

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Shoemakersville Borough**

**October 15, 2019**

President Kline called the workshop meeting of the Shoemakersville Borough Council to order in the Shoemakersville Borough Office, 115 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Shoemakersville, PA at 7:07 p.m.

**In attendance:** Chris Kline – President, Amy Botwright – Vice President, Tara Kennedy-Kline, Joseph Wertz, Jr., Dustin Remp – Mayor, arrives at 7:24 p.m., leaves at 7:57 p.m., Bradley Smith – Engineer – leaves after engineer’s report, and Melissa Wagner – Secretary/Treasurer.

Absent from the meeting: Steve Gilbert, John Leshner, Dana Smith

**Engineer’s Report**

Engineer Smith discusses the Public Education and Outreach Plan for the MS4 requirement. The plan is to be reviewed annually, with a calendar cycle of July 1 – June 30, and kept on file in the borough office. Stormwater information can be distributed at Trunk-or-Treat, and placed in borough newsletters, as part of the plan. No changes will be made to the submitted plan.

Engineer Smith reviews the Good Housekeeping Operation and Maintenance Program for MS4. The appropriate documentation will be kept at the borough office. After discussion, Council decides to name Kyle Roth as the individual to manage and/or administer the procedures in the program.

Engineer Smith discusses the DCED’s grant opportunities: PA Small Water & Sewer (15% match), H2O PA Water Supply, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Water (50% match), and the H2O PA Flood Control (no match), with all applications being due by December 13, 2019. He and Council discuss possible projects.

\*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize ARRO to apply for the PA Small Water & Sewer Grant for the blower replacements, and the H2O Grant for solids handling. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. President Kline asks if a grant can be submitted under water, for the valves. Mr. Wertz amends the motion to include the valve replacement project at the water plant, under the PA Small Water Grant. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

**President Kline will forward a cost estimate for the valves to Engineer Smith.**

Engineer Smith, President Kline, and Mr. Wertz briefly discuss a front end screening system for the sewer plant. This may be able to be added to the DCED grant application. Engineer Smith explains the application process. He recommends reaching out to the state senators and representatives for support on the projects.

Engineer Smith will be attending the MS4 Steering committee meeting on October 18 at The Nature Place.

President Kline asks Engineer Smith if ARRO would be interested in sponsoring \$250 for the borough’s holiday decorating contest. **Engineer Smith will look into the matter.**

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Remp apologizes for missing the last few meetings and for being late for the current meeting. They found the missing dog tonight.

He is working to set up the community watch program and to schedule the first meeting with the 10 interested residents. He would like to have a budget to make purchases for the program. Mayor Remp and Council discuss what may be needed, deciding on a budget of \$3,000.

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

President Kline notes that Eagle Disposal has agreed to extend the recycling contract for an additional year, provided the borough is willing to permit single stream recycling. The borough currently pays \$140/month for Eagle Disposal to haul the recycling to Total Recycle, however this would end October 31, as the borough's contract with Total Recycle will be ending. Council discusses the matter, noting that the cost to extend the contract will be \$26,226.

\*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to renew the recycling and processing contract with Eagle Disposal, for the additional year, as stipulated in Solicitor Mooney's letter dated September 27, 2019. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Sewer – Mr. Wertz**

President Kline states that the parts are back for the BFP. He and Mr. Wertz discuss a grinder cartridge.

President Kline will be speaking with Solicitor Mooney and Attorney Rauch regarding the agreement, and deed, with the Shoemakersville Municipal Authority.

### **Water – President Kline**

Mr. Dietrich is still researching the water leak on the well #6 line.

President Kline is waiting to hear back from Suez on the well maintenance program.

### **Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline**

Trunk-or-Treat will be on October 31. Trick-or-Treat will be October 30 & 31.

### **Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz**

Mr. Wertz will be reviewing Solicitor Mooney's response to the county's comments to the proposed zoning ordinance. Council discusses several of the responses.

### **Employee Relations – President Kline**

Vice President Botwright notes that the borough manager position would be beneficial for project management.

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

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for October 1, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for October 15, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

Mr. Wertz discusses the costs of the borough's audits and proposes a new auditing firm. He will obtain pricing for the three audits: borough, tax collector, and municipal authority.

Mayor Remp discusses the upcoming municipal election.

**Old Business - none**

**Budget Workshop**

The board recessed into a budget workshop at 7:57 p.m. Regular session reconvened at 9:29 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer