to Penndot by August 11, to ensure the 75% reimbursement to the borough offered by the state. The work includes the relocation of one water line, two fire hydrant replacements, lowering of two water line crossings of storm sewer and sanitary sewer manhole adjustments. The total cost is approximately \$97,000 with the borough portion being around \$24,000.
- **NPDES Renewal:** With the process, the potential exists for PADEP and/or DRBC to impose more stringent limits and/or additional parameters on the borough's wastewater treatment plant effluent

discharge. It appears the renewed permit may include monitoring of TN and TDS. In addition, WETT may be required annually under the renewed permit.

- **2017 Road Projects:** ARRO contacted UGI about the project, with UGI actively checking with departments to determine if any repairs or new services are required prior to the start of the road construction. ARRO is waiting to advertise the project upon PennDOT approval and the borough verification of the water main integrity.
- **Solids Handling:** PW Tech will be at the wastewater plant July 31 – August 4 to pilot test the volute press. A demonstration will be held on Thursday, August 3 from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Wolfe Dye & Bleach:** ARRO received a marked up copy of the draft pretreatment ordinance and returned comments to the solicitor.

ARRO, Mike Dietrich and Chris Kline met with representatives from Wolfe Dye & Bleach on July 19 for a tour of the production facility and pretreatment plant. Wolfe Dye & Bleach expressed interest in having a more open dialogue regarding treatment issues. They also expressed an interest in contracting with ARRO to provide any pretreatment assistance that may be needed.

- **HASD Elementary School & Parking Lot:** The borough is planning on meeting with the school superintendent about the sidewalk issue on Peach St.
- **PTMA Reconciliation:** Mr. Smith asks if additional comments were received from PTMA regarding their yearly reconciliation. Mr. Wertz will speak with Vice President Botwright regarding the adjustments made to PTMA's list of concerns and will speak to Mr. Mast.

#### **Secretary's Report/Correspondence**

The borough office will be closed from August 21-25.

#### **Mayor's Report – Mayor Kepner**

Mayor Kepner would like to see a new flag at the memorial in the park.

#### **Public Works Report – Foreman Zimmerman**

Floyd Dissinger can weld the broken press rolls. Foreman Zimmerman was able to obtain a price from Philadelphia Ball on the bearings for 1/3 of the originally thought price. Once he receives firm pricing, he will forward the information to Mr. Wertz.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline notes of the work being done with the weeds in the streets. Mayor Kepner asks if the chemical could be changed to help reduce the new growth of weeds, with Foreman Zimmerman stating they are already using professional grade Round Up.

#### **Water and Wastewater Operator's Report – Mr. Dietrich**

Hach performed their quarterly maintenance of the water plant equipment. On July 20, he began pumping well #1 into the system. The well has been maintaining a flow of 22gpm. About 2 months after the tower was fully rehabbed, Mr. Dietrich received a call from USG, stating they planned to service and maintain the tower. He stated the tower was placed back online and that there was no need for them to come out. The July reports were submitted, samples were collected and routine maintenance was kept up to date.

On July 19, Mr. Dietrich, Ms. Brenner and President Kline toured Wolfe Dye & Bleach and met with their staff. They discussed the borough's effluent limits as required by DEP and DRBC, as well as monitoring,

recent trends and communication. Digester 1 had the valves and pipes excavated and exposed. The piping is convoluted and conflicts with their ability to remove and replace the piping and valves that were intended, in a safe and cost effective manner. They are trying to loosen any of the three valves while they are exposed.

One of the rollers on the belt press broke off. Although a replacement had been ordered 7 weeks ago, there has been a delay and it will not be sent for another 2-3 weeks. Ms. Kennedy-Kline asks if Mr. Dietrich can contact the company to see if any type of compensation for the delay is possible. President Kline suggests free freight. PW Tech will be having a sludge thickening demo machine at the plant beginning this past Monday. Times of operation will be Tuesday – Thursday, from 8-3.

During heavy storms, the blower room roof still allows for some leakage along the back wall. Mr. Wertz notes that Steve Cryts will be at the plant tomorrow. The DMR was completed and the delivery of dry polymer will be enough to finish out 2017. The digital scale for the chlorine cylinders is defective. Mr. Dietrich would like to purchase a new scale from LRM for \$1,625.00

\*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize Mr. Dietrich to procure a chlorine scale for \$1,625.00 from LRM. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dietrich thanks Foreman Zimmerman, Mr. Mohn and Ms. Brenner for their outstanding job running the plant while he was away.

#### **Property/Streets/Sanitation Committee – Mr. Zimmerman**

Mr. Smith is waiting for approval from PennDOT on the road project, as liquid fuels funds will be used. Advertising will then take place on Pennbid.

#### **Sewer Committee – Mr. Wertz**

Mr. Overberger, the office manager for ARRO discusses Wolfe Dye & Bleach's request for ARRO to work with them. Solicitor Mooney notes of his concerns regarding the pre-treatment ordinance and the fact that Wolfe Dye & Bleach would be the most affected by this ordinance; what would take place if a violation were to occur? President Kline states that during the tour at Wolfe Dye & Bleach, all parties discussed keeping the lines of communication open and noting that everyone work together to resolve the TDS issue. This is how ARRO came into the discussion.

Mr. Wertz would like to know the actual scope of work that would be done with ARRO. Mr. Smith states that Wolfe Dye & Bleach has not specified a concrete plan, but has requested technical assistance. President Kline states this could begin as a fact finding process, with ARRO billing the borough, and the borough in turn billing Wolfe Dye & Bleach for ARRO's time. Solicitor Mooney recommends the borough have an agreement with Wolfe Dye & Bleach, to permit the borough engineer to assist and report back to both Wolfe Dye & Bleach and the borough. Solicitor Mooney asks that ARRO send him a draft proposal for the work they will be performing for Wolfe Dye & Bleach. He will then prepare a contract between the borough and Wolfe Dye & Bleach, including the scope of work.

#### **Water Committee – President Kline**

The well #1 PLC received a 120v hit. It was put back online on August 1. President Kline made sure the PLC programs were backed up and the documents scanned.

President Kline notes that on September 27, USG has scheduled to drain and clean the tank as part of the tank maintenance project. This timing will work well as the mixer must either be repaired or replaced. During these few days, the borough will run on the boosters. The fire company will be notified.

#### **Parks/Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline**

OTG has submitted a drawing to install a flagpole at the skate park. Ms. Kennedy-Kline feels there are other items at the skate park that should be accomplished before considering a flag.

President Kline tested a pole light at a height of 24' at the park, for a client. The light was able to illuminate the pool and the skate park as well. This light could be a future consideration, with Vice President noting the light would be placed inside the fencing of the pool.

Mayor Kepner asks if the pool project has gone out for bid, with Vice President Botwright stating that final drawings are expected by noon on Wednesday. She states the pool will still be closing on August 6, but that there are several smaller projects that can be started until the major renovations begin.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline notes that FreshLife is hosting a pool party from 7-10 on August 5 and will be accepting donations to attend.

#### **Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz**

Mr. Wertz has received a copy of a sample marijuana ordinance. He also asks that additional comments on the zoning ordinance be forwarded to him.

#### **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 18, 2017. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for August 1, 2017. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Botwright notes that at the recent Berks EIT meeting, it was decided that KeyMark's OnBase program will be used to write the software updates. There will be no cost to the municipalities at this time, as the surplus distribution funds will be used to cover the cost.

President Kline confirms that a 12-month extension was received for the financing through Customer's Bank.

#### **New Business - none**

#### **Old Business**

Ms. Wagner notes that Mr. Smith has reviewed the updated plans for the fire company and that he has not found any changes. Therefore, Council may sign the plans. Solicitor Mooney recommends not forwarding the signed plans to them until the borough receives the signed agreements he sent to the fire company.

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 at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer