

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

November 20, 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 7:13 p.m.

In attendance: Chris Kline – President, Amy Botwright – Vice President – arrived at 7:41 p.m., Tara Kennedy-Kline, Joseph Wertz, Jr., Dana Smith, Dustin Remp – Mayor, Brad Smith – Engineer, leaves before executive session, and Chad Zimmerman – Borough Foreman.

Absent from the meeting: John Leshner and Steve Gilbert

Engineer’s Report

Engineer Smith has not seen the schedule for the DCNR grants. **Ms. Kennedy-Kline will look into the schedule.** Engineer Smith is still waiting to hear back from contractors regarding the filter recharging. Mr. Zimmerman spoke with Blooming Glen, who is waiting for a price on the garnet.

Engineer Smith is scheduled to meet with Mr. Burns next Tuesday, regarding the rain/drainage issue on his property at 379 Main St. Mr. Zimmerman did speak with Mr. Burns onsite to review the issue. President Kline and Mr. Zimmerman discuss the basement and foundation of the building.

President Kline has not heard anything further from UGI regarding the new line, other than their submittal of the street cut permit application. There is no update from PTMA regarding the 2nd Street paving. **Ms. Kennedy-Kline will contact Solicitor Mooney on the paving matter.**

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Remp is waiting to have the Met-Ed application fee approved for the Hometown Hero banners. Ms. Kennedy-Kline states that Council is waiting to hear back from the insurance company, who is waiting to hear from Met-Ed regarding the wording needed for the contract.

Mayor Remp spoke with the Church Mouse students regarding his duties as being Mayor.

Public Works Report

The Lion’s Club checked their lights and plans to hang them this Saturday.

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith notes of an issue with the boiler at the sewer plant. Mr. Herbst checked the boiler and recommends having the boiler brought up to code, as he had done for the borough office unit. Council discusses converting the boilers to gas. **Mr. Smith will obtain a quote for the work.**

Sewer – Mr. Wertz

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve the Blooming Glen contract for the clarifier repairs for \$24,999 subsequent to approval of the solicitor. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

President Kline obtained pricing for new bulbs, and re-lamping for the 14 fixtures in the generator room, the supply room, and the main room for \$2,357. Mr. Zimmerman discusses the wall packs on the VLRs. He suggests adding a motion detector to the packs between the building and the side of the VLR, between the digesters.

Mr. Wertz will speak with Ms. Wagner regarding billable expenses to PTMA.

Water – President Kline

President Kline notes to Mr. Wertz that the pipe between wells # 4 and # 5 was replaced. The line was replaced with a 6” PVC line. Captain Clog cleaned the line. Production from the wells is now close to 100 gpm. Council and Engineer Smith discuss iron and manganese levels. Mr. Zimmerman notes the sequestering agents have been working well. Mr. Zimmerman will contact Shannon Chemicals regarding the possibility of sequestering at these wells.

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

Ms. Kennedy-Kline notes that Engineer Smith found grants that are available for the skate park. Per Mr. Wertz’s request, **Engineer Smith will see if the DCNR grant could be used for a drainage project in the park.**

There will be caroling in the borough on December 8. There will also be a holiday decorating contest, with a \$500 prize, with two companies donating \$250 each. Engineer Smith notes that ARRO may be able to be a sponsor for next year’s event.

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

Employee Relations – President Kline

An executive session will be held at the end of the meeting.

Approvals/Finance/Pension – Vice President Botwright

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for November 6, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for November 20, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adopt Resolution 113-2018 to appoint RKL the auditor for the 2018 records. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adopt Resolution 114-2018 for the employee pension contributions. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business - none

Old Business

Ms. Kennedy-Kline discusses the revised Animal Rescue League contract, with President Kline stating that the contract fee is now \$2/per capita, divided into quarterly payments. President Kline summarizes the path the ARL contract has taken. The borough has had no animal intakes over the last two years. Council discusses the contract and fee, with Ms. Kennedy-Kline suggesting that perhaps a voucher system, such as what is used for No Nonsense Neutering, could be instituted.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize the borough president to modify the ARL agreement to include a fee of \$1,000 for 2019. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. This would be a one-time fee. The contract would be executed as appropriate. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

The Board recessed into executive session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss employee relations. Regular session reconvened at 8:13 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner
Secretary/Treasurer