

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Shoemakersville Borough**

**December 6, 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, Dana Randazzo, Dana Smith, Joseph Wertz, Jr., Dustin Remp – Mayor, Bradley Smith – Engineer – leaves at 7:11 p.m., Keith Mooney – Solicitor – leaves at 7:11 p.m., Paul Gruber – Manager and Melissa Wagner – Secretary/Treasurer.

Absent from the meeting: Tara Kennedy-Kline and Chad Zimmerman – Zoning/Public Works

**Code Enforcement – Mr. Zimmerman**

- **Tractor Supply Company:** President Kline reports that Mr. Zimmerman will be reviewing the revised draft site plan and zoning request list for the shopping center. Solicitor Mooney and President Kline discuss the updated plan and opinion letter. Council, Engineer Smith and Solicitor Mooney discuss how Reber St. appears on the plan and discuss whether or not the stone area behind the building would be paved.

**Solicitor’s Report – Solicitor Mooney**

- **Zoning Ordinance:** Has been advertised, with the public hearing to be held at the January 3, 2023 meeting.
- **Small Cell Wireless Ordinance:** Working with Mr. Gruber on the ordinance.
- **Tractor Supply Company:** Can assist Mr. Zimmerman with the zoning response letter. Mr. Wertz and Solicitor Mooney discuss the fact that the response letter could be considered binding.

**Engineer’s Report – Engineer Smith**

- **Headworks & Solids Handling, Bidding & Construction:** The top section of the headworks structure was replaced. ARRO recommends payment of application #5 for \$83,562.30.  
  
\*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize payment of payment application #5 to Eastern Environmental Contractors, Inc. for \$83,562.30. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried unanimously.  
  
\*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve Change Order #2, increasing the EECI contract by \$3,691. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Water Plant Instrumentation Update:** ARRO is requesting a copy of the completed Certificate of Construction.

**Secretary's Report/Correspondence – Ms. Wagner**

The borough office will be closed from December 22-27.

**Mayor's Report – Mayor Remp**

There were 83 calls noted on the November PA State Police report.

One application has been received for the next round of Hometown Heroes banners. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2023.

The next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be on January 28 at 10:00 a.m., after which time Mayor Remp will provide the 2023 yearly meeting schedule.

Mayor Remp and Council discuss the Hometown Heroes banner relocation form.

Mayor Remp will contact Rileigh's to send Vice President Botwright the individual banner files for the most recent round of banners that were printed.

**Operator/Manager's Report - Mr. Gruber**

Mr. Gruber thanks Mr. Wertz for his work on the zoning ordinance.

Mr. Gruber reports that the MS4 waiver was approved, being valid for 5 years.

Mr. Gruber reports that the borough will be utilizing D.S. Dalious Fire Equipment for future fire extinguisher inspections, with a cost savings of at least 50% from Kistler O'Brien. He will also be meeting with a new company to provide services to the hood suppression system in the park. The new firm will also provide a cost much lower than Kistler O'Brien.

Mr. Gruber thanks R.D. Contracting for their quick response to the recent water valve replacements and water main breaks.

While the Meet the Manager event will no longer continue, Mr. Gruber will create a write-up for the borough website and Facebook page.

Mr. Gruber notes that the first set of 6 valves and gaskets for the water plant have been received. He will be logging each item as it is received.

Mr. Gruber and Council discuss the No Nonsense Neutering contract for 2023. There will be 10 vouchers for the year.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the 2023 No Nonsense Neutering contract. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grim and Mr. Gruber discuss how contract and permit renewals are managed, with Mr. Gruber reporting that he adds the expiration dates to a calendar. The borough is contacted well in advance of any expiration dates.

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

Mr. Smith and Mr. Gruber discuss the work Manmiller Electric completed for the street light on Karen Ct. A new bulb and eye were replaced and the lumens were reduced.

Mr. Gruber and Council discuss the state's scheduled work and detour route for the Franklin St. bridge.

**Sewer – Mr. Wertz** – nothing to report

**Water – President Kline**

President Kline and Mr. Gruber discuss the alarm system for the well at the water tower.

President Kline reports on the recent power outage at wells 4 & 5. **He will be contacting Engineer Smith to discuss a request to have Met-Ed install a cut out at 10<sup>th</sup> St. and Apple Ln.**

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

All time slots are filled for Santa in the Park on December 18.

The Holiday Decorating Contest will take place the week of December 19-23.

The Santa mailbox will be stored in the borough office building after the season ends.

Vice President Botwright continues to work on the park grant.

**Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz**

The ordinance has been advertised, with the public hearing set for January 3, 2023.

The Small Wireless Facilities ordinance is being drafted.

The pedestrian crossing sign at 4<sup>th</sup> & Franklin Sts. was hit again.

**Employee Relations – President Kline**

Mr. Gruber discusses the application received for the crossing guard position.

\*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to hire Thomas Kupp at a rate of \$15/hr. as a crossing guard for the borough. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approvals/Finance/Pension – Vice President Botwright**

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for November 15, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for December 6, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the 2023 budget. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adopt Resolution 154-2022, setting the 2023 real estate tax rate at 6.5 mills. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adopt Resolution 155-2022, setting employee contributions for the non-uniform pension plan at 0%. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discusses the 2023 meeting list. The May 16 workshop will be held in the front conference room, if the polling location moves to the borough office. The July monthly meeting will take place on July 5. The August meeting will take place on August 2, due to National Night Out. The November monthly meeting will be held on November 8.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to advertise the 2023 meeting list as discussed. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

**Community Outreach – Ms. Randazzo** – nothing to report

### **New Business**

#### **Public Comment**

**Mark Paine (25 Main St.):** Is grateful that the two roadway patches were completed, but notes that the areas were not sealed. **Mr. Gruber is asked to follow up with Folk Paving.**

Mr. Paine confirms that Mr. Weinhold will be retiring from his crossing guard position.

Mr. Paine asks if a decision was made regarding the two manholes on the south end of Main St., that he discussed at a prior meeting. Mr. Gruber reports that while they are located in the borough, he does not feel any action needs to be taken, as the manholes are located in the middle of the road.

**Richard Geschwindt (603 Reber St.):** Mr. Geschwindt requests to see a copy of Mr. Zimmerman’s monthly report, with a copy being provided for his review.

Mr. Geschwindt asks if yard waste is still being collected, with Ms. Wagner reporting that pick up has ended for the year and will resume in April 2023.

Mr. Geschwindt requests an update on the strip mall, with President Kline stating that there have been no recent updates. Lance Adam notes of the Perry Twp. planning meeting to be held December 7 at 7:30 p.m. on the matter.

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

Mr. Geschwindt asks what items were noted in the TSC zoning letter and draft site plan. President Kline notes that Mr. Zimmerman has not yet reviewed the information, but states that the request listed several items for review. He further states that Tractor Supply has not submitted any formal plans or applications to the borough. Council discusses the zoning letter.

**Mary Reinhart (914 Main St.):** Discusses the proposed Perry Twp. development that will border the borough and notes of her concern with the increased truck traffic and speeding that will occur when traffic travels from Mocerri Dr. onto Main St. She notes that the developer states that signs will be posted, so that trucks will need to utilize Route 61 and not travel on Main St., but does not believe the drivers will comply. Council discusses the anticipated increase in traffic.

The proposed Wawa may have diesel at the location. Vice President Botwright states the plans appear to show Reber St. ending at the property, with no access being permitted. Mr. Geschwindt and President Kline discuss enforcement of the traffic signs in that area.

**Chief Wagner (Shoemakersville Fire Co):** Thanks President Kline and Mr. Adam for swearing in the fire police. He discusses upcoming fundraisers, including the monthly drive-thru shrimp dinner event and a proposed Sportsman's banquet. David Rubright discusses the storage rental area, reporting that 36 of the 40 spots are taken.

Chief Wagner discusses the e hydraulic tools that were recently purchased with a grant, as well as the 5-ton truck that was purchased at Public Surplus for \$7,000.

Chief Wagner reviewed the Franklin St. Bridge information and notes that the bridge will be closed 3-7 days, while the road is milled and the bridge is exposed. He asks if the area could be open for emergency apparatus. **Mr. Gruber will look into the matter.**

Chief Wagner and Vice President Botwright discuss the borough's second allotment of ARP funds, which have already been allotted for projects.

Mayor Remp thanks the fire company for allowing the Blue Knights to utilize the fire company for setting up for an event this past summer.

Chief Wagner asks that if anyone hears negative feedback on the fire company to contact a fire company representative if they do not feel comfortable approaching him directly.

### **Old Business**

President Kline notes of the Santa in the Park event and the upcoming Holiday Decorating Contest.

A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer