

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

July 21, 2020

President Kline called the workshop 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, Dana Randazzo, Dana Smith, Joseph Wertz, Jr., Dustin Remp – Mayor, and Bradley Smith – Engineer.

Absent from the meeting: John Leshner, Chad Zimmerman – Public Works

Engineer's Report

Engineer Smith completed the review of the Kantner property. He concurs with Solicitor Mooney that unless waived, the building would need to submit an application for land development. Engineer Smith has several issues with the stormwater compliance, citing a lack of documentation. Calculations will need to be submitted to show that the proper amount of groundwater recharge is provided. President Kline notes that this process is similar to what had been completed for the fire company's prior project.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to waive the preliminary review for the Kantner's structure and allow them to proceed to final review. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Smith has not heard any updates from AMS regarding their mobilization to complete the roadwork on Apple Ln. Ms. Kennedy-Kline's belief is that they will perform the tar and chip beginning August 10.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Remp

Mayor Remp sent a message to a council member on the afternoon of June 16 regarding the community watch meeting scheduled for June 27. Notification was not provided to the office, as it was close to closing for the day. Vice President Botwright asks that any notification still be sent to the office, so that the information can be forwarded on to all of Council. Ms. Randazzo notes that she did not see the message until after the meeting and apologizes for any misunderstanding or confusion on the matter. Mayor Remp notes that the meeting was held solely for those individuals that signed up for the program at National Night Out. Basic goals of the program were discussed. Vice President Botwright states that any future meetings could be posted for residents that may not have been aware of the program. Mayor Remp notes that the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 2 at 10:00 a.m. at the fire company's outdoor pavilion. He requests that 30 copies of crime watch informational packets be printed. Vice President Botwright notes that it may be less expensive to purchase the paperwork online than to actually print it out.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline notes that once the borough crime watch registers with the program, the group will then be added to their registry of national crime watch organizations.

Mayor Remp notes that there are 29 applicants for the Hometown Heroes banners. Personal information is being verified for the banners. Vice President Botwright was given the photos to size to the proper resolution. Vice President Botwright and Mayor Remp discuss the funds received for the banners, with Mayor Remp stating that the application fee is not due until the banners are printed. Welcome signs could be installed on the poles coming into town, although PennDOT will not permit a permanent sign to be hung across E. Noble Ave. President Kline notes that the filler banners were not budgeted for this year, but could be for 2021.

Mayor Remp, President Kline, and Ms. Kennedy-Kline discuss the borough ordinance regarding flag regulations, which would prohibit the size, but may not regulate the content of the flag. The borough does not have any official standing to ask that a resident take down a certain type of flag.

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith will be reviewing the trash & recycling contract specifications that were received from Solicitor Mooney. The specifications are set up for a 2 year contract, with 2 separate 1 year extensions.

Sewer – Mr. Wertz

Mr. Wertz and President Kline discuss the latest draft of the sewer agreement. Mr. Wertz will further review the agreement.

Mr. Wertz discusses the condition of the blowers at the plant. While blower upgrades were applied for through a grant, they could also be included in the Pennvest small program funding.

Water – President Kline

President Kline discusses wells #2 & #3 that PTMA drilled near the warehouses. He notes that current authority members are Tom McKinney, William Dudash, Mark Stitzel, Lance Adam, and Donald Mast. The June PTMA meeting minutes were requested, with those minutes noting that Mark Koch sent indemnity paperwork to Zeppos. Once the paperwork is signed, the minutes note that the water line can be hooked up for Perry Plaza. The minutes also noted that once well #2 is online, a change will need to be made in the Shoemakersville water agreement. President Kline discusses the agreement and the anticipated action of PTMA. He contacted Solicitor Mooney, who will be in touch with Mark Koch.

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

Vice President Botwright notes that a limited number of daily gate passes are being sold for the pool. Member guests receive a discounted daily rate. Cleaning and sanitizing is taking place on a regular basis. The slide is open.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz

Mr. Wertz discusses the list of proposed definitions to appear at the beginning of the zoning ordinance. There are currently no proposed changes to the zoning map. The next review to be forwarded to Council will include home occupations, to be moved from a special exception to a right for certain types, as well as yard line requirements in residential districts. Council discusses livestock, farm animals, and large domestic pets.

Vice President Botwright will be reaching out to Solicitor Mooney regarding construction activity on the land by CVS.

Employee Relations – President Kline

President Kline and Mr. Wertz discuss the garage alarm that was being tripped over the weekend. President Kline notes that the front overhead door sensors are improperly wired, picking up when staff walks by the door on the inside. This raises the garage door and sets off the alarm.

Approvals/Finance/Pension – Vice President Botwright

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for July 7, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for July 21, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Botwright notes that the second quarter pension statement was received. She does not feel a virtual meeting is warranted at this time.

Safety – Mayor Remp – no report

New Business

Vice President Botwright will be attending the Joint Planning Commission meeting on July 28. She notes that the proposed community survey will be through Survey Monkey. Paper copies will also be available.

Old Business

President Kline reiterates the importance of using the shoeyboro.org email addresses. If the address is not working, contact Ms. Wagner. Personal email accounts are subject to a right-to-know request if they are being used for borough business.

Vice President Botwright has reviewed the borough social media accounts, noting who has access as administrators and editors. She suggests having a Shoey Mayor Page, which Mayor Remp has considered. Page disclaimers appear when accessing the pages on a desktop computer, but not through a phone. Vice President Botwright has moved the information so that it is available when viewing the page on a phone.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Mr. Wertz to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner
Secretary/Treasurer