

CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough

January 6, 2020

Mayor Remp called the reorganization meeting of the Shoemakersville Borough Council to order in the St. Luke's Church Hall, 5th & Franklin Sts, Shoemakersville, PA at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Chris Kline, Amy Botwright, John Leshner, Dana Smith, Bradley Smith - Engineer, Keith Mooney – Solicitor, Dustin Remp – Mayor, and Melissa Wagner – Secretary/Treasurer.

Absent from the meeting: Joseph Wertz, Jr.

Mayor Remp calls for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Remp swears in Amy Botwright, Chris Kline, and Dana Smith to Council.

Mayor Remp opens the floor for nominations for President of Council.

*A motion is made by Mr. Smith to nominate Chris Kline for President of Council. Seconded by Mr. Leshner. No other nominations. Roll call vote taken for President of Council, with all members voting yes for Mr. Kline.

Mr. Kline accepts the position of President of Council.

Mayor Remp opens the floor for nominations for Vice President of Council.

*A motion is made by Mr. Smith to nominate Amy Botwright for Vice President of Council. Seconded by Mr. Leshner. No other nominations. Roll call vote taken for Vice President of Council, with all members voting yes for Ms. Botwright.

Ms. Botwright accepts the position of Vice President of Council.

Mayor Remp turns the meeting over to President Kline.

President Kline welcomes everyone to the first meeting of 2020. He notes that there are two 2-year seats open for Council.

* A motion is made by Mr. Smith to nominate Tara Kennedy-Kline for the first 2-year council seat. Seconded by Mr. Leshner. No other nominations. A roll call vote is taken, with Vice President Botwright, Mr. Leshner, and Mr. Smith voting yes. President Kline abstains. Motion carried.

*A motion is made by Mr. Smith to nominate Dana Randazzo to the second 2-year council seat. Seconded by Mr. Leshner. No other nominations. Roll call vote taken, with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline and Ms. Randazzo have their affidavits of residency notarized by a notary present at the meeting. Mayor Remp swears in Ms. Kennedy-Kline and Ms. Randazzo.

President Kline will update the list of committees for the January 21 workshop meeting.

Public Comment

Jim Heckman (806 Main St.): Enjoyed the holiday lights and would like Council to continue promoting the spirit of Christmas through the holiday lighting contest. Mr. Heckman notes his continued support of Mayor Remp and asks Council to consider changing the August council meeting date, for promotion of National Night Out.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to appoint Shennon Heckman to a 3-year term from 2020-2022, to the Shoemakersville Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to appoint Chris Kline and Tara Kennedy-Kline to 2-year terms from 2020-2021 to the Shoemakersville Recreation Board. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried by a vote of 4 yes, with President Kline and Ms. Kennedy-Kline abstaining.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to appoint Dana Smith as President Pro Tem. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Code Enforcement – Mr. Zimmerman

- **Enforcement:** Four permits were issued in December. Three letters were sent out last month regarding dumpster permits.
- **Zoning Hearing Board:** A zoning hearing will be held on January 9 for a home-based business.

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Mooney

- **Shoemakersville Municipal Authority:** A draft agreement was e-mailed to President Kline this afternoon.
- **Pool Property:** Solicitor Mooney will contact Mark Koch. It is Council's understanding that Perry Township denied the developer's plans.

Engineer's Report – Engineer Smith – report will remain on file in office

- **Route 61 Betterment Project:** PennDOT has closed the project and an invoice has been sent to the borough for the water and sanitary sewer relocation in the amount of \$29,375.00. ARRO has prepared a form for reimbursement for the engineering and resident project representative work for the borough. Approximately \$14,977.95 will be reimbursed to the borough.
- **VLR #2:** Shop drawings from DESCCO have been reviewed and approved by ARRO. Equipment is being delivered, with the drive units scheduled to be shipped this month.
- **Growing Greener Grant:** An application was submitted to PADEP for the grant on December 20, 2019 for the borough's bioswale. The bioswale is required to be built as part of the MS4 program.
- **H2O and Small Projects Grants:** Applications were submitted for a PA Small Water Grant for the valves at the water treatment plant, and a PA Small Sewer Grant for the blowers at the

wastewater treatment plant. An H2O Sanitary Sewer Grant for the headworks and solids handling project was also submitted.

- **PCB Pollutant Minimization Plan:** PCB testing results were received. The sewerage sheds draining near Well #6 and from the south end of town had the highest results. ARRO is working with staff to conduct a second round of sampling, to narrow down the focus areas for in-person inspections. PTMA flow contributes to both of these areas as well.
- **UGI Road Repaving:** Ms. Kennedy-Kline notes that there are several areas of the roadway that are sinking where UGI installed their new lines and filled in the holes. Mr. Zimmerman and Council discuss the areas that were and were not repaved. The area of 600 Park St. appears to not have been repaved correctly. **Mr. Zimmerman will look at the roads.** The escrow from UGI is still being held.

Secretary's Report/Correspondence – Ms. Wagner

There is an MS4 workshop on financing scheduled for January 14 from 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. at Albright College.

Ms. Wagner requests to close the office at noon on Thursday, January 30.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Remp

The deadline to submit applications for the Junior Council Person Program is January 20. One application has been received.

The deadline to submit applications for the Hometown Heroes Banner Program will be sometime in February. It will take approximately 4 weeks to process the paperwork and another 3 weeks to print the banners. The cost to applicants for the banner and hardware is \$200. Volunteers will be utilized to hang the banners. Council and Mayor Remp discuss the number of banners that can be ordered at a time.

The first meeting of the Community Watch Program will be in early February. There are currently 15 individuals interested.

Mayor Remp notes that Tilden Township, Perry Township, and Hamburg Borough are interested in being part of the National Night Out celebration for 2020. The Hamburg Park, Cabela's, and the Shoemakersville Park are possible locations. He would like Council to consider changing the August council meeting date. Mr. Smith suggests the fire company as another possible location. Mayor Remp notes that a committee for the event is being formed, with Dwight Heckman, Derek Leibensperger, and Delilah Remp as current members.

Public Works Report – Mr. Zimmerman

Mr. Zimmerman volunteers to attend the MS4 financing workshop.

The employee weekend rotation schedule was e-mailed to Council. President Kline and Mr. Zimmerman discuss who should be contacted for after hour and weekend emergencies. As all calls to the borough garage are forwarded to Mr. Zimmerman's cell phone, the message on the borough office phone will be changed to include the borough garage number as a point of contact for emergencies when the office is closed. A message will also be posted on Facebook and the borough's website.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to have Chad Zimmerman attend the MS4 financing workshop, at a cost of \$10. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Operator's Report – Mr. Dietrich not present – report on file

Mr. Zimmerman notes that the press at the sewer plant is down. The bearing repair will shortly be underway. The grinder is currently working well.

New Business

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for December 3, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Leshner. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for January 6, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Leshner. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills for ratification for December 17, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Smith states there are 7 DCNR grants for recreation. One to note is for park rehabilitation and development. The grant application is due April 22 and is for up to \$60,000. There is no match required for the first \$20,000. Beyond that, there is a 50% match up to a maximum of \$20,000. This grant can be used to bring playground equipment up to code.

Council discusses park drainage and dredging a portion of the park mulch. Vice President Botwright asks if the area around the spring toys could be addressed. The mulch could be pulled out, stone installed, and then mulched, for better drainage.

President Kline states that Perry Township has plans to pave Main St., from the borough line at 10th St., north to Zweizig Rd. They are encouraging residents to tie into the gas and water lines. President Kline discusses EDUs and water capacity. **President Kline is scheduling a joint meeting with Perry Township to discuss the matter**, as any new service area would need to be added to the water agreement.

Old Business

President Kline notes that Mr. Wertz has requested that Council review the zoning ordinance comments at the January 21 workshop meeting.

Vice President Botwright encourages all council members to review the borough Google calendars, which note of park rentals, public meeting dates, office closings, and employee time off.

President Kline asks that all council members utilize their borough e-mail addresses, as personal e-mails could be viewed if a public records request was made.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Mr. Leshner to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer