

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

August 20, 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 7:00 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 Bradley Smith – Engineer – leaves after the water committee report.

Absent from the meeting: John Leshner

Visitors – James Hepner, Barry Roth

President Kline notes of USDA funding available for sewer plant repairs and maintenance, with potential borough projects relating to solids handling and a screening system. The borough cannot use the sewer plant as an asset for funding, since it is in the name of the Shoemakersville Municipal Authority. The authority would be able to apply for funding, however the authority is not an official municipal body. One option would be to have the authority stay intact, but transfer the asset of the sewer plant to the borough. Mr. Overberger explains the USDA funding process. The authority could apply for USDA funding and the borough could apply for a Pennvest grant.

Mr. Hepner and Council discuss the authority's invoices and the expired lease agreement. Mr. Overberger states that in order for the borough to take over the authority's expenses, an inter-municipal agreement would need to be drafted to include the expenses and the deed transfer. As Mr. Roth and Mr. Hepner have no issue with drafting an agreement, **President Kline will ask Solicitor Mooney** to contact Attorney Rauch to move the process forward.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Overberger states that ARRO would like to meet with the sewer committee to discuss future projects for the 2020 budget. The committee will meet at ARRO's Wyomissing office on August 30 at 11:30 A.M.

Engineer Smith notes that the Uninterrupted Service Plan and the Comprehensive Monitoring Plan for the water system were filed on time to DEP. The CMP was submitted incomplete, as staff was unable to locate the Lead and Copper Rule Monitoring Plan and the Disinfection Byproducts Plan. The plans could either be potentially located in the Harrisburg DEP office or could just be redone and updated. Engineer Smith recommends obtaining a contract to supply water to any critical facilities. President Kline notes that generators were looked at for wells #1 and #3, but not purchased, due to the high expense.

Water – President Kline

The tank is offline and will finish draining on Wednesday. Operations are running on the booster system.

The pump and motor at well #4 were pulled, as the motor was overheated and the pump was shot. When this occurred 4 years ago at the same well, the cost was approximately \$9,000. President Kline recommends pulling the well pumps and motors for a cleaning every 1-2 years, due to manganese build-up. He and Mr. Dietrich discussed a long term plan to replumb lines near the plant and wells #4 and #5, so all chemical metering and samples could be completed at that point. The well head would be exposed, with easier access to clean the well.

Vice President Botwright notes that the borough could receive an MS4 credit for the recent replacement of the storm sewer line in the 300 block of Apple Ln.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Remp and Council discuss Trick-or-Treat nights. Dates are set for Wednesday, October 30 and Thursday, October 31.

Mayor Remp discusses the individuals in the white car that drove in the park stones behind the 900 block of Main St. A video was taken, with the people being recognized. All information was turned over to the State Police, who cited the persons with disorderly conduct. Mayor Remp monitored two of the individuals who came onsite to later rake the stones. Council and Mayor Remp further discuss the matter, along with how similar situations at the skate park can be handled in the future.

Mayor Remp received a request from the Fire Police Captain, to obtain a key to control the traffic light during incidents. The fire company currently has possession of one key. Mr. Smith will handle the matter.

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith states that there is a speed limit sign on the north side of Main St., at the south end of the borough.

Mr. Smith notes of Solicitor Mooney's communication with Eagle Disposal, who states that they will now begin to separate the recyclables, as they were to have been doing.

*A motion is made by Mr. Smith to accept the 1-year recycling contract extension to end October 31, 2020. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith states that 50 quick connect fire hydrants are needed, at a total cost of \$8,475. These units will convert the threaded outlets on the fire hydrant to the fire company's quick disconnect with the hard sleeve. President Kline asks if there are any grants available for the project. Council discusses the expense.

Sewer – Mr. Wertz – no report

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

Council discusses rewiring at the park. Since the rewiring does not affect the playground equipment or services, grants may not be available for the work. Vice President Botwright will research possible grants.

The last day for the pool will be September 2.

The Recreation Board's Trunk-or-Treat event will be October 31.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz

Ms. Kennedy-Kline has not seen a sold sign on 17 Main St. She would like liens filed for clean-up work that the borough performed on site.

Employee Relations – President Kline

Vice President Botwright notes of a Facebook comment regarding the behavior of a borough employee. The matter has been addressed.

Approvals/Finance/Pension – Vice President Botwright

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

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for August 20, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried by a vote of 5 yes to 1 abstain, with Vice President Botwright abstaining.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adopt Resolution 123-2019, authorizing the list of records for destruction. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

The draft input form for the 2020 budget will be distributed at the next meeting. Input is to be forwarded to Vice President Botwright by October 11. Budget workshops are scheduled for October 15, 22, and 29.

New Business - none

Old Business

Ms. Kennedy-Kline would like to have the streets committee draft a list of repairs for the 2020 budget.

President Kline discusses the quote received for the televising and liner repair. Mr. Wertz discusses crack sealing and needed road work.

Council discusses 17 Main St., with President Kline noting that the property may not have sold.

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