

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

November 21, 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 7:02 p.m.

In attendance: Chris Kline – President, Amy Botwright – Vice President, Joseph Wertz, Tara Kennedy-Kline and Bradley Smith – Engineer – leaves after his report.

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

Engineer's Report

Mr. Smith states that the PA Small Water & Sewer Grant is up for a second time around. Eligible projects for this would be for the solids handling project and the well projects. Mr. Smith requests Council's permission to set up meetings with the Senator and Representative to review the projects. Mr. Smith agrees with Vice President Botwright about support from neighboring municipalities and will be contacting Perry Township.

President Kline and Mr. Smith discuss other technology that could be used in relation to the headworks. The screw press appears to be the most popular. The study will be completed during the application phase. President Kline and Mr. Smith further discuss the criteria for the use of the grant funds.

Mr. Smith notes of the updated wastewater plant evaluation. The grant funds anticipated in 2019 would pay for the bulk of the items, such as the dewatering upgrade.

Mr. Smith states the borough was awarded the Multimodal Grant, for the Pigeon Creek Bridge repairs. The borough's portion is approximately \$98,101. The borough has 2 years to complete the project.

Mr. Smith reviewed the payment applications for Folk Paving. There was a small discrepancy on application #2, between the figures provided by Foreman Zimmerman and what appeared on the application. Foreman Zimmerman noted 185' of curb on Main St., while the invoice listed 186'. For the 8th & Chestnut St. intersection, Foreman Zimmerman noted 110 sq. yd. of sidewalk, while the invoice listed 508 sq. yd. The curb on 8th St. was \$125 over and the sidewalk was \$50 over, for the difference of \$75.

Mr. Smith states the gas box was fixed. President Kline met with Folk Paving to discuss the wording and calculations on invoice #1. A revised invoice was received, although the total does not change. There is a 10% overage on the project.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve the Folk Paving application for payment #1. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith has received USG's sanitary sewer televising report. ARRO will prepare a report in mid January.

Mr. Smith notes that the MS4 application was submitted to DEP, with a response anticipated in spring 2018. Mr. Wertz and Mr. Smith review the status of the MS4 project.

Mr. Smith provides comments to Solicitor Mooney regarding the Wolfe agreement for services. President Kline, Mr. Wertz and Mr. Smith review the status of the interceptor matters with PTMA.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve ARRO to apply for the PA Small Water & Sewer Grant for the sludge dewatering project. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith states that the Miller St. bids will be opened in early December. When construction begins, the borough will be required to inspect the water and sewer changes, which will be partially reimbursable from the state. ARRO could inspect those changes and the pool renovations in the same visit. Council discusses the project. **Mr. Smith will reach out to Penndot for the proposed schedule.**

Council discusses the condition of the borough garage building and how FEMA regulations could affect any changes.

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

President Kline will be forwarding copies of all documentation and actions taken with 17 Main St. to Solicitor Mooney, so that the matter can continue to move forward.

Council is still waiting to hear an update from Schwenk Codes regarding the property at 372 Main St. **Ms. Kennedy-Kline will contact Mr. Schwenk for an update.**

Ms. Kennedy-Kline will contact Foreman Zimmerman to look into whether or not the cracks made during the road project have been repaired.

Sewer – Mr. Wertz – no report

Water – President Kline

The valve on filter #2 was replaced.

President Kline notes that the owner of the 2 unit building at 148 7th St. would like to go back to a single dwelling. He has no issue with this, but states that the owner would need to show proof of the single unit, such as USPS records showing one dwelling at the location.

President Kline states that there may be rust on the north side of the tank. **He will investigate.**

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

Vice President Botwright will be sending an e-mail to request a status update on the pool project. President Kline discusses what he noticed on a recent site visit.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline will be speaking with OTG regarding the skate park project.

President Kline states that there is fraying on the wires leading to the open park pavilion. He contacted Met-Ed, who met with Foreman Zimmerman. Met-Ed stated all was well, as there is air gap, so no insulation is needed. They will not be addressing the matter. President Kline is concerned as it is a bare wiring hanging over a playground. He is waiting to hear back from the line supervisor.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz

Mr. Wertz will contact Mr. Schwenk for zoning updates. He will also work on the sidewalk updates.

Employee Relations – President Kline

Mr. Karasek has resigned from his position with the borough. Foreman Zimmerman will be reaching out to local contacts, as well as the fire company, to inquire if anyone could assist with plowing.

Approvals/Finance/Pension – Vice President Botwright

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for November 7, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for November 21, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adopt Resolution 107-2017 to appoint the auditor for the borough's 2017 records. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

* A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adopt Resolution 108-2017 for the employee pension contributions. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adopt Resolution 109-2017 setting the tax collector's compensation. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. President Kline & Vice President Botwright confirm that the rate is the same as it was for the last term. Motion carried unanimously.

* A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adopt Resolution 110-2017 for the prohibition of Category 4 casinos within the borough. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. President Kline notes that Category 4 casinos allow for 700+ slot machines and 300 table games. Ms. Kennedy-Kline asks what the reasoning is behind prohibiting the casinos, with President Kline stating there may be a negative impact to a residential community. Council discusses potential community impacts, both negative and positive.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to table the motion on Resolution 110-2017. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the 2018 budget. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Mr. Wertz asks if the rest of Council is happy with the budget and if the pool will be opening next year. President Kline states that the budget is sound, but notes of the slight deficit in the sewer fund, due to anticipated repairs. Vice President Botwright states the pool will be open with the same managers on staff. Motion carried unanimously.

President Kline will be attending the December 5 ground breaking ceremony for the project occurring at the Perry Golf Course.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline has received questions regarding what write-in vote winners need to do to fill their seat for 2018. Council discusses the matter and notes that the individuals should either contact the Elections Board or visit their website.

No word has been received from the insurance company regarding a price increase related to their recent e-mail on building valuations for the park bathroom and the borough garage. Council discusses the valuations. **Mr. Wertz will look into the valuations.**

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright and seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to remove the borough pole building and park bathroom from the blanket limit agreed amount, with coverage at the valuation to be determined once the calculations are run by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business - none

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