

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

October 3, 2017

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

In attendance: Chris Kline – President, Amy Botwright –Vice President, John Leshner, Tara Kennedy-Kline, Richard Kepner – Mayor, Keith Mooney – Solicitor, Brad Smith – Engineer and Melissa Wagner – Secretary/Treasurer.

Absent from the meeting were Clark Zimmerman, Joseph Wertz, Jr. and Paul Gruber.

Public Comment

Richard Geschwindt (603 Reber St.): Would like to know the status of the water report, with Ms. Wagner noting she does not have the information available. Mr. Geschwindt would like to know the status of the fire hydrant at E. Noble Ave. and Chestnut St. Ms. Wagner states that PennDOT is reviewing a second draft of the paperwork.

Code Enforcement – no report

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Mooney

- **Trash/Recycling Contract:** Solicitor Mooney has reviewed the bids and recommends the two low bidders of Tamaqua Transfer for trash and Eagle Disposal for recycling.
- **Perry Township Shopping Center:** A formal request for water was received.
- **Pool Property:** Mark Koch has a few minor comments to the agreement of sale, with the hopes to finalize the sale next week.
- **Water Agreement:** President Kline discusses service areas with the contract. Solicitor Mooney recommends adding wording to the agreement, that adding to the service area will be completed by resolution. The service area would be defined, but properties would be added by addendum.

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

- **MS4:** The PRP and NOI applications were submitted. A draft permit is expected in spring of 2018.
- **Route 61 Betterment Project:** ARRO is completing utility relocation plans, specifications and estimates in compliance with the PennDOT agreement. The work includes the relocation of one water line, two fire hydrant replacements, the lowering of two water line crossings of storm sewer and sanitary sewer manhole adjustments.

- **NPDES Renewal:** ARRO received a copy of the draft NPDES permit. The permit is currently being reviewed. The borough has until October 19 to dispute any of the conditions in the draft permit with PADEP. ARRO offers the following preliminary comments on changes to the NPDES permit:
 - TSS Raw Sewage Influent: Daily Maximum loading is to be reported.
 - Fecal Coliform: Measurement frequency decreased to 1/weekly.
 - New Parameters:
 - Total Copper: 1/month, monitor only (no limit)
 - Color: 1/month, average monthly limit of 200 Pt-Co Units (per DRBC Docket requirements)
 - Total Nitrogen: 1/quarter, monitor only (no limit)
 - Total Phosphorus: 1/quarter, monitor only (no limit)
 - Section III. C – Reporting & Notification Requirements: Borough must provide notice to PADEP prior to any planned changes that will introduce new pollutants or increase existing pollutants in the influent waste stream.
 - Part C. III – PCB Pollutant minimization Plan & Monitoring:
 - Borough must develop and submit a Pollutant Monitoring Plan for PCB's within 12 months of the effective date of the new permit.
 - Once approved, the borough must implement the plan within 60 days of approval.
 - Once approved, the borough must submit an annual report to PADEP and DRBC.

- **2017 Road Projects:** A notice to proceed was issued. Work on the sidewalks has begun. UGI will be lowering a line at Chestnut & 8th Sts.

- **Miller Street:** Penndot has requested some minor changes to the utility plans. The project is being bid by Penndot and is scheduled to start in December.

- **Bridge on Main Street:** Penndot has approved the report and the borough can proceed with the designated repairs to the abutments and expansion joints. ARRO can assist as directed.

- **Solids Handling:** In order to schedule the pilot test units for the centrifuge and screw press, ARRO needs the borough to provide a decision on whether or not the removal of a section of fence is proceeding, to allow the trailer with the units to access the facility. The fence removal may or may not be required and the need will not be determined until the trailer arrives on-site. President Kline notes that Ms. Brenner met with Mr. Dietrich and Foreman Zimmerman to discuss the fence.

- **Wolfe Dye & Bleach:** After reviewing the draft NPDES permit, ARRO recommends adopting the draft pretreatment ordinance without any additional changes. ARRO provided a draft agreement for providing services to Wolfe Dye & Bleach to the borough's solicitor for review.

- **Valuation Report:** Mr. Smith confirms that the report in 2018 should be for both the water and sewer systems. The cost will most likely be less than the prior fee of \$6,000 as the framework has already been completed.

- **Key Development:** Mr. Smith will review Mark Koch's e-mail regarding the tapping fees.

- **Water Tank Project:** Mr. Smith is not pleased with how USG managed the project and with their lack of assistance in handling the DEP paperwork. President Kline states that the old mixer is obsolete and that the new mixer is a direct replacement. He is waiting to hear back from DEP regarding the additional information requested on the mixer.

Secretary's Report/Correspondence

The office will be opening at 9:00 a.m. on October 11 and closing at noon on October 13.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Kepner

Trick-or-treat will take place on Thursday, October 26 and Friday, October 27 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Trunk-or-treat will occur at the park from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Operator's Report

President Kline refers to Mr. Dietrich's reporting noting that the control system for the filters at the water plant has been upgraded.

While draining the clarifiers at the sewer plant, there was some unexpected deterioration found. **President Kline will speak with Mr. Dietrich to determine if the revolving shaft can be repaired. President Kline will follow up with Mr. Dietrich and Foreman Zimmerman regarding the fence at the sewer plant.**

Property/Streets/Sanitation Committee – Mr. Leshner

*A motion is made by Mr. Leshner to award Eagle Disposal the recycling contract for 2017-2019. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Mr. Leshner to award Tamaqua Transfer and Recycling the trash contract for 2017-2019. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

President Kline will speak with Foreman Zimmerman regarding the poor flagging effort by the contractors completing the handicap ramp work on Main St.

Sewer Committee – no report

Water Committee – President Kline

The tank issue should soon be resolved. The control system was upgraded at the plant. There are a few repair items that will need to be added to the 2018 budget.

Parks/Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

Vice President Botwright notes the low bid for the pool project was submitted by Stoneridge and has been accepted. The paperwork is being completed to verify things with DCNR.

Law/Planning/Zoning - no report

Employee Relations – no report

Approvals/Finance/Pension – Vice President Botwright

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for September 19 & 25, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Leshner. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for October 3, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Leshner. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Botwright asks that budget figures and feedback be forwarded to her by October 13.

President Kline states that he will check on the status of Mr. Wertz, who has been assigned to work in Florida to handle insurance concerns for hurricane victims.

New Business

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the per capita exonerations list for 2017. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Mayor Kepner asks if PTMA has decided to install the water line at the north end of Main St., with President Kline stating that PTMA has opted to not install the line.

Solicitor Mooney and Vice President Botwright confirm that the November monthly meeting will take place on November 7. Previously the meetings were held a week later, as the polling place also served as the Council meeting location.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Leshner. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner
Secretary/Treasurer