

CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough

November 19, 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, Dana Smith, Joseph Wertz, Jr., Dustin Remp – Mayor, and Bradley Smith – Engineer – leaves after the engineer’s report.

Absent from the meeting: Steve Gilbert, John Leshner

Public Comment

Sean Fager (600 Main St.): Does not wish to speak.

Marianna & Ed Burns (379 Main St.): Met with Mr. Wertz, Mr. Smith, and representatives from Penndot and the Reading Northern Railroad this afternoon, to discuss the water drainage issue for their property. The belief is that the issue lies with the borough, as owner of the roadway. Mr. Wertz notes of the stormwater pipe near the railroad tracks on the west side of Main St. Down from the pipe is a 3 ½’ berm of street debris that has built up over the years. What was formerly a ravine in the area is now filled with large trees. Matt Johnson from the railroad is to determine if the ravine is in the railroad’s right-of-way. Mr. Burns, Mr. Wertz, and President Kline discuss the flow of water from surrounding roadways. Mr. Wertz notes of a prior estimate from Engineer Smith for stormwater improvements, which noted that the area should be surveyed. As the particular area of Main St. in question was resurfaced by Penndot in the last few years, Engineer Smith notes that Penndot may work with the borough on the road moratorium. Council and Engineer Smith discuss installing a culvert in the area. **Mr. Wertz will contact Earl Felty to have the area surveyed.**

Engineer’s Report

Engineer Smith notes of the Growing Greener Grant, with a 15% match, which can be used for the bioswale for the MS4 Program. Deadline for the grant application is December 20.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize **ARRO to apply for the Growing Greener Grant**, at a 15% match. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried unanimously.

President Kline will be attending a meeting at the Tilden Township Building, where Senator Argall and Representative Knowles will be present. He plans to speak with both legislators regarding the borough’s H2O and Small Projects Grants applications.

Engineer Smith notes that Penndot raised the fire hydrant on Route 662. Construction at the intersection is completed. Council discusses the traffic patterns.

President Kline notes that the well #6 pump was pulled. The screening was not clogged, however there were some holes in the pipe. The pipe is being replaced, which should increase pressure.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Remp notes of the recent vehicle break-ins on Apple Ln. and Main St.

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith

President Kline and Mr. Smith discuss the proposal from Eagle Disposal for the processing of recycling for the borough, at a rate of \$40/ton. President Kline asks how much tonnage the borough recycles. He also notes of his concern in the quote regarding the 90 day deadline to review and terminate the agreement. This timeline does not work well with the borough meetings. Council discusses recycling options. Vice President Botwright reviews paperwork regarding the borough's recycling tonnage.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline notes that there is visible improvement to the outside of the borough garage, since restoration has begun.

Sewer – Mr. Wertz

President Kline will contact Solicitor Mooney regarding the agreement with the Shoemakersville Municipal Authority.

Water – President Kline – no report

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

Vice President Botwright notes that the borough employees are framing out the pavilion for the new doors. President Kline plans to draft a scope of work for the electrical work to be completed for the pavilion.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz

Mr. Wertz discusses Solicitor Mooney's comments on the proposed zoning ordinance, focusing on signage and wifi antennas. Council will further review the solicitor's comments.

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 November 5, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for November 19, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adopt Resolution 127-2019, setting the employee contributions for the non-uniform pension plan at 0%. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Mr. Wertz and Ms. Kennedy-Kline feel the rate is low, with President Kline stating this is because the borough has been meeting the MMO. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adopt Resolution 128-2019, appointing RKL, LLP as the auditor for the 2019 borough and tax collector records. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

President Kline states that he will be assisting the Lion's Club on November 30 with the hanging of the holiday lights. The Lion's Club is in the process of updating the lights with LED fixtures. The cost to replace the fixtures on 1/3 of the lights is \$1,700. They are accepting donations to match that cost.

Council and Mayor Remp discuss the results of the recent election for Council members, and the process for claiming write-in votes.

Old Business

After reviewing invoices, Council discusses the total recycling tonnage processed and the associated costs to the borough.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to approve the rate increase from Eagle Disposal, pending resubmission of their letter, noting the appropriate terms, dates, and location. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner
Secretary/Treasurer