

CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough

February 4, 2020

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 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Chris Kline – President, Amy Botwright – Vice President, Tara Kennedy-Kline, John Leshner, Dana Randazzo, Dana Smith, Dustin Remp – Mayor, Keith Mooney – Solicitor, Bradley Smith – Engineer, Michael Dietrich – Sewer & Water Plant Operator, Delani Remp – Junior Council Person, and Melissa Wagner- Secretary/Treasurer.

Absent from the meeting: Joseph Wertz, Jr., Chad Zimmerman - Foreman

Public Comment

Richard Geschwindt (603 Reber St.): Asks if the photos needed for the Hometown Heroes banners are to be a certain size, with Mayor Remp stating that the company can configure a photo to the proper size. The applicant will be able to approve the banner before it is printed. Mr. Geschwindt asks for an update on the proposed zoning ordinance, with President Kline stating that there are 4-5 more items to review.

Mr. Geschwindt asks if the borough engineer can look at the dip in the roadway at the end of his driveway. There is constant standing water that does not drain away. **Engineer Smith and Ms. Kennedy-Kline will meet to look at the road.** Mr. Geschwindt asks for the results of the water report, with Ms. Wagner stating that Suburban tested the water on January 8 at the water plant and New Era Logistics and that all results met the necessary requirements.

Sean Kerschner (703 Tuckerton Ave.): Thanks Council for their continued support of the Fresh Life program. He asks if any grants are available for park repairs, as there are cracks in the flooring of the skate park. Ms. Kennedy-Kline notes that the borough is looking into two different grants. Mr. Kerschner and Council discuss repairs at the skate park. Ms. Kennedy-Kline and Vice President Botwright discuss funding and the budget, and state that the needed handrails on the half pipe are a priority. Mr. Kerschner is to mark the cracks that are of the largest concern, so that a repair estimate can be obtained.

Mark Paine (25 Main St.): Asks if the August meeting was changed to allow for recognition of National Night Out, with Mayor Remp stating that the meeting date was changed to August 5. President Kline asks if Mr. Paine has any updates for the 17 Main St. property, with Mr. Paine noting that the owner has plans that he will be reviewing with Mr. Zimmerman.

Corporal Mohn (PA State Police): From January 1 to February 4 there were 105 incidents in the borough, with 72% of the calls being considered pro-active control, such as traffic stops or routine patrols. There were 5 criminal and 24 other calls. At least 13 of the calls were traffic violations. Mr. Paine asks if there is a way to tell how many calls were related to speeding, with Corporal Mohn stating that information is not available on the report he has. There are no issues with Council posting the incident numbers on social media. If Sgt. Flynn is unable to attend future meetings, he will email a report to Mayor Remp.

Chief Wagner (Shoemakersville Fire Co.): Presents the year-end report, noting that there were 645 calls in 2019. There were 138 calls in Shoemakersville and 261 in Perry Township. There are approximately 42 active members.

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Mooney

- **Sale of Pool Property:** Mark Koch will be reaching out to his client for a status on the property.
- **Perry Plaza:** Has been in contact with Mark Koch. The borough needs to know the gallons requested and the EDUs. The service area needs to be modified.

Engineer's Report – Engineer Smith

- **MS4:** The borough will be receiving 40 magnets regarding source water protection.
- **Route 61 Betterment Project:** Penndot has closed the project and an invoice has been sent to the borough for water and sanitary sewer relocation for \$29,375.00.
- **VLR #2:** DESCCO will mobilize once the drive units are delivered.
- **Growing Greener Grant:** An application for the bioswale was submitted on December 20, 2019.
- **H2O and Small Projects Grants:** Applications were submitted for the valves at the water plant and the blowers at the sewer plant. An H2O grant for the headworks and solids handling project was also submitted.
- **USDA Loan Application:** On hold until sewer plant ownership is addressed.
- **PCB Pollutant Minimization Plan:** ARRO is scheduled to meet with staff on February 6 to discuss the locations for the next round of sampling, to narrow down the potential sources of the PCBs.
- **Miller Street:** ARRO has sent the request for reimbursement for the engineering and resident project representative work to Penndot.
- **Wolfe Dye & Bleach Permit:** A response was issued to Wolfe regarding their industrial discharge permit. The requirement to sample for PCBs was removed, as they had the lowest result from the first round of sampling.
- **Annual Reports:** ARRO is preparing the Chapter 94 report, which is due to PADEP by March 31. The DRBC report was prepared and sent on January 30. The PTMA annual reconciliation will be completed by February 28.

Secretary's Report/Correspondence

The office will be opening at 11:00 a.m. on February 12 and will be closed on February 17.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Remp

Mayor Remp swears in Delani Remp as the first Junior Council Person for Shoemakersville.

National Night Out will be held on August 4 at the Shoemakersville Park, with the fire company being used as a rain location. The committee, comprised of Delilah Remp, Derek Leibensperger, Chief McElroy, Dana Randazzo, and Steve Gilbert will be meeting on February 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Cousin's.

The deadline for Hometown Heroes banner applications is March 20. A small ceremony will take place on Memorial Day. Council and Mayor Remp discuss the life of the banners, which should last an average of 5 years, taking the weather into consideration.

The first Crime Watch meeting of the 15 volunteers will be in March.

Operator's Report – Mr. Dietrich

A water service line at 8th & Main Sts. was repaired in January.

A bearing on the belt press at the sewer plant was replaced. A new air pressure switch has been ordered. Lighting was added to the bottom of the dry well. President Kline and Mr. Dietrich discuss emergency lighting in the dry well. A new chlorine injector and back up were ordered. Pricing for a new auto valve is being obtained. Three GFI outlets in the lab were replaced. WG Malden repaired an electrical glitch that caused the flow meter to stop registering. Mr. Dietrich attended a class for wastewater credits in January. Mr. Dietrich, President Kline, and Vice President Botwright discuss the painting of the chlorine contact tank.

Committee Reports

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith

The committee will be conducting a final review of street projects so that bid packages can be prepared. The trash and recycling contracts will be up for renewal this year.

Mr. Smith asks if the surveying was completed at 379 Main St., with President Kline stating that Mr. Felty was onsite and should have everything completed next week.

Sewer – Mr. Wertz – no report

Water – President Kline

President Kline asks if there has been a noticeable difference in the water plant since the filter beds were recharged, with Mr. Dietrich stating that there is a slight difference and that the manganese and iron levels are consistently in the low range. The backwash process has improved as well. **President Kline notes that the surge arresters are in and will schedule a time to install them when the pumps are not in use.**

Parks/Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

Longhorn Landscaping has submitted a quote for tree trimming and dead tree removal in the park.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to accept the quote from Longhorn Landscaping at a cost not to exceed \$985.00. Seconded by Mr. Leshar. President Kline would like to have any rotten branches hanging over the power lines removed as well. Motion carried unanimously.

The next Recreation Board meeting will be on February 10 at the borough office. Children's Fair is scheduled for June 6. A Scribble tournament will be held on March 13 at Ollie's Tavern.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to appoint Delilah Remp to the Recreation Board for a 5 year term. Seconded by Mr. Leshar. Motion carried unanimously.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz – no report

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 January 21, 2020. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for February 2, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

* A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to appoint Kerry Clark to the vacant seat on the Shoemakersville Municipal Authority, for the 5 year term that was previously held by Julie Roth. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to exonerate per capita bill #17 for Amy Arndt, as she moved. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Remp states that for the wedding he officiates in May, he will be donating the proceeds to the Keystone Military Families.

Old Business - none

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 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner
Secretary/Treasurer