

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

January 17, 2023

President Kline called the workshop of the Shoemakersville Borough Council to order in the Shoemakersville Borough Office, 846 Main St., Shoemakersville, PA at 7:00 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 asks Council to review and approve advertisement of the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act Ordinance and accompanying Resolution.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize the borough manager to forward proposed Ordinance 462-2022 to Solicitor Mooney for final review and advertising. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gruber reports on the recent EPA mandated Copper and Lead Rule. He feels that in increments, a GIS would be beneficial to the borough. The inventory is to be completed by October 16, 2024. Mr. Wertz discusses several of the regulations. Council and Mr. Gruber discusses options for inventorying. **Mr. Gruber will provide more detailed information for the March monthly meeting.**

Mr. Gruber will be taking the water license exam on April 4. Mr. Gruber reports that Miller Environmental requires a 90-day notice if the borough wishes to termination services with firm. As the contract is currently yearly, Mr. Wertz suggests requesting a month to month contract with Miller instead. **Mr. Gruber will further review the terms on the current contract.**

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize the borough manager to draft a letter to Miller Environmental, for a notice not to renew the borough’s contract, to be reviewed and approved by the water committee chair. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

President Kline and Mr. Gruber discuss the wiring issue on the clarifier that Axiom repaired.

Vice President Botwright reports that Eagle Disposal missed the first week of Christmas tree pick-up. Mr. Gruber will speak with Ms. Wagner on the matter.

Council and Mr. Gruber discuss the tree maintenance scheduled for the 800 block of Main St. While the trees are on private properties, they have branches that hang low over borough roads. The trees are not currently violating an ordinances. After further discussion, Council decides to delay the project.

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith

The committee will be working on a list of road repairs for 2023. Mr. Grim and Vice President Botwright discuss the recent road repairs on the 800 block of Chestnut St. Council and Mr. Gruber discuss last year’s road repairs. **Mr. Gruber will look at addressing potholes in the borough.**

Sewer – Mr. Wertz – nothing to report

Water – President Kline – nothing to report

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline – nothing to report

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz

A Zoning Hearing Board meeting for Tractor Supply has been scheduled for February 21 at the borough office at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Wertz discusses the application. Council discusses the proposed project.

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 January 3, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for January 17, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Community Outreach – Ms. Randazzo

Ms. Randazzo distributes and discusses the next draft of the Welcome to Shoemakersville packet to be distributed to new borough residents. **She will email the packet in a pdf file to Council, so recommendations can be made in time for the February monthly meeting.**

Old Business

Mr. Gruber reports that representatives from the Berks County Elections Board conducted a visit to determine if the borough office could be used for the borough's polling site. They will be in contact with a final decision, once their findings are reviewed by the board and solicitor.

Council discusses the County's review of the Final Plans for Record for 1003 Main St. and 1050 Shoemaker Ave. that were submitted by the developer.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Mr. Wertz to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer