

CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough

July 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 7:03 p.m.

In attendance: Chris Kline – President, Amy Botwright – Vice President, Tara Kennedy-Kline, Steve Gilbert, Dana Smith, Joseph Wertz, Jr., Dustin Remp – Mayor, Edward Overberger – Engineer – leaves after his report, and Chad Zimmerman – Public Works.

Absent from the meeting: John Leshner

Visitor – Chris Englebert – Beirne Wealth

Mr. Englebert presents an overview of Beirne Wealth Consulting and provides a strategy update for the pension plan investments. The first six months of 2019 were strong for the S&P 500. The 10-Year Treasury is making new lows for 2019, falling below 2%. Interest rates are declining. The police pension plan is up 2.08% from April 11. The plan is 52.5% stocks and 47.5% bonds. The non-uniform plan is up 2.05% from April 11. The plan is 53% stocks and 47% bonds. When there are no more beneficiaries in the police plan, the remaining funds would become an asset of the borough. The actuary is in the process of updating the mortality table, with the women's current age at 87 and men at 86.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Overberger notes of the resolution and letters that need to be signed for the Multimodal Grant for Apple Lane. President Kline states there is a company that makes after-market parts for Envirodyne filter presses. President Kline and Mr. Overberger discuss Levan Machines.

Mr. Overberger discusses Pennvest and USDA as financing sources. Pennvest offers a 20-year term, at 1.9% interest. The USDA's rates are around 4% for a 40-year term. Funds from the USDA would be available up front, to proceed with the design process. Sludge handling and headworks are possible projects. Council discusses the sewer plant and the municipal authority. Mr. Wertz requests that **ARRO provide a revised construction cost and engineering fee estimate for the headworks project.** Mr. Overberger asks about setting up a meeting to discuss 2020 budget items. **He will speak with Ms. Brenner on sewer items.** President Kline notes of motorized valves for the water plant.

Mr. Overberger and Council discuss the sand mound application for 3 Grant St. Mr. Wertz notes that the area is in a lowlands and floodplain, and that if the property is located in the borough, they would need to connect to the borough's sewer system. Council and Mr. Overberger discuss the location of the mound. **ARRO will further review the paperwork.** Mr. Zimmerman notes that the farm house is located in the borough, although the property line runs between the borough and the township. The closest sewer line is discussed.

Mayor's Report

Things are coming together for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Information regarding the Hometown Heroes banners and the Junior Council Person Program will be available that evening as well. Volunteers are welcome to help. Mayor Remp opened a bank account for the funds under his name, with the account noting "National Night Out."

Mayor Remp received the permit application paperwork from Met-Ed for the electronic speed signs. A resolution will need to be passed.

Mr. Smith notes that heading north on the Main St., when coming into the borough, the first actual speed limit sign is in front of 242 Main St. and asks why there is not one sooner. The speed limit sign located in the area of 25 Main St. is no longer there. Mr. Zimmerman will look into the matter.

Public Works – Mr. Zimmerman

The water slide was installed at the pool and will be opening at the pool party on Wednesday.

Mr. Zimmerman states that the lead time for the water meter for well #6 is 8 – 10 weeks.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize the purchase of a 3” turbine meter from Exeter Supply for \$1,361.00. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith

Council discusses the latest draft of the agreement with PTMA for the paving of Second St.

*A motion is made by Mr. Smith to accept the PTMA Release and Settlement Agreement. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. President Kline notes that the agreement was redlined and that the agreement is only for the street cut permit, their application, and the laterals and has nothing to do with the project itself. Motion carried unanimously.

President Kline states that UGI will not break ground again until the end of August, as they are waiting for permits to cross the bridge and to go under Route 61. He will have the settlement agreement notarized and forwarded to Bob Lamson at UGI. Mr. Lamson is aware that the signed paperwork is forthcoming.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline asks for an update on the water main breaks on Main St., with Mr. Zimmerman stating that rocks may be against the lines and over the years with the earth slowly moving, any small holes turn into larger holes, with the water rising to the surface. Any recent breaks in that area were all service lines.

Sewer – Mr. Wertz – no report

Water – President Kline

The tank will be going off-line for its internal inspection. President Kline notes that the borough will need the pressure relief valves and the adapter for the fire hydrants.

Mr. Smith would like the borough to work with the fire company to have all of the hydrants have quick connect fittings. Mr. Zimmerman will speak with the fire chief this week on the matter. Mr. Wertz and Vice President Botwright request quotes for the fittings.

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

The annual pool party is scheduled for July 17 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

President Kline has received quotes for new roll up doors for the park pavilion from County Doors and Overhead Doors. He will be obtaining a third quote. The electric at the park also needs to be addressed.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline would like to order new updated park rules signs. Vice President Botwright suggests reviewing the rules noted in the park ordinance, to be sure everything is coordinated.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz

Mr. Wertz will be reviewing the county's comments on the proposed zoning ordinance.

Employee Relations – President Kline – no report

Approvals/Finance/Pension – Vice President Botwright

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for July 2, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for July 16, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Mayor Remp contacted the owners of the CVS lot, asking that they place cones around the larger potholes in their parking lot. He also notes that Chesaco RV is in a 6-month process to relocate to Hamburg.

Old Business

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize the Council President to sign the Source Water Protection application form. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion is amended by Vice President Botwright to include payment of the \$150 annual fee. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

The resident at 829 Main St. is seeking reimbursement of a bill paid to Captain Clog. Water was found on both sides of the trap, but the line out to the street was clogged. President Kline and Ms. Kennedy-Kline are in agreement that since the clog was located in the homeowner's line and not the borough main, the borough should not be responsible for reimbursement. President Kline states that the borough's ordinance notes that the property owner is responsible for the lateral, which is defined as being from the house to the curb line, not to the trap.

He notes that for water lines, the borough has made repairs from the curb stop to the main, although the sewer ordinance states that from the trap out is the homeowner's responsibility. Mr. Zimmerman discusses the matter at 829 Main St. Council discusses whether or not the borough should contact Captain Clog. When treating lines for roots, the borough focuses on the main and not the laterals. Ms. Kennedy-Kline feels the borough should check the traps, to be sure a lateral is clogged, before notifying the homeowner.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to adopt Resolution 121-2019 authorizing the Council President to sign the necessary paperwork for the Apple Lane Multimodal Grant. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried by a vote of 5 yes to 1 no, with President Kline voting opposed.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner
Secretary/Treasurer