

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

January 20, 2026

Vice President Botwright called the workshop of the Shoemakersville Borough Council to order in the Shoemakersville Borough Office, 846 Main St., Shoemakersville, PA at 7:01 p.m.

In attendance: Amy Botwright – Vice President, Michael Grim, Mark Paine, Dana Randazzo, Dana Smith, Joseph Wertz Jr., and David Kisha – Mayor

Absent from the meeting: Chris Kline – President, Paul Gruber – Manager & Codes

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Kisha

Met with Sgt. Mengel today. To aid in fining drivers speeding through town, residents should try to obtain the license plate or a video of the incident. Sgt. Mengel will give advance notice when he attends the next borough meeting, so that the public can be made aware and attend with their concerns.

Mayor Kisha will be taking over the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Dustin Remp will continue working with Mayor Kisha on the Hometown Heroes Banners Program, highlighting the 250th Anniversary of the United States, in an effort to further promote the program.

Manager’s Report – Mr. Gruber

Council reviews the list of current and proposed permit fees. Vice President Botwright believes the proposed fees are based upon Mr. Wessner’s fees for Hamburg. Mr. Wertz notes that Mr. Wessner has experience working with at least 10 other municipalities. Council will individually review the fees and offer feedback.

Mr. Wertz reviews the zoning determination letter for 398 Main St. Council discusses the particular ditch that was addressed for the drainage work, as well as how the work could affect water run-off by the railroad tracks. **Mr. Wertz will follow-up on the matter.** His understanding is that this is not a zoning issue, but earth moving, which should prompt action for erosion and sediment control.

Mr. Wertz states that the zoning hearing board ruled in favor of Billy Blankenbiller regarding the hearing for the property at 140 Main St. Mr. Wertz assumes the board granted a variance for impervious coverage and required Mr. Blankenbiller to have off-street parking.

Mr. Wertz and Mr. Smith will work on a list of streets requiring attention.

Moving forward, the laundry mat water bills will be created using the actual readings from the borough’s meter.

New Business

Vice President Botwright and President Kline are working on consolidating a few of the committees. The committee lists will be finalized and forwarded before the next meeting.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve USA BlueBook quote 1179063-4 for \$4,540.39 for the annual purchase of supplies for the water and wastewater plants. Seconded by Mr. Grim. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve the Hach quote dated January 13, 2026 of \$5,626 for the annual service agreement for the inline monitoring equipment at the water plant. Seconded by Mr. Grim. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve the minutes for January 5, 2026. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve the bills payable for January 20, 2026. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wertz would like to disburse the fire company's annual allotment either on a monthly or quarterly basis as opposed to a lump sum. Cash flow for both the borough and fire company are discussed. **Vice President Botwright will research the matter.**

Vice President Botwright reports that the Blue Mountain Wildlife Master Plan presentation will take place at the February 20 workshop. She and Mr. Wertz discuss how the plan would affect the borough.

Vice President Botwright and Council further discuss the Kernsville Dam Recreation Area.

Vice President Botwright requests newsletter content by the end of this week. Council briefly discusses dates for the Spring Community Yard Sale.

Council is welcome to submit any final comments on the ADA Improvements Plan to David Kee.

Vice President Botwright discusses the crossing guard rates as included in the 2026 budget.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to clarify that crossing guards will be paid \$21/hr., with a 1 hour minimum. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Mr. Paine would like the guards to receive \$21/hr. after taxes. Vice President Botwright notes that the borough cannot determine the taxes. Hamburg promotes their guards as receiving \$21/hr. Mr. Grim seeks further clarification on the 1 hour minimum. Vice President Botwright clarifies the rate is \$21/hr. at a minimum of 1 hour per session, retroactive to January 19, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Vice President Botwright reports that the next newsletter will cover February – April. She reviews what content she will include, such as the Hometown Heroes Banners, and will also be highlighting the Children's Fair, as this year is the 75th anniversary. She requests that Mayor Kisha submit a "From the Mayor" section.

Mr. Paine reports that borough staff have been doing a good job in keeping up with the snow plowing. He would also like to recognize the state as placing salt on the state-owned portion of Main St. Council discusses the anticipated snow storm for the upcoming weekend.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Mr. Grim to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted - Melissa Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer