

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

July 3, 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, Dana Smith, Dustin Remp – Mayor, Keith Mooney – Solicitor, Bradley Smith – Engineer, and Melissa Wagner – Secretary/Treasurer.

Public Comment

Richard Geschwindt (603 Reber St.): Would like to know if a PA State Police trooper will be at the meeting, with Mayor Remp noting the trooper will be attending the August 7 meeting. Mr. Geschwindt asks for the status of the proposed development next to CVS, with President Kline noting that the developer has renewed their plans, but nothing further has progressed. The sales transaction for the property that the borough sold next to the lot has not yet been completed.

Mr. Geschwindt asks for the results of the water report, with Ms. Wagner stating that Suburban tested the water on June 14 at the Kwik Shoppe and the sewer plant and that all results met the necessary requirements. Mr. Geschwindt requests an update on the Miller St. Bridge project, with President Kline stating that UGI has begun their gas line relocation work, although he has not heard a confirmed start date for the bridge.

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Mooney

- **PTMA 2nd St. Paving:** Solicitor Mooney will be sending PTMA a letter regarding the paving costs.
- **17 Main St.:** Solicitor Mooney notes that either the building inspector or engineer will need to submit a written report certifying that the building is structurally unsafe. Solicitor Mooney suggests filing an equity action, to have a judge issue an order to allow the borough to tear down the building. He can file the action once he receives the written report and copies of all notices and postings for the property.

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

- **Scum Pump Replacement:** ARRO can order the pump once approved by the borough. President Kline notes that the pump is required to be explosion proof.
- **Clarifier Repairs:** Descoco was contacted to perform the repairs to replace the rusted parts with stainless steel at no cost to the borough. They have agreed to make the repairs, although a date has not yet been set.
- **VLR #2:** ARRO has contacted Solicitor Mooney regarding bidding requirements; soliciting telephone quotes is acceptable. The project is scheduled to be completed after the scum pump and clarifier repairs are made. Concrete repairs need to be made to the VLR tank. Descoco could make the repairs, as recommended by the vendor of the concrete repair material.

- **Chlorine Contact Tank Stairs and Grating:** Stairs and a walkway are needed at the chlorine contact tank by August. Mr. Dietrich and Ms. Brenner previously discussed the repairs, with Mr. Dietrich contacting Floyd Dissinger for a quote.
- **Chlorine Contact Tank Leak:** A leak in the tank was discovered and repaired by staff. ARRO is available to inspect the repairs to determine if further work is necessary.
- **USDA Loan Application:** ARRO, President Kline and Mr. Wertz met with the regional director of the USDA Loan Program for possible improvements to the sewer plant. Some funding is available, however clarification is needed to determine if the borough or the authority owns the plant.
- **Solids Handling:** All information for the equipment vendors was received. ARRO is finalizing the report, which will be presented at the workshop meeting.
- **Stop Sign Warrant at Main & 9th Streets:** ARRO's opinion is that the analysis would result in a four-way stop not being warranted. ARRO recommends the borough try delineating parking spaces on Main St., to reduce the travel lane, thereby slowing traffic.
- **MS4:** The borough should begin implementation of the permit requirements. ARRO recommends sending a borough representative to the Berks County MS4 group, to speak with other municipalities about complying with the program. President Kline has had trouble finding information on the program. Engineer Smith recommends the borough become active in the group in order to network with other communities.
- **Small Project Grant:** The grant application for the solids handling equipment has been submitted. Due to the large amount of applications received, an award of the grant has been postponed until September 18, 2018.
- **DCED Multimodal Transportation Grant:** ARRO is preparing an application for submission for the grant for Apple Lane.
- **Sheetz Land Development:** Sheetz has responded to ARRO regarding closing out the project. Mr. Soyka from Sheetz states that as-built drawings will be submitted to ARRO by July 13.
- **Source Water Protection:** Additional information was sent to Council from SSM concerning items from the initial meeting. A geologist report and a list of potential sources of pollution were sent via email. A follow up meeting needs to be scheduled with Council to continue to develop the plan.
- **Main Street Bridge Repair:** Council reviewed the plans and authorized ARRO to send them to PennDOT. ARRO has contacted the PennDOT District 5 bridge engineer regarding the submission.
- **NPDES Implementation:** ARRO is developing a pollutant monitoring plan for PCB to submit to DEP by December 31, 2018. Once approved by DEP, the borough will have 60 days to implement the plan.
- **Wolfe Dye & Bleach:** A meeting with Wolfe should be scheduled. ARRO recommends enforcing the pretreatment ordinance and requiring Wolfe to apply for a permit. Wolfe should also be encouraged to enter into the technical assistance program as soon as possible.

Secretary's Report/Correspondence

The Lion's Club submitted a \$700 park donation.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Remp

The PA State Police commander will be attending the August 7 Council meeting, in part to promote National Night Out, which is that evening. NNO raises awareness for police in the community. Mayor Remp is hoping to increase the public's attendance at the meeting, as well as to invite the fire company to attend.

Operator's Report – Mr. Dietrich- not present

Mr. Wertz spoke with Mr. Dietrich, who stated that Descoco will be at the sewer plant this week for the clarifier repairs. The belt filter press has been working excellent this week. Mr. Dietrich removed and bypassed the grinder pump ahead of the press. Mr. Wertz notes that Mr. Dietrich believes pressure has been lost to the bearings at the top. Axiom has the grinder and noted that the packing for the bushings was so loose that air was attempting to being sucked instead of effluent.

Property/Streets/Sanitation Committee – Mr. Leshner

*A motion is made by Mr. Leshner to approve Resolution 110-2018 for the application of the Multimodal Fund Grant for the Apple Ln. renovations. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer Committee – Mr. Wertz

Mr. Dietrich is working with Mr. Dissinger to obtain a quote on the stairs and for any other fabrication work that may be needed.

Mr. Wertz notes of the meeting with the USDA regarding potential financing for capital projects involving sewer. There are several options for the borough. In order for USDA to write the loan, they would need to know the owner of the sewer plant, with Mr. Leshner confirming that the authority, not the borough, owns the plant.

Water Committee – President Kline

President Kline has not heard anything from Unifilt regarding the proposal to recharge the beds. He has begun reaching out to another company.

Parks/Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

A quote has been received from BK Computers for a new camera system at the pool. The current system is not functioning properly. The quote includes a free monitor for use at the pool. The cameras that still work could be reused at other borough locations. Vice President Botwright states that the quote upgrades the current 4 camera system to an 8 camera system. The additional cameras could cover the skate park area.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to approve the quote from BK Computers at a cost not to exceed \$2,735.05. Seconded by Mr. Leshner. Mr. Smith asks what is not working properly with the current system, with Vice President Botwright stating that although you are able to view the data from the DVR, it cannot be pulled off the system onto a flash drive, etc. The current cameras do not offer much detail at a distance. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Botwright notes that the annual pool party will be held on Wednesday, July 18 from 7-10 p.m.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz

Mr. Wertz is reviewing the sidewalk ordinance.

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 June 19, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

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

New Business

President Kline notes of Cecil Leiberknight, who was involved in PA local government from 1947-2003. Until 2003, he was the last of the original group of incorporators of the PSAB. In his honor, the PSAB offers awards to individuals in local government for their tenure and dedication. He presents the Cecil Leiberknight award for 10+ years of service to Vice President Botwright.

Old Business

Council will be reviewing the handicap parking and the stop, standing, and parking ordinances.

Mayor Remp and Foreman Zimmerman will be looking at signage throughout the town. Mr. Wertz discusses speed tables as a possible speed deterrent, with President Kline noting that a speed study would be required by Penndot, as the tables are a traffic calming device.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Mr. Leshner to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner
Secretary/Treasurer