

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Shoemakersville Borough**

**August 16, 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, Dana Smith, Joseph Wertz, Jr., and Paul Gruber – Manager.

Absent from the meeting: Tara Kennedy-Kline, Dana Randazzo, Dustin Remp - Mayor

**Manager’s Report – Mr. Gruber**

Mr. Gruber and Council discuss the Stormwater Management Ordinance, with President Kline noting that now pools may not be drained into yards, with the water now having to enter the sewer system, as pool water is considered a biohazard. Council will discuss the ordinance with Engineer Smith at the next meeting, to determine if changes may be made and if the ordinance would need to be adopted if the borough were to receive the MS4 waiver.

Mr. Gruber forwarded his comments to Council on the PTMA Water Agreement. He notes of the reduction in the water requirement from 106,000 gallons to 33,000 gallons. Mr. Gruber discusses the history of the agreement. PTMA does not require as much capacity as they now have wells in place. He also notes of their requirement that the borough calibrate meters on a yearly basis, while the agreement only has them performing the task once every 3 years. The agreement states that if their average water usage exceeds the daily capacity by 10% for 3 consecutive quarters, that PTMA should pay the actual cost of the water. Council discusses the possibility of treating PTMA as a bulk customer, paying for the actual water that is used through the meter. Vice President Botwright reviews the borough’s previous water rate schedule for residents, and how that would affect PTMA’s percentage rate. Mr. Wertz and President Kline discuss the housing developments and any impact fees that were not paid. Council and Mr. Gruber discuss water capacity, minimum charges, and the warehouse projects.

Mr. Gruber discusses the 3<sup>rd</sup> amendment to the PTMA Industrial Wastewater Agreement. Solicitor Mooney has recommended adding a timeline on the agreement. Further discussion on the agreement is needed.

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

Mr. Smith discusses extending the recycling and trash contracts for one year.

Mr. Grim reports that some residents have complained that not all of their trash is being picked up, although he is unsure if they notified the office. Council discusses the proper reporting procedure.

\*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize the solicitor to notify the trash and recycling haulers to exercise the one-year extension option. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

The top coating for the street repairs has been completed. Council discusses the vehicle that recently damaged the road in the 700 block of Reber St. Vice President Botwright spoke to the resident who witnessed the damage, stating that the silver-colored vehicle sped up the street, then hit the brakes, getting stuck in the new topcoat. Vice President Botwright later saw a similar vehicle do doughnuts in the park. Mr. Zimmerman will be reviewing the park video to see if a license plate is visible.

**Sewer – Mr. Wertz**

Mr. Gruber reports that equipment for the project has been delivered to the plant. Work is scheduled to begin next week.

**Water – President Kline** – nothing to report

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

Vice President Botwright reports that Doggie Dip Day at the pool is scheduled for September 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The pool will be open limited hours the next few weeks.

Trunk-or-Treat will be Friday, October 28.

The Hits for Haines event will be August 17 at the Shartlesville Park. Extra food from the pool will be donated to the event.

**Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz**

Mr. Wertz reviews the animal portion of the zoning ordinance, noting that the limitation on the number of animals could be a function of maintenance and be considered a component of the nuisance ordinance. He discusses removing the limitation section completely.

**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 August 3, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for August 16, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

**Community Outreach – Ms. Randazzo**

Mr. Grim asks if there would be any requirements or limitations for the borough to hold a coat drive or a backpack distribution. Vice President Botwright discusses a resident's thought on having a yard-based food pantry. President Kline notes that due to regulations with food distribution, the borough could not take part in a food pantry.

**New Business**

President Kline thanks Mr. Gruber for his involvement with the spaghetti dinner for Ali Haines.

President Kline discusses the updated Memorandum of Understanding with the Berks Co. Conservation District, noting that there are few changes from the current agreement.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Berks Co. Conservation District. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

President Kline recommends speaking with Solicitor Mooney regarding the stormwater waiver request letter for the Perry Commercial Center/Shoemakersville Shopping Center.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Mr. Wertz to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer