

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Shoemakersville Borough**

**April 5, 2022**

President Kline called the monthly meeting of the Shoemakersville Borough Council to order in the Shoemakersville Borough Office, 846 Main St. Shoemakersville, PA at 7:01 p.m.

**In attendance:** Chris Kline – President, Amy Botwright –Vice President, Michael Grim, Tara Kennedy-Kline, Dana Randazzo, Dana Smith, Joseph Wertz, Jr., Dustin Remp – Mayor, Bradley Smith – Engineer, Keith Mooney – Solicitor, Paul Gruber – Manager, Chad Zimmerman – Zoning/Public Works, and Melissa Wagner – Secretary/Treasurer.

**Code Enforcement – Mr. Zimmerman**

- **Permits:** Two permits were issued in March; 1 for a pre-fab shed and 1 for a fence.
- **Notices:** Two notices were sent last month for abandoned vehicles. One received an extension and the other will be receiving a final notice to proceed with fines.

**Solicitor’s Report – Solicitor Mooney**

- **Pennvest Loan:** Solicitor Mooney and Council discuss the fee letter between Barley Snyder and the borough.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the Barley Snyder letter, with fees not to exceed \$22,000 in connection with the Pennvest loan. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Mr. Wertz asks if the amount is percentage based or an hourly estimate. Solicitor Mooney and Solicitor Desmond felt a percentage-based amount would be too much for the transaction. This invoice will be addressed at closing and will be paid with Pennvest funding and not directly from the borough. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Vehicle Ordinance:** The ordinance has been advertised and is ready for adoption.
- **Legal Fees:** Solicitor Mooney and President Kline discuss Mayor Remp’s email regarding fees, with Solicitor Mooney stating that the mayor would incur the invoice from the attorney. Solicitor Mooney would then evaluate the claim and advise the borough on whether or not to pay the bill or dispute the matter. If the issue is personally between Mayor Remp and President Kline, it would be outside of the scope of borough positions and duties. As such, neither party would be entitled to borough legal fees and counsel. Legal conflict of interest is discussed.

**Engineer’s Report – Engineer Smith**

- **Headworks & Solids Handling Bidding & Construction:** The agreement, bonds, insurances and other items required by the project manual have been provided by the contractor. ARRO has reviewed the documents and finds them in good order. The cost of the construction for the project is \$1,633,000.00

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to award the bid and sign the agreement with Eastern Environmental Contractors, Inc. for the headworks and solids handling project. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

- **WWTP Upgrades Financing:** The next meeting to discuss closing is set for April 13.
- **Paving Projects for 2022:** One bid for the project was received; Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC for \$395,565.00, which includes all alternatives. If the alternate road reconstructions for Rose Ln., Plum Ln., and Canal St. are not selected, the cost to the borough would be \$203,865.00. Council and Engineer Smith discuss the roads and options.

\*A motion is made by Mr. Smith to accept the bids for A 1-6, B 1-6 and alternate C 1, for a total of \$246,765 to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Mr. Grim asks if quotes could be obtained using an asphalt blend utilizing recycled tires. Engineer Smith believes the cost is more than tar & chip. The recycled material could be used, provided it is PennDOT approved. President Kline believes this could be done for future bids. Roll call vote taken with Mr. Grim, Ms. Randazzo, Mr. Smith, Ms. Kennedy-Kline, President Kline and Vice President Botwright voting yes and Mr. Wertz voting no. Motion carried by a vote of 6 yes to 1 no.

- **PCB Pollutant Management Plan:** Any steps taken to reduce PCBs in the collection system between now and the beginning of June may be included in the NPDES permit renewal application.
- **H2O and Small Project Grant:** Engineer Smith will research information regarding valves and equipment needed for potable water and possible NSF certification.

### **Secretary's Report/Correspondence**

Ms. Wagner discusses the revenue calculation options for the ARP yearly funding reporting. Council will use the standard allowance for revenue loss.

Ms. Wagner requests to open the office at 11:00 a.m. on April 13 and close the office at 11:00 a.m. on April 18. The office is already scheduled to be closed on April 15 and 21.

### **Mayor's Report – Mayor Remp**

Mayor Remp will be calling the 17 sponsors to review the wording for the banners. Once Vice President Botwright receives the original photos needed, she will scan them and forward the files to the banner company, which should occur by the beginning of next week. Mayor Remp and Council discuss the applications for moving banner locations, deciding that Mayor Remp will draft the form.

The PA State Police March report was received and forwarded to Council. President Kline reviewed the calls from September through March and notes that the majority of the calls were security checks for the school and churches, and traffic violations.

Ms. Wagner will forward the information for those interested in the community garden to Mayor Remp.

Mr. Zimmerman will address the complaint Mayor Remp received regarding the bright light shining from the rear of the borough building.

The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will take place on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the borough office.

### **Operator's Report - Mr. Dietrich**

Axiom is scheduled to repair the raw water pump this week.

Moyer's work on well #1 has been rescheduled to April 13. President Kline and Mr. Zimmerman discuss moving the mast.

Mr. Gruber and Mr. Zimmerman reviewed and updated the repair list for the plant, as shown on the report.

Raser Industries are scheduled to complete the VLR repairs next week.

### **Manager's Report – Mr. Gruber**

Mr. Gruber would like to meet with the sewer committee regarding the discrepancies he has found with the Wolfe Dye & Bleach industrial discharge permit application. He and President Kline discuss the agreement between the borough, the Shoemakersville Municipal Authority and Wolfe Dye & Bleach.

Mr. Gruber reports that there continues to be issues accessing email on the cell phones. Council discusses the matter, with **President Kline noting that he will reach out to BK Computers for clarification on the email services quote** that was previously submitted.

### **Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith**

President Kline discusses placing a no parking sign at E. Noble Ave. and Park St., which was initiated by complaints he received regarding the difficulty of having a clear view when attempting to turn from Park St. onto E. Noble Ave. Council discusses the area and the process of updating the ordinance.

\*A motion is made by Mr. Smith to amend the traffic ordinance to include no parking at the yellow curb at E. Noble Ave. and Park St. Seconded by Mr. Grim. Mr. Wertz clarifies the area to be the north side of the intersection. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Sewer – Mr. Wertz**

President Kline discusses obtaining a quote to upgrade the camera system at the plant, especially as there will be an increase of people at the plant during the headworks project. Mr. Gruber submitted possible locations for the cameras. **BK Computers will be contacted.**

A meeting between the sewer committee and Don Mast has been scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 8 at the borough office. President Kline requests that Engineer Smith be present, as the PTMA engineer will be in attendance.

### **Water – President Kline**

President Kline and Chief Wagner discuss the recent discoloration of water that occurred during a fire company training session. The amount of water pulled and the location of the hydrant could not have caused the discoloration.

### **Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline**

Vice President Botwright discusses the 2022 pool rates and the changes to the family pass allowance and the addition of the pairs category. The anticipated Perry Twp. donation is discussed.

\*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to approve the 2022 season pool rates as advertised. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Applications are being accepted for lifeguards and snack bar employees. Consideration is being given to having sponsored shade areas at the pool.

Children's Fair is scheduled for June 4.

### **Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz**

The Small Wireless Facilities Act information has been incorporated into the zoning ordinance. The wellhead protection material will also be included.

### **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 March 15, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for April 5, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adopt Ordinance 459-2022, restricting vehicle length for travel on W. Noble Ave. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Community Outreach – Ms. Randazzo**

Ms. Randazzo discusses the community yard sale to be held on May 14 from 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Spaces will be available at the borough garage and borough office. Mr. Grim discusses placement of reusable signs promoting the event. The information may be placed on the borough sign along Route 61 as well.

### **New Business**

#### **Public Comment**

**Ace, Carbon and Supreme (333 Main St.):** Ace is president of the Infamous Ryders in Shoemakersville and is present to answer any questions or concerns on the group's presence in the borough. He would like to deter any negative feedback and notes that they are here to support the community. Mr. Grim asks what 1% means, with a group member noting that they are the 1% that is out of the ordinary. Mayor Remp discusses his decision to not promote the club or their activities in town. The group members, Mayor Remp, President Kline, and Mr. Grim discuss and debate the Infamous Ryders group as a whole and their separate chapters, as well as the social media presence of all parties involved in the discussion. Mr. Smith asks if the group can park their bikes closer to the curb, with Ace stating that he will speak to the group members.

**Seth Breon (818 Main St.) – did not sign in:** Notes that he is a convicted felon and feels that Mayor Remp has not treated him fairly because of his past. He feels there is too much negativity on the Shoemakersville Gang Facebook page and would like to see more community togetherness. Mr. Grim notes that the page is not borough operated. Further debate and discussion occur between Mr. Breon, Mayor Remp, and Mr. Heckman, a visitor to the meeting.

**Richard Geschwindt (603 Reber St.):** Asks who will enforce Ordinance 459-2022 that was passed. Solicitor Mooney notes that the borough cannot issue citations for moving violations, however, the state police can enforce the ordinance if they choose to do so. The state police can be sent a copy of the ordinance.

Mr. Geschwindt asks for an update on the strip mall, with Supervisor Adam from Perry Twp. stating that the property owner obtained an HOP and is working with DEP on the wetlands area, to obtain the final permit. The original 4 building plans have not changed. A new roof was placed on the Boyer's building, as interest

in that unit has increased, due to the traffic light to be placed in the open field area between Kuzan's and Today's Housing. The developer was granted a time extension until September 16, 2022.

Mr. Geschwindt asks for the water report, with Ms. Wagner stating that Suburban tested the water on March 2 at the water plant and New Era Logistics and that all results met the necessary requirements.

**Mark Paine (25 Main St.):** Asks if the IR members can watch their motorcycle noise and speed when traveling in town. Ace will speak with his group, but notes that borough residents also have loud motorcycles. Further discussion on the group occurs between group members and Mayor Remp.

Mr. Paine no longer feels a microphone system is needed for the meetings.

Mr. Paine and Council discuss upcoming area egg hunts; Zions Church and the Lion's Club hunts on April 16 and Salem UM Church on April 9.

### **Old Business**

Vice President Botwright asks that any suggestions for updating the borough website be forwarded to her or Ms. Wagner.

President Kline reviews the upcoming borough events, as listed on the agenda.

Mayor Remp would like to rebut the comments made by Mr. Breon and Ace.

A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer