

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Shoemakersville Borough**

**April 3, 2018**

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 7:01 p.m.

**In attendance:** Chris Kline – President, Amy Botwright – Vice President, John Lesher, Tara Kennedy-Kline, Joseph Wertz, Jr., Clark Zimmerman, Steve Gilbert, Dustin Remp – Mayor, Keith Mooney – Solicitor, Edward Overberger – Engineer, and Melissa Wagner – Secretary/Treasurer.

**Public Comment**

**Richard Geschwindt (603 Reber St.):** Asks when the Route 61 construction will begin. President Kline and Vice President Botwright state that the prep work for the project has already begun, with crews starting in Leesport, with the work moving north. Road closures, etc will take place later in the year. A schedule of the work and plans is at the borough office. A left turn lane and arrow will be added on E. Noble Ave., for traffic turning north onto Route 61, creating a third lane of travel. Land will be taken from both Sheetz and Dee-Dee's Diner, although it is unclear how much. PennDOT's right-of-way is discussed. Mr. Geschwindt asks if Sheetz has completed their requirements for the land development plan, with Solicitor Mooney stating that they have not and that the borough is still holding Sheetz's bond.

Mr. Geschwindt asks for the results of the water test, with Ms. Wagner stating that Suburban tested the water at the water plant and New Era Logistics on March 14 and that all results met the necessary requirements.

**Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Mooney**

- **PTMA Water Agreement:** The third amendment to the agreement has been reviewed by Mark Koch.
- **Handicap Parking Ordinance:** A revised draft was sent to Council, with the ordinance being further discussed at the April workshop meeting.
- **Perry Commercial Center:** Solicitor Mooney has reviewed the original water request letter, which contained the request for 2,500 gpd. An additional 300-500 gpd has been requested. Solicitor Mooney notes that the development would be connecting into the CVS line and would therefore be a direct serve customer of the borough. Tapping fees and the will serve letter are discussed.

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

- **Vertical Loop Reactor #2:** The spare parts on site were inventoried and examined. Both gear boxes appear to be leaking. The aerator discs were examined, with the contractor being reluctant to reuse the discs. The item will be bid per unit. ARRO is investigating if a new shaft will be cheaper than refurbishing the existing shaft.
- **Scum Pump Replacement:** ARRO met with the operator to discuss scum pump operations/issues.
- **Clarifier Repairs:** Project is on hold until May, when flows to the sewer plant are lower.

- **Pool Renovations:** The deck area is being backfilled. The site is being organized to allow the borough to access the area for April 16. The tile and coping subcontractor needs to be scheduled by Stoneridge. After the tile and coping is completed, the decks can be constructed.
- **Wolfe Dye & Bleach:** Color and TDS results continue to be very high from Wolfe, causing the plant effluent results to be high. With the new NPDES permit, the plant also has an effluent color limit of 200 units.
- **Small Project Grant:** The grant application was submitted for the solids handling equipment. DCED has requested additional information, which indicates that the application has made it passed the first round and is under consideration. It is recommended that Council continue to communicate with Senator Argall and Representative Knowles on the project.
- **Penndot Multimodal Transportation Grant:** The application will be submitted for Apple Ln. It is recommended that Council continue to communicate with Senator Argall and Representative Knowles on 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.
- **Solids Handling:** Two additional pilot tests have been scheduled. Two screw presses will be tested; a Schwing Bioset the week of April 2 and a Huber Technology the week of April 16.

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

The next county commissioner's breakfast will be held on April 27 at the Strausstown Fire Co. The office will be closed on Thursday, from 10:00 am-12:30 pm and will be opening at 11:00 am on April 11.

### **Mayor's Report – Mayor Remp**

Mayor Remp continues to move forward with the development of a Junior Council Person Program for the borough.

### **Operator's Report – Mr. Dietrich**

Met with Suburban Lab to review the water system sampling requirements for 2018. The 2017 DEP annual water audit was completed, noting that the borough has reduced the “unaccounted for water” by 7 million gallons in 2017. All pH being read is done manually.

Schwing delivered the screw press to be reviewed. The truck used to deliver the trailer was too large to maneuver down 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Matt Bechtel and Rusty Wagner were able to locate a truck and finish delivery of the trailer. The Huber Company will be onsite next week. A centrifuge demonstration is also scheduled for the week of April 30. The return sludge pump #1 jammed and would not restart. The pump was cleaned and Axiom was called to adjust the tolerance between the impeller and pump housing.

Steve Crytz is drafting an estimate to make repairs to the deteriorating cement work on top of the VLR tanks. DEP was at the plant to follow up on their previous inspection. A majority of the items noted during the first inspection were resolved.

**Property/Streets/Sanitation Committee – Mr. Zimmerman – no report**

**Sewer Committee – Mr. Wertz – no report**

**Water Committee – President Kline**

Utility Services was out to paint the rust on the water tank.

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

The Rec. Board is sponsoring a scibble tournament on April 13 at Ollie's. They will also be sponsoring two lifeguarding scholarships for Shoey Pool potential guards.

Vice President Botwright reviews the 2018 rates for the Shoey Pool. There is a slight increase in season ticket prices, however passes purchased before June 1 would receive a discount. Prices are essentially in the mid-range for pools in the area. Letters will be sent to previous ticket holders requesting donations for the slides at the pool, as well as informing them of the current renovations. Mr. Wertz voices his concern that non-resident seniors would receive a free pass, even though they do not take on the tax burden as resident seniors, who would also receive a free pass. Council discusses ticket rates and gate fees and agrees to a \$25 fee for non-resident senior passes.

\*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to accept the revised 2018 pool rates. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried by a vote of 6 yes to 1 no, with Mr. Zimmerman voting opposed.

**Law/Planning/Zoning - Mr. Wertz**

President Kline has been in contact with Randy Helsman from Always Safe Sidewalks. Council discusses the services of the company. President Kline notes that in the sidewalk ordinance, the note for Penndot aggregate is blank. He asks if it either Type A or Type B should be added or if the line should be removed altogether. President Kline and Mr. Wertz discuss the matter.

**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 March 20, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Zimmerman. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for April 3, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Zimmerman. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the third amendment to the borough's water supply agreement with PTMA. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Zimmerman notes he will be moving out of the borough by April 30. He will submit a formal resignation. Council will have 30 days to fill the vacancy, with the vacancy board having an additional 15 days thereafter.

**Old Business**

Mr. Zimmerman states that there is a vehicle with no license plate parked in the 800 block of Park St., as well as a damaged vehicle parked on park property. Mayor Remp will contact the PA State Police regarding the vehicle on park property.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Mr. Zimmerman to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner  
Secretary/Treasurer