

CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough

August 7, 2019

President Kline called the monthly meeting of the Shoemakersville Borough Council to order in the St. Luke's Church Hall, 5th & Franklin Sts., Shoemakersville, PA at 7:01 p.m.

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

Absent from the meeting: Steve Gilbert, John Leshner

Public Comment

Mark Paine (25 Main St.): Had a positive experience at National Night Out with the Hamburg and Tilden Police Departments, however the PA State Police was aloof. He would like to speak with Mayor Remp about this after the meeting. Mr. Paine notes that 17 Main St. was sold, with settlement taking place around August 28. The buyer plans to contact the borough regarding remediation of the property. President Kline, Ms. Kennedy-Kline, and Solicitor Mooney discuss the condemnation notice that had been posted on the property. Solicitor Mooney notes that the owner may make the repairs or tear the building down. The new owner will see the court filing when a title search is performed, and will be made aware of the building's violations. The new owner should speak with Bill Murphy on what permits are required for the proposed work. Solicitor Mooney notes that as a courtesy, the borough could provide the new owner with copies of the previous violation notices. Ms. Wagner is to see that any information needed to file a lien on the property, for clean-up work that the borough performed on site, is forwarded to Solicitor Mooney.

Mr. Paine asks if cold patch can be placed in the roadway at the curb, in order to create a ramp to gain access to a driveway apron, as his neighbor at 109 Main St. has done so. Solicitor Mooney states that nothing may be placed in the public right-of-way. Mr. Zimmerman is to inspect the property for any violations.

Mr. Paine states that runoff from the trailer at 125 Main St. flows half into the water basin and half down the street and fills in at the 17 Main St. property. He asks if someone could open the drain near the borough border line to have the water drain near the wood line. Mr. Zimmerman believes the drain may be located in Perry Township. He will look into the matter.

Mr. Paine notes of the recent chemical spill in Mohrsville and asks if a similar situation could occur in the borough. President Kline notes that Santilli Oil and the borough's water & sewer plants and pool all have containment areas, and that an incident would not occur. Wolfe Dye & Bleach has containment as well.

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Mooney

- **Proposed Zoning Ordinance:** Solicitor Mooney offers assistance in reviewing and implementing the changes as noted by the Berks County Planning Commission.
- **Perry Township Commercial Center:** An approval letter has been drafted if Council chooses to grant the work authorization request, to permit the Home Elite group to locate two monitoring wells on the borough's property. Solicitor Mooney notes that the wells must be a certain distance apart from each other. The contractor will repair any damages that may occur.

- **Recycling Contractor:** Solicitor Mooney has been in contact with Eagle Disposal regarding their commingling of recyclables, which is a violation of the contract. The borough has not been receiving funds back for the paper. He will have an update for the workshop meeting.

Engineer's Report – Engineer Smith

- **VLR #2:** DESCCO has returned the contract documents to ARRO. The documents have been reviewed and are complete. Contracts will be delivered to the borough for approval and signing.
- **Filter Media Replacement:** The contractor has submitted a payment for the completed project. Mr. Dietrich supplies samples of the 7 layers of media that were replaced. He notes that the media does not mix when the system is backwashed.
- **DCED Multimodal Grant:** ARRO completed and submitted a grant application to DCED for Apple Lane on July 30, 2019. The estimated cost of the project is \$683,550.00 with no match required. This is to completely rebuild the roadway, using approximately 4,200 sq. yd. of stone. Mr. Wertz calculates this to be for 2,362 linear feet of roadway. The application is currently under review by DCED, which could take up to 6 months.

Code Enforcement – Mr. Zimmerman

- **Permits:** One permit was issued in July, for a dumpster.
- **Enforcement:** Notices were sent last month for high grass, using a tractor trailer for storage, and placing grass in the street. President Kline and Mr. Zimmerman discuss the dumpster at 398 Main St.

Secretary's Report/Correspondence

Ms. Wagner presents a list of records to be destroyed. All items are within the time period noted in the PA Municipal Records Manual. The list can be reviewed and approved at the workshop meeting. The resolution to follow the most recent procedures for the disposition of records can be approved in the approvals committee report. Ms. Wagner is waiting to hear back from the Shoemakersville Municipal Authority, to see if a representative will be at the August workshop meeting. The borough office will be closed from August 19-23 and August 30.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Remp

The National Night Out event was held last evening in the park, with an estimate of 300-500 people in attendance. Mr. Zimmerman notes that staff emptied the trash containers. Fiore's Restaurant did not appear as planned. Copies of the Hometown Heroes and Junior Council Person paperwork that was at the event will be forwarded to the borough office. Approximately 10 individuals signed up for the Community Watch Program.

Public Works Report – Mr. Zimmerman

Mr. Zimmerman notes that New Enterprise struck the water service line for Sheetz on August 6, with Sheetz being under a boil water advisory for the day. He met with the contractor, who apologized for the error.

Mr. Zimmerman and Mr. Smith discuss the quick connect fire hydrant fittings for the remaining 50 hydrants, stating that the matter will be further addressed at the workshop meeting.

The paving of 2nd St. will take place in the next few months.

Operator's Report – Mr. Dietrich

A pine tree fell on the wires behind wells #4 and #5, causing two turbidity meters in the water plant to fail. Met-Ed repaired the wires, Mr. Dietrich rebooted one meter, and Wiring by Wall replaced the other meter. Two service lines at 8th & Main Sts. were repaired.

DEP conducted their triennial inspection of the water system, which included all 5 wells, the water tower, storage tank, filter building and various records. An additional session of the water tower painting and maintenance is scheduled for the week of August 19 and will require the tower to be empty, with system pressure being sustained by the booster pumps and storage tank #2.

Verizon troubleshooted the phone and fax lines at the sewer plant, both of which are now working. The official, updated address for the plant is 40 W. 2nd St. The belt press had a 2" roller bearing fail, which wore the end of the shaft and needs to be replaced. A 6" roller also broke off and is currently out for repair. Mr. Dietrich is receiving pricing for a new 2" and 6" roller from the factory, as well as obtaining pricing from a machine shop.

Digester #2 was pumped down for inspection and has about 1' of heavy sludge and grit inside, but needs to be used, as the press is not working. There is 60% space available in the digester. As Axiom removed the sludge pump for clarifier #2 for preventative maintenance, that clarifier is currently empty. Excelsior Blower will be performing corrective maintenance on blower #3.

VLR tank #1 had 1 of the 2 aeration units fail electrically. The unit was rewired from the control building to the motor, but continued to fail and needed the variable frequency drive replaced. A new large pillow block bearing is being delivered for the deteriorating block in VLR tank #1. Staff should be able to make the repairs, although this does involve lifting one end of the 4" x 20' shaft.

Mr. Dietrich met with Donald Mast and Dan Hershey, PTMA's new engineer, at the plant, to review the recent repairs scheduled at the plant.

Committee Reports

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith

*A motion is made by Mr. Smith to authorize Folk Paving to repair the street cut openings at a cost not to exceed \$5,775.00. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Council and Solicitor Mooney discuss whether or not to implement the final one year extension of the refuse and recycling contracts. The matter regarding the recycling contractor will be tabled until the workshop meeting.

*A motion is made by Mr. Smith to extend the refuse contract for the period of November 2019 through October 2020, with notification to be given by September 1. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer – Mr. Wertz

Mr. Wertz met with Mr. Dietrich at the plant and confirms the 2" roller bearing fail and 6" roller breakage and states that Mr. Dietrich is making whatever repairs he can and obtaining prices from Envirodyne. Mr. Dietrich will forward pictures to Engineer Smith.

Mr. Wertz asks for an update on the I&I repairs, with Engineer Smith providing a copy of the televising bid received to Mr. Wertz. Better pricing may be able to be obtained through the bidding process.

Water – President Kline

Mr. Dietrich notes that improvements have been seen in the backwash cycle since the filter media work was completed.

President Kline states that a generator will need to be rented for the tank cleaning project, and that he has obtained a quote from Foley. Mr. Dietrich discusses the generator usage.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to rent a generator for the tank cleaning project at an estimate of \$2,304. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks/Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

President Kline received quotes for the roll up doors on the pavilion: Shank Doors - \$7,700 for 26 gauge galvanized steel doors, Overhead Doors - \$16,700 for 18 gauge aluminum doors, and County Garage Doors - \$26,000 for 16 gauge extruded aluminum doors. He will have the quotes refreshed for the workshop meeting.

President Kline will put together a scope of work and take pictures of all of the boxes to submit to contractors for an electrical upgrade for the pavilion.

Vice President Botwright asks if additional circuits could be installed in the pool snack bar, as the multiple outlets are on 3 breakers.

President Kline and Ms. Kennedy-Kline discuss the lighting at the park. President Kline would like to obtain pricing to move a functioning light to the location of the broken light fixture near the end of the basketball court.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz

Mr. Wertz will be reviewing the county planning commission's comments and suggestions for 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 16, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for August 7, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adopt Resolution 122-2019. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to allow Marathon access to the properties noted for groundwater monitoring. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. President Kline amends the motion to include a provision that the contractor restore the property to its original condition and repair any damage. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Remp will be reviewing the permit paperwork for the electronic speed limit signs. He notes that PennDOT would not require a permit for a stop sign to be installed at 10th & Main Sts.

President Kline notes that in order for the sign to be enforceable, a traffic study would need to be completed. It is believed that not enough cars would pass through to warrant the sign. Mayor Remp disagrees.

Old Business - none

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 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer