

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

July 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 7:04 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 sewer committee report.

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

Public Comment

Lance Adam (Perry Township Supervisor): States that a township resident attended the supervisor’s last monthly meeting to ask why township seniors are not permitted to use the Shoey Pool for free like borough seniors can. He asks if Council would consider allowing township seniors to have the same benefits at the pool as borough seniors if the township were to give a donation. Vice President Botwright feels the difference between what the discount would be versus the number of season passes given to Perry Township residents would be a fair amount. **She will calculate figures for a senior only rate schedule, as well as for other Perry Township residents.** Ms. Kennedy-Kline does not feel a discount should be given to non-residents, as they are not paying borough taxes, which fund the pool. Vice President Botwright states that through the donation, the township would be providing the funds to cover the difference. The donation would be received before the season begins and passes would be sold. Council further discusses the matter.

President Kline asks Supervisor Adam about the Core 5 project, with Supervisor Adam stating that the developer received enough state and federal permits to start. They are still waiting on the HOP. President Kline discusses his concern on the lack of a barrier to keep dirt and debris off the roadway. Engineer Smith states that the barriers need to be down slope from the disturbance. Supervisor Adam will look into it.

Mayor Remp notes of his earlier discussion with Supervisor Adam regarding the speed limit change on the north end of Main St., heading south into the borough. Mayor Remp asks if the township would install a sign noting “speed decreases ahead.” President Kline states there is a PennDOT regulation specifying that if there is a certain amount of a speed drop the signs need to be set at a particular distance.

Engineer’s Report

Engineer Smith notes that the scum pump has been ordered and will arrive in 6-8 weeks. Descoco finished replacement of the rusted parts on the clarifier. Descoco has been contacted to provide a quote on the concrete repairs on the VLR. Mr. Dietrich is working with Floyd Dissinger on the stairs for the chlorine contact tank. Engineer Smith states that there will not be any work on the USDA loan submission until the issue resolving ownership of the sewer plant is resolved.

Engineer Smith presents a copy of the solids handling study, as drafted by Ms. Brenner. Seven technologies were looked at, with 4 being tested. Engineer Smith reviews the engineering analysis, noting that the best option is the PW Tech Volute Press. This has a 20-year life cycle cost of \$1,803,000. Council, Engineer Smith and Foreman Zimmerman discuss the study results and the associated costs to the borough, as well as the related project grant.

Engineer Smith recommends that someone attend the upcoming MS4 meeting with the county, being held on Thursday afternoon. President Kline notes of the source water protection meeting also being held on the

same day. Engineer Smith will be attending the source water meeting. Ms. Kennedy-Kline may be able to attend the MS4 meeting. Engineer Smith and President Kline discuss the overlap of the MS4 and Source Water Protection programs. **Engineer Smith receives approval to move forward with developing the borough's Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination Program.**

ARRO has calls in to Penndot regarding the Main St. Bridge Repair. Penndot would like to know if any of the bridge repairs will be paid for with liquid fuels funds. Council discusses the matter and opts not to use liquid fuels for the project.

Engineer Smith forwarded Mr. Wertz a cost estimate to tar & chip, which is \$1.61/sq. yd.

President Kline notes of the request from Jarrod Emes to add a generator connection to the traffic light, so that if a power failure occurs, the fire company can connect in to power the light. The borough repairs and maintains the light, however Penndot installs the equipment and owns the light. President Kline asks if Penndot's approval would be required to add the transfer switch. **Engineer Smith will verify, but he believes the permit plan would need to be amended to show the connection. He will also contact Penndot to see if a direct generator connection could be installed during the signal upgrade. Mayor Remp will contact Mr. Emes for more information on the connection that was installed at a traffic light in Hamburg.**

Mayor's Report

Mayor Remp will contact Ms. Wagner to order new flags for the borough garage and water plant.

Mayor Remp put a note on the borough's Facebook page regarding National Night Out, which falls on the same day as the borough's monthly meeting for August. He will be providing water and light snacks at the meeting. As NNO falls on the first Tuesday each August, Mayor Remp would like to hold next year's August meeting in the park, in an attempt to further promote NNO. He would also like to see all residents put their house lights on that evening from 7-10 pm.

Mayor Remp spoke with the Hometown Heroes organization and states the borough would be able to purchase the banners. There is a \$100 fee to start the application process. Mayor Remp received permission and has the proposed contract from Met-Ed to place the banners on their poles. The sponsored banners cost \$170 for 24" x 48" and \$190 for 30" x 60." The process could take several months. Mayor Remp and Council discuss how the banners may interfere with the Christmas lights, with President Kline noting that lights are only placed on the poles that have receptacles. Mayor Remp is waiting to receive criteria for the banner. This will be e-mailed to Ms. Wagner for distribution.

Public Works Report

Foreman Zimmerman received a final report from Suez for the work on the water tower. Foreman Zimmerman notes of UGI's request to access the yard at the garage. President Kline states that they requested access to go through the south gate to the west gate, as well as to be permitted to keep a trailer on the far southwest corner of the property. Foreman Zimmerman states that UGI now has an additional trailer as well as several vehicles parked on the property. He will speak to the project foreman on the matter.

Foreman Zimmerman states that the owner of the Holly House had an outdoor party at the building and received a noise complaint. The owner, Mr. Binner, states that the noise ordinance allows for music to be playing after hours, provided a special permit is obtained from the borough. Council and Foreman Zimmerman discuss the matter and feel this would not fall under the definition of public assembly. Council discusses the ordinance regulations.

Foreman Zimmerman will be looking into the non-functioning stage lights at the park. President Kline was informed by Mr. Sproesser that the feed to the fuse does not work.

John Santilli asked Foreman Zimmerman for an update on the 2nd St. paving matter. Ms. Kennedy-Kline states that Solicitor Mooney sent the letter to PTMA regarding the road repairs.

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

Ms. Kennedy-Kline and Mr. Wertz compiled a list of road repairs for this fall's street projects: 6th St., from Main St. to Water St., the intersection of 6th & Main Sts. on the 6th St. side, Franklin St. from 3rd St. to 8th St., Rose Ln., from Main St. to Chestnut St., 5th St. from Franklin St. to Reber St., Church Ave. from the borough line to Franklin St. and Apple Ln. Foreman Zimmerman notes of the storm drain grates located on 6th St., near Main St. and asks if the grates could be removed and piping could be installed. Mr. Smith notes that this could have been phase 2 of the storm drain project on the roadway completed several years ago, but the county held the CDBG funds for bridge repairs. Council discusses funding. Council discusses the condition of the intersection at 5th & Franklin Sts. Foreman Zimmerman was planning on saw cutting the area and applying hot patch to fill in the road. Council and Engineer Smith discuss chip & seal. Ms. Kennedy-Kline will contact Folk Paving to review the road list and provide repair quotes.

Foreman Zimmerman met with Bill Murphy, who will draft a letter regarding the condition of the home at 17 Main St.

Sewer – President Kline

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to approve the purchase of two belts for the sewer plant at a cost not to exceed \$1,817. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Axiom will be replacing the bearings and seal assembly on the grinder for the belt press.

Mr. Dietrich will be on vacation August 1-5 and October 9-14. Ms. Brenner will be available for coverage.

President Kline purchased a pit blower for the borough.

Water – President Kline

President Kline has reached out to a second company to provide a proposal to recharge the beds. He will let Foreman Zimmerman know when they will be out for a site visit.

President Kline obtained the fans for the booster pumps.

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

The annual pool party will be held Wed. July 18, from 7-10 pm. Vice President Botwright has currently worked 78 hours at the pool.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to hire Emily Sopko, Sean Sopko and Raysa Kelly at \$9/hr to lifeguard at the pool. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

President Kline will forward Vice President Botwright his punch list for the pool construction. Vice President Botwright notes that a pool employee is taking measurements to determine close to where the slides should have gone. If they would not fit, the diving board would need to be moved. There is one final outstanding payment request for the project of \$37,877.06, which will be paid using DCNR funds. The funds will not be released until DCNR performs an inspection of the pool. Foreman Zimmerman notes that Kraft Codes will be sending the final inspection certificate.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Vice President Botwright – no report

Employee Relations – President Kline

President Kline asks how Foreman Zimmerman's workload has been impacted since Max Kline has not been working on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Foreman Zimmerman notes that the crew has been managing, but that there is still work that has to wait. He asks Council to consider budgeting for a full time employee for next year.

Approvals/Finance/Pension – Vice President Botwright

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for July 3, 2018. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for July 17, 2018. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Botwright asks Council to begin thinking about what items should be included in the 2019 budget. She will be sending out the budget spreadsheet for input in September, to be returned October 1.

New Business

Mr. Smith obtained a quote from Tri-County Heating for a split heat pump unit for the borough office. This would eliminate the need for the air conditioning window unit and oil for the tank.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to approve Tri-County Heating & Cooling to install a split unit in the borough office at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Council will review the handicap parking and POD/dumpster ordinances and associated fee schedules and forward to Ms. Wagner for advertisement.

President Kline notes that Article 4, parking regulations, of the stop, standing, and parking ordinance that was forwarded by Solicitor Mooney would apply to the borough. Council will review that section and provide comments to Ms. Kennedy-Kline by August 6. **She will compile the information to provide Solicitor Mooney with a guideline for drafting the ordinance.**

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