

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

April 17, 2018

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, Joseph Wertz, Jr., Steve Gilbert, Dustin Remp – Mayor, and Brad Smith – Engineer – leaves after his report.

Absent from the meeting were Clark Zimmerman, Tara Kennedy-Kline, and John Leshner.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Smith states he is waiting to receive the cut sheet from the manufacturer, for the scum pump. The plan is to minimize any concrete work. There will be no yard piping with the project, however there will be a new pipe exiting the tank.

With the exception of a new bearing, all pricing on equipment has been obtained for the VLR. This project remains on schedule.

Mr. Smith has met with a representative from Segal, who specializes in concrete repairs. The representative is working on providing the necessary details, plans, and specifications for those concrete repairs. When the VLR goes down, the bearing seat for the motor will need to be repaired at that time.

Weather pending, the clarifier project is still scheduled for May 1.

Mr. Smith has been in contact with Ms. Kennedy-Kline regarding any road projects for 2018, with Ms. Kennedy-Kline noting that the borough is waiting for grant results. Mr. Smith asks if the borough would be planning a small project in the meantime, so that work would not fall behind on the road maintenance project. Council and Mr. Smith discuss the Apple Lane project and how liquid fuels would be affected. Council and Mr. Smith discuss general maintenance of borough roads, as well as grants for roads and sidewalks. Sidewalk specifications are briefly mentioned. Vice President Botwright spoke with Foreman Zimmerman, who recommended that 5th St., from Franklin St. to Peach St. be addressed. **Mr. Smith will provide Council with a qualitative analysis for micro-sealing and any other alternative for a seal, per square foot.**

President Kline discusses an e-mail Mr. Smith received from Bill Witman, who notes that PTMA has been approached by several developers regarding potential development in Perry Township, adjacent to the borough. They have asked for the number of water customers in addition to PTMA, the storage volume of the borough's finished water, and the daily volume of water extracted. Council discusses the request for information. **President Kline will contact Mr. Witman.**

Mr. Wertz will speak with Foreman Zimmerman about potential sanitary line repair projects.

Council and Mr. Smith discuss the televising project for 2018.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Remp has a meeting in two weeks with the PA State Police. He continues to move forward with the Junior Council Person Program.

Mayor Remp and President Kline met with Mark Stitzel regarding the speed limit sign at the north end of Main St. President Kline states that in Pennsylvania, the minimum speed on any road is 35 mph, unless it is a school road or if the municipality has something in place to change it. Without a proper traffic study, PennDOT may not honor any speed reduction. Council discusses asking permission from Perry Township to install a “kids at play” sign before the Shoey Pool sign, when entering town.

While Mayor Remp is walking around town, he has been addressing potential code violations with residents. He will maintain a log of which residents he has spoken with. Mayor Remp and President Kline discuss the yellow road markings near the garage at 501 Main St. Council discusses road markings throughout town.

Mayor Remp would like to see the condition of the property at 372 Main St. addressed.

Mr. Wertz and President Kline discuss 17 Main St. Council will wait until there is a clear owner for the property, before taking further action.

Property/Streets/Sanitation – no report

Sewer – Mr. Wertz

Mr. Wertz notes of Mr. Dietrich’s concern that Penn Power Systems has again recommended maintenance to the emergency generator; replace belts due to cracking, replace batteries, and an air filter. It is discussed to obtain pricing for a battery from Deka.

Mr. Wertz states that the RAS pumps drag sludge off the bottom of the clarifiers and sends it back into the headworks to be reprocessed. One of the pumps is routinely clogging. Axiom was at the plant several times to address the situation. Council discusses the rags that are causing the clogging. President Kline suggests draining the clarifiers on a regular basis. Council discusses the headworks project. **Mr. Wertz will contact Mr. Smith regarding the headworks.** Mr. Wertz has Mr. Dietrich’s new parts estimate of \$5,000 plus labor. This would be an emergency repair as the pump is not running.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to authorize Axiom to perform repairs to the RAS pump #1 at the sewer plant, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Mr. Gilbert asks how long the repair will take, with President Kline stating it should be relatively quick. Motion carried unanimously.

Water – President Kline

Core samples were taken of the filter beds at the filter plant. One quote thus far has been obtained to recharge the filter beds for \$15,000. During the process, 350-450 gallons of water supply per minute are required for the water hydraulic packing.

Parks & Recreation – Vice President Botwright

Lifeguards are needed for the pool. Applicants must be 15. Staff hiring will take place at the May 1 meeting. The Rec. Board is sponsoring scholarships for individuals to obtain their lifeguarding certification. The next session at Body Zone is May 4-6.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz

President Kline has heard from Always Safe Sidewalks, who stated that their work adheres to the ADA standards. They recommend that the borough adopt the ADA standards. Council discusses the matter and feels the ADA standards should be adopted. **Mr. Wertz will review his specification samples, as well as Hamburg Borough’s sidewalk ordinance.**

Council discusses a few schedule for the handicap parking ordinance and the possibility of creating one all inclusive fee schedule for the borough.

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 April 3, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for April 17, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

President Kline notes that as no official letter of resignation has been received and due to occupancy status, there is not technically a current vacant seat on Council.

Old Business

Council will review the stop, standing, and parking ordinance sample submitted by Solicitor Mooney.

Mayor Remp will obtain a copy of the resolution required to begin the Junior Council Person Program.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner
Secretary/Treasurer