

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Shoemakersville Borough**

**October 16, 2018**

President Kline called the workshop meeting of the Shoemakersville Borough Council to order in the Shoemakersville Borough Office, 115 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Shoemakersville, PA at 7:04 p.m.

**In attendance:** Chris Kline – President, Amy Botwright, Tara Kennedy-Kline, Dana Smith, Dustin Remp – Mayor, leaves when meeting recesses, Brad Smith – Engineer, leaves when meeting recesses, Chad Zimmerman – Borough Foreman, arrives at 7:25 p.m., Michael Dietrich – Sewer & Water Plant Operator, and Melissa Wagner- Secretary/Treasurer.

Absent from the meeting: Joseph Wertz, Jr., John Leshner, and Steve Gilbert

**Engineer's Report**

Engineer Smith attended the meeting with PTMA on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Fabric is not an option. The project could be completed with 3” of base and 1 ½” on top. PTMA is agreeable to the alternative, however they do not wish to pay in full for the work. PTMA’s paving expert on site was not from a paving company. Mr. Smith feels that PTMA should at least pay for the trench line width, plus one foot on either side.

ARRO would like to bid the Main St. Bridge project, with the bid opening to be before Christmas. Engineer Smith met with PennDOT regarding the timing of the Main St. Bridge project with the Miller St. Bridge project. The Miller St. Bridge will be closed until fall. If the borough were to wait until that bridge work is complete and begin in the spring, timing would fall close to the grant deadline. Engineer Smith does not recommend delaying the project.

\*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to authorize ARRO to advertise for bids for the Miller St. Bridge project. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Ms. Kennedy-Kline amends the motion to the Main St. Bridge. Motion carried unanimously.

The USDA funding project is on hold as the borough is working on the agreement with the Shoemakersville Municipal Authority. Solicitor Mooney is working to set up a meeting with Solicitor Rauch and the authority. Engineer Smith and President Kline discuss funding for the project.

The MS4 Steering Committee will be holding their next meeting at Berks Nature’s, The Nature Place on Thursday at 3:00 p.m. Council feels it would be beneficial for Mr. Zimmerman to attend.

The warranty work for Duke’s Root Control is up for 7<sup>th</sup> St., Main St. and Reber St. and will cost \$1,739. Retreatment would prolong the warranty. There is a 3 year guarantee.

Engineer Smith presents the contract for Blooming Glen for signature. The pump will arrive this week, with working being scheduled to begin on October 22.

Quotes for the clarifier repairs are due back by November 2. There is a site meeting at the plant scheduled for Thursday.

The Wolfe Dye & Bleach questionnaire is due back on October 20.

Quotes are being obtained for the concrete work at the VLR. ARRO recommends that this project be completed in conjunction with the mechanical repairs. Weather permitting, the clarifier work should be completed this year.

The updated quote for the VLR equipment received from Iron Horse noted no significant cost increase.

The design of the sludge press replacement and/or the headworks projects will be discussed during the budget workshop.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Remp discusses the Met-Ed agreement for the banners, referencing the one-time application fee of \$100. Vice President Botwright provided Mayor Remp with figures from 2009 for starting a police force, which is briefly discussed. He will review the information and provide Council with updated information for the budget. He plans on speaking with the Hamburg, and Northern Berks Police Departments.

### **Public Works Report**

Mr. Dietrich reports that the John Deere was repaired. President Kline states that a drive at the sewer plant was replaced on October 12. He further notes that the PLC went offline on Sunday and caused the water tank to overflow. Parts were purchased and the power supply will be repaired.

### **Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith**

Mr. Smith notes that PTMA representatives were on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. last Wednesday. President Kline confirms that they were there, although no borough members were on site.

President Kline and Mr. Smith discuss the proposed UGI line. President Kline will forward a copy of the drawing.

### **Sewer – President Kline**

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the Duke's root control warranty work for a cost not to exceed \$1,800. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dietrich notes that Blooming Glen will be submitting a quote for the stairs.

President Kline and Mr. Dietrich discuss the new fuses to be installed at the plant.

### **Water – President Kline**

Engineer Smith is still waiting to receive quotes on the filter recharging from two companies. Mr. Zimmerman is waiting for a quote from a third company.

### **Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline**

Ms. Kennedy-Kline states that Stoneridge has begun working through the punch list items. Mr. Zimmerman notes that Stoneridge has installed the drain for the water fountain and fixed the fence. They are grinding spots on the pool surface, although Mr. Zimmerman does not feel the work will be acceptable. He is concerned with gaps along some of the jet outlets, as kid's fingers could get stuck. He has notified Stoneridge of his concern.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline reports that the Fresh Life skate jam in the park was a success. The group is motivated to continue making improvements to the skate park. Mr. Zimmerman notes that the park was left in good condition after the event.

Shelby Richmond from ARRO will be researching DCED recreation grants.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline notes that the mulch in the park needs attention. Mr. Zimmerman will be speaking with R. D. Contracting regarding the mulch project.

Trunk-or-Treat will be held on October 31 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Law/Planning/Zoning – Vice President Botwright**

The committee is close to finishing the review of the handicap parking, and dumpster ordinances. The stop, standing, and parking ordinance will then be addressed.

**Employee Relations – President Kline**

No applications have been received for the part-time road crew employee.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to advertise for the part-time position in the Reading Eagle. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approvals/Finance/Pension – Vice President Botwright**

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for October 2, 2018. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for October 16, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

Council discusses the new contract with the Animal Rescue League. Vice President Botwright spoke with a council member from Leesport, who stated that there was no way to cap the expenses. Ms. Kennedy-Kline feels that some type of service should be included with the \$1,500 annual fee, since there are additional charges now for each animal being surrendered. Cat vouchers are currently being offered to residents for No Nonsense Neutering. After further discussion, Council decides not to sign the new agreement and to let the current contract expire.

**Old Business**

Ms. Wagner notes that the next newsletter is scheduled to be delivered on November 3. Deadline for submission of information is next Friday, October 26.

President Kline states that the Lion's Club would like to check their Christmas lights on November 17 and to hang the lights on November 24, pending the use of a bucket truck.

Mr. Zimmerman would like to purchase smart phones for the road crew. There is no current contract with AT&T. The monthly charge would increase from approximately \$269 to \$311 per month, plus the cost of the phones. President Kline will be obtaining information from Sprint as well.

**Budget Workshop**

The board recessed into a budget workshop at 7:58 p.m. Regular session reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

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 at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted -Melissa Wagner -Secretary/Treasurer