

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

March 6, 2018

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 7:02 p.m.

In attendance: Chris Kline – President, Amy Botwright – Vice President, John Leshner, Tara Kennedy-Kline, Joseph Wertz, Jr., Steve Gilbert, Dustin Remp – Mayor, Keith Mooney – Solicitor, Brad Smith – Engineer, and Melissa Wagner – Secretary/Treasurer.

Absent from the meeting was Clark Zimmerman.

Public Comment

George Holmes (Hamburg Mayor): Introduces himself and states that he is looking forward to working with Council and maintaining an open line of communication between the municipalities.

Richard Geschwindt (603 Reber St.): Asks for the water test results, with Ms. Wagner stating that Suburban tested the water on February 9 at the Kwik Shoppe and the sewer plant and that all results met the necessary requirements. Mr. Geschwindt asks how the trash charge on the utility bills is determined, with Ms. Wagner stating that the charge is a flat rate of \$70/quarter, with a four bag/container limit.

Code Enforcement – Foreman Zimmerman

- **Enforcement:** Foreman Zimmerman sent several notices regarding the removal of snow from sidewalks.

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Mooney

- **Handicap Parking Ordinance:** A draft will be ready for the workshop meeting.
- **Core 5:** President Kline notes that even though PTMA has the sewer capacity, the developer is seeking a letter from the borough authority, acknowledging the request. President Kline sent them what is required, however they have not taken the necessary steps. They are waiting to hear from Mark Koch on the matter.
- **Pool Agreement of Sale:** No update from Mark Koch.
- **Perry Commercial Center:** President Kline and Solicitor Mooney discuss the developer's request for increased water capacity from 2,500 gpd to 2,700 gpd. **Solicitor Mooney will review the original letter from 2011.**

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

- **Wolfe Dye & Bleach:** Color and TDS results continue to be very high. Now that the new NPDES permit has been issued, the plant has an effluent color limit of 200 units.

ARRO recommends entering into the technical assistance program with Wolfe as soon as possible. President Kline is having difficulty reaching Mark Wolfe directly, but will continue to try.

- **Small Project Grant:** The grant application was submitted for the solids handling equipment. It is recommended that Council continue to communicate with the State Senator & Representative about the project.
- **Main Street Bridge Repair:** ARRO has begun preliminary work on the bridge. The field survey work was completed and drawings are being prepared.
- **Miller Street:** A contract has been awarded by Penndot to Kinsely Construction, Inc. Total price for the bridge work is \$3,695,633. Anticipated start of construction is March 2018.
- **Solids Handling:** Two additional pilots are in the process of being scheduled. Two screw presses will be tested, a Schwing Bioset the week of March 12 and a Huber Technology the week of April 16. Information has been sent to staff to evaluate site requirements needed for both pilot tests. Fees for the tests have been waived.
- **Wells #4 and #5:** The wells were down with no electric since Friday, but Foreman Zimmerman notes that power was restored earlier today.
- **Grant Opportunities:** Both DCED and Penndot are offering 30% matching Multimodal grants, which Mr. Smith feels could be used for the repair of Apple Lane. Council discusses the grants and right of way concerns, with Mr. Smith stating that any costs concerning right of way could be included in the grant.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to have **ARRO prepare the paperwork for the DCED and Penndot grants.** Seconded by Mr. Leshner. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report/Correspondence

The office will be closing at noon on March 9 and will be closed all day on March 29 & 30. The deadline to include items in the March 17 borough newsletter is March 12.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Remp

Mayor Remp thanks Foreman Zimmerman for his quick response to the recent fallen tree at the water plant. Mayor Remp will continue making attempts to have Perry Township lower the speed on the sign at the north end of Main St.

Mayor Remp will be meeting with the PA State Police Commander later this month.

Mayor Remp has contacted Elan City numerous times to determine when the electronic speed limit signs will be shipped, however he has not received any clear indication that the signs will be shipped. Mayor Remp has begun researching other companies that make similar signs. Council discusses the outstanding purchase order, with President Kline recommending that the PO be cancelled.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to cancel the purchase order with Elan City. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Mr. Leshner asks if any money has been spent towards the signs, with President Kline stating no funds have been expensed. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Report – Foreman Zimmerman

The pool contractor notes that the plumbing has passed inspection and that the pool should be completed on time. Council and Foreman Zimmerman discuss the progress of the project.

The back wall of the park stage blew in, however Foreman Zimmerman notes that the wall has been repaired with supports being placed in and is now stronger than when it was built.

Foreman Zimmerman states that an ARRO representative met with Mr. Dietrich to discuss the screw press and other sewer plant matters.

Operator's Report

Foreman Zimmerman notes that a roller was replaced on the belt press. The sludge pipe feeding the press was flushed and snaked, but no clogs were found. A representative from PA Rural Water will be stopping by the sewer plant to see if he can help determine the issue with the pipe.

Property/Streets/Sanitation Committee

Mr. Leshar asks if the waste haulers have been contacted regarding the empty containers being placed in the street rather than on the curb, with Ms. Wagner confirming that the call was made.

Sewer Committee – Mr. Wertz

Mr. Wertz, President Kline, and Mr. Dietrich will be meeting with ARRO on Thursday on 11:00 am to review projects noted on Ms. Brenner's report.

Water Committee – President Kline

President Kline has not received any feedback regarding the request for additional capacity for the Perry Plaza.

Parks/Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

The new park rental agreement was presented and discussed.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright that any new park rentals after March 6 will be subject to the new rental agreement. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Law/Planning/Zoning - Mr. Wertz

President Kline will forward his feedback on the sidewalk specifications to Mr. Wertz by the March workshop meeting. Foreman Zimmerman will investigate the temporary fix to the front of 302 Main St.

The invoice for borough work completed at 17 Main St. has been sent, although payment has not yet been received. If the payment deadline has passed, Ms. Wagner is to forward the notice sent to Solicitor Mooney.

Foreman Zimmerman states that the property in the 400 block of Main St. has been cleaned up. He is currently waiting for the 911 Center to update their system so that he will be able to run license plates. Vice President Botwright notes of the difficulty moving forward, to determine if vehicles are now out of registration.

Mayor Remp received a complaint regarding the condition of the property, as well as an unmoved vehicle, at 321 Park St. **Foreman Zimmerman will send them a notice.** Mr. Wertz states that a new vehicle is now being parked on the property at 37 E. Noble Ave. Foreman Zimmerman notes that the vehicle has moved several times.

Employee Relations – President Kline

Council will review the applications for the part-time seasonal position, with Foreman Zimmerman requesting that the applicant be hired at the April monthly meeting.

Council has no issues with the employee vacation requests, provided no two employees will be off at the same time.

Approvals/Finance/Pension – Vice President Botwright

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for February 20, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Leshner. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for March 6, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Leshner. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Council will discuss the stop, standing, and parking ordinance at the workshop meeting.

Old Business

Mayor Remp notes that the no parking signs near the bank have been working well.

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 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner
Secretary/Treasurer