

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

July 15, 2025

President Kline called the workshop of the Shoemakersville Borough Council to order in the Shoemakersville Borough Office, 846 Main St., Shoemakersville, PA at 7:02 p.m.

In attendance: Chris Kline – President, Amy Botwright – Vice President – arrived late, Tara Kennedy-Kline, Dana Randazzo, Dana Smith and Paul Gruber – Manager & Codes

Absent from the meeting: Michael Grim, Joseph Wertz Jr., Dustin Remp – Mayor,

Manager’s Report – Mr. Gruber

Mr. Gruber requests that Council approve the purchase of 2 chlorine injection pumps, as the manual pumps at the pool are not adequate. Brian Grimes from Main Line Commercial Pools recommended two 170 gpd pumps. The pumps were installed and appear to be keeping up. Mr. Gruber reports that 1 of the 4 manual pumps will be rebuilt in the event it is needed. However, another line will need to be tapped in, as the 4 lines for the manual pumps are all in use, because the new pumps each use 2 lines.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to approve the purchase of 2 chlorine injection pumps for the pool. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Ms. Kennedy-Kline notes of a total not to exceed \$1,122.77. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gruber and President Kline note of the scheduled visit to the notary on Wednesday to sign IDP-003.

C2C Engineering delivered the stormwater management plans for the Blankenbiller property. Mr. Gruber also received an electronic copy, which was forwarded to David Kee, who will provide comments for the August 5 monthly meeting.

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith

Mr. Gruber reports that the roadwork on Water St. and 5th & Franklin Sts. was completed by Folk Paving.

Sewer – Mr. Wertz

President Kline notes that ARRO is drafting a PSA regarding the use of utility water for the chlorination process at the plant.

Water – President Kline

President Kline and Mr. Gruber discuss the water meter at the laundry mat. Mr. Gruber reports that when staff was at the laundry mat to replace the meter (one is on order and has not yet been installed) Mr. Barbon voluntarily turned off his well meter. Mr. Barbon is to continue receiving estimated bills until a new meter is installed by the borough.

Mr. Gruber reports that DEP will be performing an inspection at the plant on August 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

The Lion’s Club carnival will be held on July 25 & 26 at the park.

Vice President Botwright reports that the annual pool party will be on July 23.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz – nothing to report

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 July 1, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for July 15, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Botwright will be reaching out to organizations that receive annual borough donations, asking them to submit their budget requests and supporting documentation in advance of the budget workshops.

Community Outreach – Ms. Randazzo

Ms. Randazzo and Vice President Botwright discuss the community yard sale information to be included in the upcoming newsletter.

Old Business

Council and ARRO continue to review simplified methods for the stormwater ordinance.

Council reviews the proposed rates for employee medical insurance.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to renew the Highmark Blue Shield PPO Blue \$1500 100/80 Gold plan. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith asks if there were any comments from staff regarding the plan, with President Kline reporting that there were no negative comments when the plan was reviewed last year. This is the 3rd year with the current plan. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer