

CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough

April 16, 2019

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 7:02 p.m.

In attendance: Chris Kline – President, Tara Kennedy-Kline, Dana Smith, Steve Gilbert, Dustin Remp – Mayor, Brad Smith – Engineer – leaves after his report, and Chad Zimmerman – Public Works.

Absent from the meeting: Amy Botwright, John Leshner, Joseph Wertz, Jr.

Public Comment

David Blatt (40 W. Franklin St. Topton): Will be selling the farm at 843 Grant St. and notes that water from the canal is causing a drainage issue on the property. Although the canal is in the township, the water is running onto property located in the borough. A pipe that runs on the property to the creek is now collapsing and causing a wet area. He would like to do something about the excessive amount of water on the land. Years ago a conservation group worked on the surrounding land and installed trenches in an attempt to direct the water towards the river. Mr. Blatt granted permission for Dustin Folk to install a catch basin on the property in front of Folk's new garage, to handle the rain coming off the roof of the building. This drainage runs out of the basin and into the field. He feels the natural flow of the water was disrupted. He wishes to inform the borough of his issue and is unsure how to resolve the matter. This property is also a deemed superfund site. Mr. Blatt, Council, and Engineer Smith discuss the matter, noting that even if the water is diverted from Mr. Blatt's property, it will still need to flow somewhere. Engineer Smith states that a mediation plan for the wetlands would be needed to resolve the issue. Although the borough cannot enforce any Perry Township storm water regulations, President Kline asks **Engineer Smith to ask his colleagues if they have any suggestions for Mr. Blatt.**

Stephen Marko (2 Schuylkill Ave.): Notes that his property borders Mr. Blatt's and that he is also affected by the canal waters. Mr. Marko also feels that when Folk Paving installed their pipe several years ago, the natural flow of water was disrupted. Mr. Folk is aware of the situation. The one acre field next to him that he wishes to purchase from Mr. Blatt is no longer farmable, as a large portion of it is now wetland. Water flows over Mr. Marko's property, affecting his lawn and driveway, as well as the roadway. He has spoken with a contractor who handles erosion issues and notes that he would be able to access the area over time and install a ditch, which would eventually dry out the field. Council and Mr. Marko discuss the drainage issue, as well as the constantly changing governmental regulations. Mr. Marko notes of the road repair needed, especially in the area of a water main break that occurred a few years ago. President Kline and Mayor Remp discuss the issue.

Visitor

Donald Mast (PTMA): Spoke with Mr. Dietrich and took a tour of the sewer plant. Mr. Mast and President Kline discuss the invoice repair list that was sent to the authority, for sewer plant repair expenses.

Mr. Witman performed an analysis of the 2018 flows to the plant, with Mr. Mast noting of the authority's concern with the amount of flows from last year. They feel the average daily flows of 350,000 gallons are extremely high. Mr. Mast discusses the potential development of the Bell property. President Kline and Engineer Smith discuss the yearly flow averages, noting of increased I & I concerns. President Kline suggests a residential awareness campaign for I & I issues.

Council and Mr. Mast discuss the warehouse developments.

Engineer's Report

Council does not wish to review the legal portion of the bid specs for the VLR project.

Engineer Smith notes of the change order for welding with the clarifier project.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to approve the Skippack Welding quote for an amount not to exceed \$1,175. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Smith and Solicitor Mooney have approved the Blooming Glen filter media contract.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to approve the Blooming Glen contract for the water filtration media replacement at a cost of \$18,368. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Ms. Kennedy-Kline asks for clarification of the amount of \$45,380 noted on the contract. Engineer Smith states that pricing for adders to repair the support screen were added and can be approved on an as needed basis. Mr. Zimmerman states that borough staff will show the contractor where to dump the old media and how to pump the water out. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Smith presents the pre-treatment permit which will be sent to Wolfe Dye & Bleach.

Engineer Smith notes of the new DEP requirement for the Comprehensive Monitoring Plan. This will require the borough to ensure that the sources of water are safe to use for drinking water before they get to the entry points, being the water plant and the two wells. Next month ARRO will be attending a training session for the plan.

Engineer Smith states that the Pigeon Creek Bridge project is on schedule. The jacking of the bridge is complete and repairs are currently being made to the beams. Since paint was stripped off of the bridge, the borough technically produced lead based paint. As the originator of the lead paint, the borough needs an EPA number to transport and properly dispose of the product.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to authorize ARRO to work with the borough admin on the EPA number for lead paint disposal for the bridge project. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline discusses the quote from Folk Paving for work on Second St., noting that \$6,200 is for the repair from the hydrant to the sewer plant gate and \$8,975 is to repair Second St. from Main St. to the hydrant. Engineer Smith feels that the paving specs are adequate for the day to day truck traffic on the road.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Remp asks if the borough is involved in a hazardous waste program, with Mr. Zimmerman noting that the borough does not have a drop-off site, but that residents may utilize the county's drop site and program.

Mayor Remp met with the newest PA State Police Commander in Hamburg.

Mayor Remp has completed the list of Med-Ed pole numbers for the Hometown Hero banners. There are 93 total poles, of which 46 have lights. The banner description and mounting hardware will also need to be forwarded to Met-Ed. He will be meeting with a representative from the banner company on Friday to review the banner designs.

Mayor Remp was trained on how to use the Narcan spray kit at his job and feels that it would be beneficial for every borough employee to be trained as well. Mr. Zimmerman, Mayor Remp, and Council discuss the training, with Mayor Remp noting that COCA administers the training free of charge and supplies each attendee with their own kit. He notes that this could take place at a Council meeting and could be opened up

to residents as well. Ms. Kennedy-Kline discusses the possibility of holding the training at the fire company. Council discusses liability of the issue. **Mayor Remp will contact COCA for more information.**

Public Works Report

Mr. Zimmerman presents his quote for line locator equipment, clarifying the previously presented quote from L/B Water.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to authorize Mr. Zimmerman to purchase the Schonstedt MPC 800 line locator at a cost not to exceed \$3,280. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Zimmerman states that he is unable to attend the April 25 meeting at 7:00 at 5th & Peach Sts. for the UGI project. He would like someone from the borough to attend, as he is concerned how the excavation route will affect busing for the school district. Mr. Mohn will attend the meeting.

Mr. Zimmerman believes that the borough owns a drain ditch with a concrete pipe located at the dead end at 638 Water St. Over time, the trench has eroded, creating a ponding of water. He recommends that the swale be re-dug. He feels this is a storm drain from the streets, even though it was not included in the MS4 information.

Committee Reports

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith

Ms. Kennedy-Kline notes that the total cost of the Folk Paving quote to repair Second St. is approximately \$17,000. PTMA's most recent offer for repair work is around \$15,400. She recommends accepting PTMA's offer.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to authorize Solicitor Mooney to contact PTMA's solicitor to notify him of the acceptance of their offer of reimbursement for the paving of Second St. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to approve the quote from Folk Paving for \$10,850 to pave 964 sq. yds. from Main St. to the fire hydrant and \$6,200 to pave from the fire hydrant to the sewer plant. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion amended to be contingent upon the receipt of approval of PTMA of acceptance of the borough's acceptance of their offer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Zimmerman discuss the condition of Schuylkill Ave., with Mr. Zimmerman noting that each year he adds millings to the road and smoothes the surface.

Sewer – President Kline – no report

Water – President Kline

A UPS failure at the plant was fixed. The converter for filter #2 should arrive by the end of next week.

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

The Earth Day park clean up will take place on April 22 at 11:00 a.m.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline asks for clarification on the quote for the skate park railing. Mr. Zimmerman notes that the railing system mounts directly on top of the equipment and would cover both decks. He is also in contact with Kutztown Borough for information on their railing system.

President Kline notes that County Garage Door Company was at the park to measure the pavilion doors. He has already obtained a quote from Overhead Door. Mr. Smith recommends contacting Shank Door Co.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Vice President Botwright

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to authorize Solicitor Mooney to advertise the updated zoning ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Smith. President Kline notes that this is the ordinance that has been under revision over the past year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Zimmerman notes that the current ordinance does not allow for the borough to tow vehicles if they are unregistered or uninspected. He would like this to be added to the stop, standing, and parking ordinance that is currently under revision. Other than placing violation notices on the vehicle windshield and mailing copies to the owner, no further action can be taken with the vehicle that is out of inspection on 4th St.

Employee Relations – President Kline – no report

Approvals/Finance/Pension – Vice President Botwright

*A motion is made by President Kline to approve the minutes for April 2, 2019. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by President Kline to approve the bills payable for April 16, 2019. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Mr. Gilbert asks if checks must be mailed out for the payments, or if electronic payment of the bills would be acceptable. Council discusses electronic payments. Ms. Wagner is to look into ACH payments through the borough's M&T account. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Mayor Remp looked into speed humps on the roadway and will be providing more information at the next meeting. President Kline notes of PennDOT regulations regarding traffic calming devices.

Ms. Wagner is to contact M&T regarding options for a borough credit card or purchasing card, with fixed limits.

Mr. Zimmerman notes that cell phones for the two new lines have been received. The remaining three phones are to be delivered this week.

Old Business - none

There being no further business, a motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner
Secretary/Treasurer