

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

January 18, 2022

President Kline called the workshop of the Shoemakersville Borough Council to order in the Shoemakersville Borough Office, 846 Main St., Shoemakersville, PA at 7:07 p.m.

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

Absent from the meeting: Amy Botwright – Vice President, Dustin Remp - Mayor

Mayor's Report – nothing to report

Manager's Report – Mr. Gruber

Mr. Gruber discusses the quote from Hach, for a \$3,000 minimum service agreement. The amount to cover just the chlorine monitor is \$1,500. Mr. Gruber requests that Council approve a new annual contract with Hach for the turbidity meters, the chlorine analyzer, and the digital controls for the turbidity meters at the water plant. President Kline reviews the conversation he had with Hach earlier in the day. He and Mr. Gruber discuss the service and equipment, as President Kline will be receiving a quote to replace the items. No agreement is approved at this time.

Mr. Gruber discusses the letter that was drafted to allow Eagle Disposal to subcontract services, at no charge to the borough, in the event they are unable to meet their obligation for trash pick-up.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize Dana Smith to sign the letter giving consent to Eagle Disposal to sublet services for borough trash removal if necessary. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gruber reports that well #3 will not currently be pulled, due to the borough's current water situation. Staff is attempting to locate a small water loss in the borough. A leak detection company will be investigating the location tomorrow. Council discusses the tower and estimated water loss of 80-100 gallons/minute. Wells #1 and #3 are online.

President Kline and Mr. Gruber discuss the domestic water supply map for the borough.

New Business

Public Comment – no visitors signed in

President Kline reviews the new committees and members list, discussing the name change from Safety to Community Outreach. He notes that the majority of prior safety committee items were covered under the mayor's report and could continue to be reported in that manner.

Mr. Gruber notes that a county representative will be reaching out to set up a time to inspect 846 Main St. for ADA compliance, so that the building can be utilized as the borough's polling location.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve the meeting minutes for January 3, 2022. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve the bills payable for January 18, 2022. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Wagner will be losing the office at 1:30 p.m. on January 27.

President Kline discusses the webinar regarding ARP funding that he and Mr. Gruber attended. He reports that the criteria for using the funds, if less than \$10M was received, has changed, noting that 100% of the funds may be used for lost revenue. This could include anything classified as a government/municipal service; road and public works, but may not be used to repay a debt service or to offset MMO funding.

On April 30 the website to document ARP funding will become available. On a quarterly basis, the borough will need to document how the funds are spent, with the recommended classification of general government. No special audit of the funds will be required. The suggestion is to utilize all of the funds this year, so that additional reporting will not be required over several years. The funds may be transferred into the borough's general fund account, being noted under a revenue line item. Council discusses uses for the funds. Either **President Kline or Mr. Gruber will forward the slide deck from the webinar to Council when it becomes available.**

Old Business

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to appoint Dana Smith as President Pro Tem. Seconded by Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discusses the open seat on the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Grim references Mayor Remp's email regarding 2 members from 2021 both being interested in remaining on the board. Ms. Wagner is to contact both individuals to determine who would like to fill the remaining seat.

President Kline discusses the Home Elite contract for the sale of the pool property. Solicitor Mooney is in receipt of the \$5,000 payment due.

Mr. Wertz discusses sign requirements, stating that the new law prohibits ordinances regulating what a sign does, and may only have specifications relating to the physical sign itself; size, location, etc. Council reviews temporary signs, those relating to specific events, and digital signs. Banners and flags are also mentioned.

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 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer