

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

September 19, 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, Clark Zimmerman, Tara Kennedy-Kline and Brad Smith – Engineer – leaves after his report.

Absent from the meeting were Joseph Wertz, Paul Gruber, John Leshner and Mayor Richard Kepner.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Smith confirms the amount due on the interceptor cost sharing invoice from PTMA is accurate. He notes however, that items #9-11 are still under discussion between PTMA and the borough, with Ms. Kennedy-Kline noting the items relate to the delay in locating the water line on Franklin St. and the permanent paving on Main St. Mr. Smith and Council discuss the outstanding items. President Kline suggest doing a deduct for items #9-11 when paying the invoice, thereby remitting \$28,240 to PTMA.

Mr. Smith discusses the two water requests received: One for 3,200 gallons/day from Core 5 Industrial Partners and 300-500 gallons/day for the Perry Plaza. Mr. Smith submits a spreadsheet which in part, notes that the borough could produce 250,000 gallons/day if the system were to run at its maximum allowable capability by the DRBC standards and not be shut down for maintenance, etc. If PTMA were to withdraw their complete capacity under the borough's current operations, there would be a deficit of over 15,498 gallons/day. Council and Mr. Smith discuss the operation of the system, the service area in the water agreement and the capacity Mr. Bell purchased from PTMA. At this time, Council feels the requests should be denied. **President Kline will contact Mark Koch** to inform him that the borough does not have the capacity available. Vice President Botwright asks what it would cost to explore if the pool wells would be of any assistance. **Mr. Smith will research the matter and speak with DEP and the geologist.**

Council and Mr. Smith discuss the PTMA reconciliation, noting that if the correct is made, the reconciliation may be reissued.

Mr. Smith discusses having the fence torn down and later reinstalled at the wastewater plant and installing a stone access, so two additional pilot tests can be completed. A unit was brought in to test the sludge for the solids handling study. There were two others that Mr. Smith wished to bring in, however they were unable to access the site as is. **President Kline will speak with Foreman Zimmerman regarding the project.**

Mr. Smith will supply Vice President Botwright with the cost to perform a maintenance study on the water and sewer facilities in the borough, so the project may be placed in the 2018 budget. This project was last completed in 2011. President Kline would like to budget for ARRO to be project manager on certain items, in order to provide oversight and to reinforce the efficiency of borough resources.

Mr. Smith notes that the paving contracts were signed and that the contractor was given notice to proceed, with an end date of October 31. He anticipates that the contractor will ask for an extension. Mr. Smith recommends an extension be given for the sidewalk only, unless PennDOT would extend the paving season. He notes that Foreman Zimmerman will be performing oversight of the project and that he must keep track of the quantities, as a lot of the line items in the bid are based upon how much product is used.

Mr. Smith states that UGI is planning on performing work at 8th & Chestnut Sts. They were informed that the contractor wishes to begin on October 2, so UGI would need to be completed by that time. UGI was asked to contact Dustin Folk directly, in order to work out a schedule.

President Kline spoke with Folk Paving, who noted there is to be no parking on Main St. They will begin with milling on the 900 block of Main St. on October 2. They will not be detouring off of Main St. Mr. Smith states one concern is that residents own the curbs and that there are some curbs that may not hold up to the street construction.

Vice President Botwright notes that she will be present at the borough office on Monday, September 25 at 10:00 a.m. to open the bids for the pool project. She and Mr. Smith discuss the bid opening procedure.

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Zimmerman

Foreman Zimmerman will be contacted regarding the painting of the curb at 507 Main St. Ms. Kennedy-Kline notes that Mr. Schwenk spoke with the resident who was placing cones along the curb at his home, in order to deter people from parking there.

Sewer – Mr. Zimmerman – no report

Water – President Kline

Work is being completed on the control system at the water plant. Next week on September 27, the water tower will be offline for cleaning. This should take approximately 3 days. President Kline notes that as a precaution, a back-up generator will be delivered on Tuesday. He will be present at the plant Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday, for additional assistance.

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

There are still two openings on the Recreation Board.

Vice President Botwright has been receiving calls from contractors regarding the pool renovations.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline would like to adjust the park rental rates for 2018. Vice President Botwright suggests updating the wording of the contract as well. Council discusses the condition of the windows/doors on the kitchen pavilion.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Vice President Botwright

Ms. Kennedy-Kline will contact Mr. Wertz regarding the status of the zoning ordinance, to ensure that the process will continue to move forward.

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 September 5, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Zimmerman. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for September 19, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Zimmerman. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to rent a generator for the water plant for a cost not to exceed \$1,700. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Ms. Kennedy-Kline would like to contact Mr. Schwenk to request more current updates in time for meetings.

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