

CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough

June 19, 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 7:03 p.m.

In attendance: Chris Kline – President, Amy Botwright – Vice President, Tara Kennedy-Kline, Steve Gilbert, Dana Smith, Dustin Remp – Mayor, and Brad Smith – Engineer – leaves after his report.

Absent from the meeting were John Leshar and Joseph Wertz, Jr.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Smith provides an update on the work at the sewer plant, noting that the bid requests for the VLR repairs will be sent out to contractors. DEP requires that the scum pumps be explosion proof, as volatile chemicals will float on top of the water and get taken in by the scum pump. Everything in the wet well needs to be explosion proof. President Kline requests the price difference between a manual operator and an automatic actuator. Engineer Smith will look into the price difference. He further states the cost of the pump is \$29,050.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to approve ARRO's purchase of the scum pump at a cost not to exceed \$30,000 pending a follow-up discussion with Council President on the actuator. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried unanimously.

President Kline notes that **Mr. Wertz will be reaching out to PTMA regarding the upcoming projects.**

Descoco will honor their work with the clarifiers and will replace the corroded items. Descoco will be providing a schedule. Prices are being obtained for the concrete repairs.

Engineer Smith states that the sludge grinder which goes before the WAS pump has bad seals. The unit is currently with Axiom.

Engineer Smith distributes MS4 paperwork that notes of the action items required by an MS4 permit holder and reviews those requirements. Documentation is key. A report will not need to be made until September 2019. He recommends starting with some of the requirements by August of this year. He states that the borough needs to appoint a stormwater coordinator. President Kline will speak with Foreman Zimmerman on the matter. He further notes that the county will have a lot of information that will be needed to complete the borough's plan. He also notes that the state is making funding for some of the requirements available through their Growing Greener Grant. This could perhaps fund the building of the Bioswale at the north end of town. He recommends having the engineering design as soon as possible, so the process could move along quicker with DEP. **Engineer Smith and E. R. Felty will work together to stake out the swale area.**

Engineer Smith will move forward with the Multimodal Grant for Apple Ln.

Engineer Smith would like Council to approve the Pigeon Creek Bridge details, so they can be submitted to PennDOT. The most critical would be the sheet regarding the detour. Traffic will flow onto Second St., turn onto Church Ave., then Franklin St., with a final turn onto 4th St., leading to Main St. The bridge could be out for 3-4 months.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to authorize the plans for the Pigeon Creek Restoration to be submitted to Penndot. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried unanimously.

In response to a previous inquiry by Mayor Remp, Engineer Smith notes that in order to legally place a stop sign in the borough, a resolution backed up by an engineering study, would need to be adopted. Stop signs may not be placed to just slow down traffic. If pedestrian conflict or safety issues can be shown, this may warrant a stop sign. **Engineer Smith will speak with ARRO's traffic engineer regarding the cost of a study for the particular intersection.** President Kline asks for the traffic engineer's thoughts on placing a four-way stop at the intersection.

Mr. Wertz will be sending the evaluation of streets that he and Ms. Kennedy-Kline reviewed. Ms. Kennedy-Kline notes that 6th St. near the church on Main St., is very narrow and difficult to pass through when vehicles are parked on both sides of the road. She and Mr. Wertz discussed the possibility of either making the street one way or no parking on one side. Council discusses the street.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Remp performed a wedding ceremony on May 27. On June 11, he swore in 20 firefighters at the fire company. He signed all of the oath sheets, however only half of the members were in attendance. Next year, sheets will not be signed unless the member is present. The representative from the PA State Police will not be able to attend the July monthly meeting, but plans to attend the August 7 meeting.

Mayor Remp would like Council's opinion on placing a speed limit sign on Apple Ln., near the water treatment plant. Council discusses the matter and notes that the lowest speed would be a 25 mph sign. Vice President Botwright suggests reviewing the street ordinance to see what streets have designated speed limits. **Ms. Kennedy-Kline will look into the ordinance.**

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline – no report

Sewer – President Kline – no report

Water – President Kline

President Kline is waiting for a call from Unifilt, regarding their proposal to recharge the beds.

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

Ms. Kennedy-Kline and Vice President Botwright will review the punch list for the pool project.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline states there is a girl taking her dog to the park and pushing her down the slides, etc. She does not listen to park leaders when she is asked to stop. Council is asked to speak with her if she is seen in the park again. She also notes of some vandalism at the skate park.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Vice President Botwright

Ms. Kennedy-Kline spoke with VJ Wood, who stated that the borough can write a letter to his company, declaring the vehicles at 17 Main St. abandoned. At that point, VJ Wood could then remove the vehicles and obtain salvage titles. They would send a letter to whomever the vehicles are registered to. If they do not respond in 30 days to either pay the find or collect the car, the borough can attach the fee of the salvage title to the lien on the property. Ms. Wagner is to write the letter.

Executive Session

The Board recessed into executive session at 7:58 p.m. to discuss employee relations. Regular session reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to terminate Fred Gordon as a seasonal part-time employee for Shoemakersville Borough, effective immediately. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Approvals/Finance/Pension – Vice President Botwright

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for June 5, 2018. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for June 19, 2018. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business - none

Old Business

Council discusses the proposed insurance rates for the employee's medical plan renewal. President Kline has spoken to the employees on the plan and no one has come close to reaching the out of pocket expense.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the borough insurance plan for the employees as the renewal plan for Highmark PB PPO Gold, at an increase of \$178.41 for the year. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Council will review the handicap parking and the stop, standing and parking ordinances for the July monthly meeting.

Vice President Botwright reports that she has worked 12.5 hours at the pool.

Mr. Gilbert notes that although legally parked, the vehicle that parks on the Reber St. side of 125 E. Noble Ave. should park back another 1 -2 vehicles, as this creates a sight hazard when pulling onto E. Noble Ave. Mayor Remp notes that all yellow lines in the borough need to be reviewed. Ms. Kennedy-Kline suggests reviewing the yellow markings as roads are paved. President Kline discusses the criteria for the yellow lines, which are listed under the traffic code.

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