

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

June 5, 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 Lesher, Tara Kennedy-Kline, Joseph Wertz, Jr., Steve Gilbert, Dana Smith, Dustin Remp – Mayor, Keith Mooney – Solicitor, Bradley Smith – Engineer, and Melissa Wagner – Secretary/Treasurer.

Public Comment

Richard Geschwindt (603 Reber St.): Asks for the results of the water tests, with Ms. Wagner noting that Suburban tested the water on May 2 at the water plant and New Era Logistics and that all results met the necessary requirements. Mr. Geschwindt notes that the pot hole at Noble Ave. & Franklin St. is still not filled, as well as another hole at 6th & Franklin Sts. Ms. Kennedy-Kline notes that the intent is to obtain the materials to fill all of the potholes at the same time. Mr. Geschwindt asks if the PA State Police Commander will be present later in the meeting, with Mayor Remp noting that he will be present at the July 3 meeting.

Code Enforcement – Foreman Zimmerman – not present

- **Enforcement:** President Kline notes that several permit applications were processed in May.

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Mooney

- **Sale of the Pool Property:** Nothing has been heard from Mark Koch on either the sale of the property or the digging of potential test wells that had taken place on the property.
- **17 Main St.:** There is a process under the building code to provide the property owner with notice that the building is structurally unsafe. If a return receipt letter is returned to the office, the borough would then post the property, giving a specified number of days to abate the nuisance. If there is no response, the borough would be authorized to take the building down. Ms. Kennedy-Kline notes that the borough could then lien the property to be reimbursed for any expenses. Solicitor Mooney states that the property has not yet changed ownership. He states that the bank is also unaware of the location of the property owner. The bank has served the property owner by publication. If the complaint is not answered, the property will go to Sheriff's Sale in September. Ms. Kennedy-Kline and Solicitor Mooney discuss the timing of the lien. Solicitor Mooney suggests having ARRO and the borough code enforcement officer review and inspect the property. President Kline states the building inspector has inspected the property. Solicitor Mooney states a letter can be drafted to specify what repairs need to take place. The letter would then be posted on the property.
- **PTMA 2nd St. Paving:** Council will need to decide to either work the matter through with PTMA or have Solicitor Mooney intervene.

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

- **Vertical Loop Reactor #2:** A cost estimate was received from EVOQUA for the repairs. EVOQUA was previously represented by G.P. Jager and is now represented by Iron Horse Environmental. EVOQUA was a part of Siemens but is now a separate company. The cost of repairs is \$52,050 with

a shipping cost of \$2,100, for a total of \$54,925. Lead time on parts is 5-6 weeks. Council discusses the costs of the discs. This would give the borough a complete set, 2 new shafts, and the discs. Council, Mr. Dietrich, and Engineer Smith discuss the discs needed. Mr. Gilbert asks if the expense was budgeted, with President Kline responding that \$118,000 was budgeted for the dumpsterveyor. As that project was not completed, the fund is under budget.

President Kline notes that by contract, PTMA is obligated to pay 20% of any expense that is \$20,000 or more. A letter regarding the expense and project would need to be sent to PTMA.

- **Scum Pump Replacement:** ARRO received a quote for the scum pump for \$29,050 with an 8-10 week lead time. The pump purchase needs to be approved by Council. ARRO is preparing the telephone quote package for installers. President Kline notes of the two options on Vaughan's quote and discusses obtaining an alternative quote without those options. The pumps are explosion proof Class 1 Group D. They also included a spark proof guide rail system. Explosion proof is typically much more expensive. He notes that there is a standard guide rail system that is not for explosion proof environments. He also references the explosion proof automotive valve actuator. The valve can also be purchased as manual, which Mr. Dietrich does not have an issue with. **Engineer Smith will look into obtaining pricing for the standard guide rail and the manual valve for the workshop meeting.**
- **NPDES Implementation:** ARRO is developing a Pollutant Monitoring Plan for PCB to submit to PADEP by December 31, 2018. Once approved, the borough will have 60 days to implement the plan. ARRO is researching possible sources of PCBs.
- **Wolfe Dye & Bleach:** Color and TDS results from Wolfe continue to be very high. As the new NPDES permit has been issued, the plant also has an effluent color limit of 200 units. ARRO recommends implementing the pre-treatment program with Wolfe. Mr. Dietrich has heard no feedback from Wolfe on the information. ARRO has not performed any work for Wolfe yet, as the agreement has not been signed. Engineer Smith suggests that the borough enforce the pre-treatment ordinance and require Wolfe to apply for the permit. **Mr. Wertz will draft a letter and contact Wolfe regarding the matter.** President Kline suggests scheduling another meeting with Wolfe and the engineers to review the details.
- **MS4:** The NPDES permit has been received. The borough will now need to start implementation of the 6 permit requirements. The borough will need to develop a SWMP – a written stormwater management plan. The second requirement is public education. **ARRO will focus on requirements 3-6 and will provide the borough with an action plan.** Engineer Smith will move forward with the process. He further notes that the borough will need to update the stormwater ordinance in the next 5 years. Vice President Botwright asks which fund most municipalities are noting their MS4 expenses, with Engineer Smith stating the general fund. The borough needs to have a PCB plan, which ARRO is working on for the sewer plant. There is a similar requirement under the NPDES permit. **Engineer Smith is looking into any available cost sharing options. ARRO will also review the swale needed to comply with the pollution reduction plan and look into any growing greener grants that may be available.**
- **Route 61 Betterment Project:** The borough has the water and sewer work incorporated with the project and will be eligible for 75% reimbursement of the costs associated with the relocation work. The work is delayed by UGI's gas main relocation.

- **Solids Handling:** All pilot tests have been completed. ARRO is waiting for lab results from the vendors.
- **Sheetz Land Development:** Sheetz was contacted by ARRO about closing out the project. Sheetz has not responded to requests for an update.
- **Pool Project:** Vice President Botwright would like Engineer Smith and Ms. Watt to be present for the final walk through with the contractor.

Secretary's Report/Correspondence

Franklin & Noble Manor would like to place benches on the sidewalk on the 6th St. side of their building. Council discusses the matter, with Vice President Botwright noting that there is a handicap minimum distance of 3' to consider, as well as a potential turning radius, as there is a corner involved.

The borough office will be closed on June 6 and June 18-22.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Remp

Mayor Remp submits the resolution for the Junior Council Person Program.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve Resolution 110-2018, authorizing the Borough of Shoemakersville's participation in the PSAB's Junior Council Person Program. Seconded by Mr. Leshner. Motion carried unanimously.

Sgt. Reed of the PA State Police barracks in Hamburg will be attending the July Council meeting. Mayor Remp has met with him at the barracks and notes that the Sgt. has offered to make troopers available for speed patrols in the borough.

Mayor Remp thanks the borough road crew and Council members involved, for their good work with the Children's Fair.

Public Works Report – Foreman Zimmerman – not present

President Kline will forward Solicitor Mooney a copy of the paving proposal for 2nd St.

Operator's Report – Mr. Dietrich

Hach serviced the chlorine analyzer and calibrated the other meters at the water plant. As rain has been plentiful, the wells have been productive. All monthly reports were submitted and route maintenance was kept up to date.

ARRO inspected clarifier #1. Descoco was on site to evaluate the deteriorating hardware that is holding up the main I-beams in the tank. Mr. Dietrich is waiting to hear back from Descoco on scheduling the repairs.

The road crew reinstalled a yard hydrant by the chlorine contact tank. Kline's vacuumed out various deposits of grease from different tanks. Axiom replaced worn parts in return sludge pump #1, including the impeller, cutting edges, seals, and the base that supports the entire upright pump and motor assembly.

Mr. Dietrich, Ms. Brenner and Ed Zalewski received feedback from the operator in Upper Moreland, who has been operating a screw press. He had no complaints. Nester's hauled out 21.8 tons of sludge in the dumpster, the April 2018 DMR, and a new quarterly report was submitted. The chlorine contact tank was drained and washed, the system was checked for leaks, and routine maintenance was kept up to date.

President Kline and Mr. Dietrich discuss the repairs needed for the exhaust fan in the blower room. Mr. Dietrich will contact Gary Coller.

Mr. Dietrich notes there was no obstruction in the system pulling sludge with the pumps to the press. He believes the system is sucking in air. He spoke with Mr. Mohn about temporarily eliminating the grinder, to see if this would seal off the system and allow the pumps to pull the sludge normally. Mr. Wertz notes that the grinder could be bypassed, with Mr. Dietrich stating that the valves do not completely seal. Mr. Dietrich and Mr. Wertz discuss the issue. Mr. Wertz voices his concern that if a foreign object gets sucked in, it would be in the pump and not grinder.

Property/Streets/Sanitation Committee – Mr. Lesher

*A motion is made by Mr. Lesher to award the paving contract for 2nd St. to Ronnie Folk Paving for \$39,860. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Ms. Kennedy-Kline explains that the proposal is the cost of what PTMA should have paid for the work on 2nd St. that they agreed to perform, according to their street cut permit. President Kline suggests writing a letter to Mark Koch to request full funding for the work. PTMA was trying to have the work completed before their grant expired, however the grant was closed out well before the deadline. If the motion carries, the borough would be responsible for the entire cost. Motion denied unanimously.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to authorize **Solicitor Mooney to address the invoice matter with PTMA, requesting that PTMA pay the entire invoice in full.** Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lesher states the trash and recycling contractors have been doing a better job of placing the residents' containers on the sidewalk and not in the street.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline would like to move forward with the road repairs for 2018. Council discusses street projects and the budgeting and financing of the work. Mr. Wertz and Engineer Smith note that approximately 2 years ago Steve Bright from Folk Paving provided a list of road conditions. Ms. Kennedy-Kline recently conducted a road assessment with Mr. Bright. **The committee will compile a list of road repairs.** Engineer Smith notes that ARRO is ready to send the Pigeon Creek Bridge plans to PennDOT, once they have been reviewed by Council. The plans will be reviewed at the workshop meeting.

Sewer Committee – Mr. Wertz

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize the purchase of equipment to repair VLR #2 from EVOQUA at a cost of \$54,925. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Vice President Botwright asks if the borough would have spare parts, with Mr. Wertz stating that the borough would have spare discs, but this is only what is needed to handle the shafts and bearings. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wertz suggests writing a letter to PTMA, noting of the plans for the VLR #2 project.

Water Committee – President Kline

The Hawk Mountain testing invoice was higher than estimated.

Engineer Smith notes that DEP has issued the Disinfection Requirements Rule, which relates to chlorine residual. There is additional testing that is required, as well as a new testing parameter. Mr. Dietrich states the previous regulation was 0.4 mg/L at any entry point into the system. There is now a minimum at the entry point and a different minimum anywhere else in the system.

Parks/Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to hire Jessica Zeiner for lifeguarding, at a rate of \$9.50/hr. Seconded by Mr. Leshner. Motion carried unanimously.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz – no report

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 May 15, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Leshner. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for June 5, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discusses the employee health insurance renewal rates, focusing on the out of pocket and services fees. A final decision will be made at the June 19 workshop meeting.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the Hawk Mtn. Labs invoice for \$1,450.20. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Mr. Wertz to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner
Secretary/Treasurer