

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

July 19, 2022

President Kline called the workshop of the Shoemakersville Borough Council to order in the Shoemakersville Borough Office, 846 Main St., Shoemakersville, PA at 7:04 p.m.

In attendance: Chris Kline – President, Amy Botwright – Vice President, Michael Grim, Tara Kennedy-Kline, Dana Randazzo, Dana Smith, Joseph Wertz, Jr., and Paul Gruber – Manager.

Absent from the meeting: Dustin Remp - Mayor

Manager’s Report – Mr. Gruber

Mr. Gruber reports on the additional pedestrian crossing signs that were placed on Main St. and asks that Council let him know if they would like them moved to any other locations.

Mr. Gruber discusses the email he sent to Council regarding the potential charges for Wolfe Dye & Bleach, if the Industrial Discharge Permit had limits for TDS at 3000 mg/L and 4000 mg/L, rather than the current 5000 mg/L limit. Mr. Gruber and Mr. Wertz discuss potential regulatory issues that may indicate a need for the limit change. Both the borough’s influent and effluent have over 1000 mg/L each week, after Wolfe’s product has been diluted through the system. President Kline discusses his findings on industrial discharge permits, with the Clean Water Act of 2016 and updates, being the driving force for the limits. The majority of places were using 2000 mg/L for product from industrial customers. Council and Mr. Gruber discuss renewing the IDP versus extending the current IDP for 6 months.

Mr. Wertz discusses the meeting he and Mr. Gruber had with PTMA on July 13. President Kline confirms that PTMA would like to dissolve the current water agreement naming service areas, and have PTMA become a bulk water customer, in the event they would need water to supplement their well. There could also be provisions for both PTMA and the borough to use the other’s water, provided there is an emergency.

Mr. Gruber and Council discuss the third amendment to the wastewater agreement with PTMA, focusing on ownership of the new line. Council will continue to review the third amendment.

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith

Mr. Gruber has not received confirmation on dates for completion of the road project.

Council discusses the letter from Solicitor Mooney regarding the Perry Commercial Center. Solicitor Mooney states that the developer is requesting a waiver from the SALDO, while the developer’s supplemental letter is asking the borough to defer to Perry Township for the floodplain management and stormwater management ordinances. Council will speak with Solicitor Mooney regarding the letter, while waiting for the permit application from the property owner.

Sewer – Mr. Wertz – nothing to report

Water – President Kline

President Kline will be in contact with T-Mobile regarding their proposed changes at the water tower.

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to hire Maggie Davis at \$8/hr. as a gate coverage employee for the pool. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Botwright is working on a promotion with the park program kids, whereby they would receive money or snack bar credit if they pass the lifeguard pretest. This may provide an incentive for them to take the lifeguard certification exam.

Vice President Botwright reports that the Lion's Club Carnival is July 22 and 23 at the borough park.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline discusses the Shoey Baseball Association's fundraiser for Ali Haines, to be held at the Shartlesville Park on August 27.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz

Final issues for the zoning ordinance include a review of definitions for family, professional service and personal service. Council decides upon a distance of 1,000' of adult bookstores/theaters from any school. Council and Mr. Gruber review the pet section, discussing limiting the number of pets versus the care of the animals.

Vice President Botwright reports on the recent Schuylkill River Trail Strategic planning meeting, and notes that there may be grants available for either the borough or the Schuylkill River Trail group to purchase property on Schuylkill Ave. to have that area become a part of the trail.

Mr. Wertz discusses the Small Wireless Facility Deployment Act and the antenna section of the zoning ordinance.

Mr. Wertz discusses the difference between a special exception and a conditional use. A special exception would require applicants to report to the zoning hearing board. A conditional use would have the application approach Council.

Employee Relations – President Kline – nothing to report

Approvals/Finance/Pension – Vice President Botwright

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for July 5, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for July 19, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried by a vote of 6 yes to 1 abstain, with Vice President Botwright abstaining.

Community Outreach – Ms. Randazzo

Ms. Randazzo requests that the Hits for Haines event be posted on the borough's bulletin board.

Old Business

President Kline discusses Engineer Smith's email regarding ARRO's review of the Stormwater Management Ordinance, which DEP would like the borough to adopt in September. Council discusses several of the regulations.

President Kline discusses Aperion's involvement with the new email platform for the borough.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve Aperia as the borough's email service provider. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. President Kline reports that the cost of \$270/mo. will provide all of the email accounts, give Office 365 to Ms. Wagner, Mr. Gruber, and Mr. Zimmerman, and maintain shoeboro.org. The service also includes back-up of all emails, with no limitations. Motion carried unanimously.

President Kline notes that Solicitor Mooney will not be present at the August 3 monthly meeting and should be contacted prior to that with any Council concerns.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Mr. Wertz to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer