

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Shoemakersville Borough**

**December 4, 2018**

President Kline called the monthly meeting of the Shoemakersville Borough Council to order in the St. Luke's Church Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> & Franklin Sts., Shoemakersville, PA at 7:00 p.m.

**In attendance:** Chris Kline – President, Amy Botwright – Vice President, Tara Kennedy-Kline, Steve Gilbert, Dana Smith, Joseph Wertz, Jr., John Leshner, Dustin Remp – Mayor, Keith Mooney – Solicitor, Bradley Smith – Engineer, Michael Dietrich – Sewer & Water Plant Operator, and Melissa Wagner-Secretary/Treasurer.

Absent from the meeting: Chad Zimmerman – Borough Foreman

**Public Comment**

**Jim Hepner (Shoemakersville Municipal Authority):** Mr. Hepner states that some of the authority members are considering resigning from their positions. Their secretary will be resigning at the end of the year. Mr. Hepner, Solicitor Mooney, and President Kline discuss the expired lease, and the fact that the authority technically owns the sewer plant, and is needed, as the borough has customers outside of its boundary lines. Mr. Hepner notes of his concern that there are no funds coming to the authority, but yet there are yearly expenses for their audit and solicitor. President Kline discusses having those costs absorbed by the borough and to add that information into the new lease. Council discusses holding the authority meetings at the workshop meetings.

**Mark Paine (25 Main St.):** Mr. Paine notes that the wall of 17 Main St. continues to move. He thanks the borough for placing the barricades on the sidewalk in front of the building. He notes that the property is posted for sale on January 13, 2019. Solicitor Mooney states that the judge has not yet approved the borough's motion for special service for the homeowner, although the borough does have special service for the bank. As the bank has not filed an answer, Solicitor Mooney will file summary judgment against the bank. If the sheriff's sale goes through in January, the homeowner will be out and the matter will be between the borough and the bank. If summary judgment is received against the bank, the borough can knock the house down once the bank takes formal possession.

**Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Mooney**

- **PTMA:** Waiting to hear back from the authority regarding the paving of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- **Sale of Pool Property:** He will be working with President Kline on the agreement.

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

- **Main St. Bridge Repair:** The project was prepared to bid in order to complete the bridge repairs before PennDOT begins work at the intersection of Noble Ave. & Route 61 next summer. The project has been advertised and is on PENNBID for contractors to view, with a January 7, 2019 bid due date.

- **Chlorine Contact Tank Walkway:** The price quote for the project is over the bidding limit. The borough will need to decide how to proceed. ARRO recommends the project be bid publicly.
- **Scum Pump Replacement:** Mr. Dietrich has received a schedule from Blooming Glen.
- **Filter Media Replacement:** ARRO is contacting various vendors about replacing the filter media at the drinking water treatment plant. President Kline heard back from Unifilt regarding their quote.
- **Source Water Protection:** An additional meeting needs to be scheduled to discuss the Source Water Protection Plan. A list of potential sources of contamination was sent to the borough for approval.
- **NPDES Implementation:** ARRO has submitted a Pollutant Monitoring Plan for PCB's to PADEP. Once approved by PADEP, the borough will have 60 days to implement the plan.
- **DCED Multimodal Transportation Grant:** The grant application was submitted for Apple Lane.
- **UGI Gas Line Project:** ARRO recommends 5 hour/daily engineer coverage during the backfill and paving restoration of the project.
- **MS4:** As the leaves are off of the trees, this would be a good time to schedule the design survey for the bioswale.

\*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to authorize ARRO to conduct the survey for the bioswale. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Secretary's Report/Correspondence**

The borough office will be opening at 11:00 a.m. on December 12, and will be closed from December 24 to January 1. Ms. Wagner is given permission to close the office on December 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### **Mayor's Report – Mayor Remp**

Mayor Remp hopes to have the Hometown Hero banner project completed by spring. He thanks Council and the public for their patience and support during his first year as Mayor. He looks forward to the next three years of his term. Mayor Remp will be meeting with PA State Police Sgt. Flynn on Friday. Corporal Tom Moran is currently present to answer any questions. Mr. Paine has noticed more of a police presence in the area. President Kline states that he is receiving feedback from local youth that the increased police presence is being noticed. Corporal Moran notes that the local troopers are a young group and agrees that enforcement has been heightened.

### **Operator's Report – Mr. Dietrich**

Wells #4 and #5 continue to show increased production since replacement of the piping. Suburban Lab will be able to certify the borough's chlorine testing meters and staff, to comply with the new upcoming DEP regulations. Hach has proposed a scaled down version of the remote pH monitoring system for the water plant. The current quote is \$3,853.66, however a 30-day no obligation trial could be set up for the borough. There is a possibility this system could also be used at the borough pool. Main Pool & Chemical will be picking up their empty tanks.

WG Malden conducted the annual flow meter calibration. The settings on the raw sewage pumps were reversed, to balance out wear and tear, and will be switched again in another six months. Blooming Glen will be on site next week to begin the clarifier repairs. Mr. Dietrich and Mr. Zimmerman met with Univar. Their delivery charges will be reduced by \$30, and the minimum order requirement has been removed. President Kline spoke with a company regarding stairs for the chlorine contact tank. They have pre-fab items that the borough can put together.

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

Mr. Smith and President Kline discuss the UGI gas line project, with President Kline reviewing the overlay requirements. He further discusses the street cut application and restoration requirement. He will be forwarding UGI ARRO's estimate of inspection charges. The project is scheduled to begin in January or February 2019.

**Sewer Committee – Mr. Wertz**

Mr. Wertz will be meeting with Ms. Wagner to review the prior and current list of project expenses for PTMA.

**Water Committee – President Kline**

Mr. Wertz states that Mr. Zimmerman spoke with a representative from Shannon Chemicals, who stated that they do not have any direct manganese treatment for wells #4 and #5, but that he would remain alert for any changes in the matter.

**Parks/Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline**

Judging for the borough-wide holiday decorating contest will take place the week of December 17.

**Law/Planning/Zoning: Mr. Wertz**

Ms. Kennedy-Kline will review the draft zoning ordinance she received from Mr. Wertz. Mr. Wertz notes that members are still needed for the zoning hearing board. The public hearing for the Sheetz request to transfer a liquor license into the borough will be held on December 18 at 6:00 p.m. at the borough office. Solicitor Mooney states that the property should be posted and the notice also is to be placed in their window. The workshop meeting will immediately follow the hearing.

**Employee Relations – President Kline**

Vice President Botwright states that none of the applicants for the part-time position that Mr. Zimmerman contacted panned out.

\*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to advertise for a full-time borough employee. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

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

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for November 20, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for December 4, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the 2019 budget. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adopt Ordinance 451-2018 setting the 2019 tax rate at 6.5 mills. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adopt Ordinance 452-2018 regarding dumpsters and pods. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adopt Resolution 115-2018 setting the fee schedule for the dumpster/POD ordinance. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. President Kline notes that this is separate from the zoning fees resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adopt Ordinance 452-2018 for disabled parking. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adopt the 2019 meeting list. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Mr. Gilbert and Mayor Remp discuss moving the August meeting to the 7<sup>th</sup>, as the 6<sup>th</sup> is National Night Out. The August meeting will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Council confirms that the November meeting will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup>, which is also Election Day.

### **New Business-none**

### **Old Business**

As the Animal Rescue League may be submitting a third proposal for services, Council chooses to take no action on the matter at this time.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner  
Secretary/Treasurer