

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

July 16, 2024

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., Paul Gruber – Manager & Codes – arrived after 7:00 p.m. and Brandon Nabar – Junior Council Person.

Absent from the meeting: Dustin Remp – Mayor

Manager’s Report – Mr. Gruber

Council discusses the garage roof repairs and reviews the quotes received from Bachman’s Roofing and Ram Roofing. The third quote from White Roofing has not yet been received.

President Kline reviews Mr. Gruber’s report to note the question of whether Bill Murphy or the borough’s code enforcement officer should be the floodplain administrator, as the ordinance designates the borough’s building code official. President Kline points out that Mr. Gruber is technically code enforcement and zoning and that Mr. Murphy is the borough’s building code official. President Kline and Mr. Wertz ask if Mr. Murphy was the administrator in the past and whether or not he is capable. Mr. Wertz asks that Ms. Wagner send Floodplain Ordinance 426-2012 for review.

Mr. Gruber’s report asks if the borough has the authority to go on private property to cut the grass and weeds, track the associated costs and place a lien on the property. Ms. Kennedy-Kline states the borough has the authority to do so and has done this in the past. President Kline has discussed the matter with Mr. Gruber. The borough has the ability to move forward to the magistrate for fines if necessary.

Mr. Wertz reports that the Hamburg Council President informed him that the Hamburg Police Department would be willing to discuss patrolling Shoemakersville. President Kline discusses a previous conversation he had several years ago with George Holmes regarding the Hamburg Police Department subsidizing the cost of an officer. A proposal would be needed for further discussion/consideration.

Mr. Grim asks for an update on the matter with the former police chief, with Vice President Botwright noting that the case was dismissed.

Council discusses Mr. Gruber’s note that Police Chief Kuklinski has suggested that crossing guards for Hamburg and Shoemakersville be cross sworn, so that they would be able to cover posts in both boroughs if needed. Council is agreeable to doing so.

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith

President Kline will email Council quotes on speed humps. He discusses a 3” high x 7’ wide x 30’ long speed hump designed for 25 mph traffic, for a cost of around \$5,000. The table could be placed by the park or at the south end of Main St. The removable hump could not be utilized on a Penndot road.

Sewer – Mr. Wertz – nothing to report

Water – President Kline

The plant and all wells except for well 6 are up and running.

Some of the parts to repair the influent valves have been received.

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

Vice President Botwright reports that the pool party will be Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for \$10/person.

The Lion’s Club Carnival will be July 26 & 27.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz

Mr. Wertz will be reviewing Ordinance 426-2012 for clarification on the floodplain administrator.

Mr. Gruber is seeking an interpretation of the language in the ordinance. He further notes that there is extensive training involved as part of the floodplain administrator’s duties.

Council confirms that the borough has the authority to cut a resident’s grass and place a lien on the property if the property owner does not adhere to the ordinance.

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 2, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for July 16, 2024. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Community Outreach – Ms. Randazzo

Ms. Randazzo suggests holding the next community yard sale on Saturday, September 21.

Vice President Botwright reports that the newsletter is scheduled to be printed and distributed next week. Council and Mr. Gruber review the sign information included in the newsletter.

New Business

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to not reimbursement Mr. Leshner for the windshield damage allegedly caused by a chip from recent road work. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize the council president to sign the letters of support for the DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Application for Home Elite Ltd. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Koch and Council discuss the naming of Mocerri Dr.

Attorney Koch reports that Bohler Engineering will be resubmitting plans for the land development, the pool parcel subdivision and the Shoemakersville Shopping Center. Attorney Koch would like to further discuss the fire code review once a response is received.

Attorney Koch confirms with Council that Solicitor Mooney is authorized to send the License Agreement to him.

Attorney Koch confirms that Council authorized execution of the amendment to the Agreement of Sale at the July 2 meeting.

Mr. Grim asks when construction on the Perry Township side of the project will begin, with Attorney Koch reporting that the township side has conditional preliminary approval. The plans are being re-engineered and resubmitted to Perry Township within the next 60 days. He will ask that a copy of the plans be submitted to the borough.

Groundbreaking is expected to take place in less than 1 year. Attorney Koch will provide a timeline of events once the project moves forward. The Chapter 105 permit application has been resubmitted to DEP.

Attorney Koch thanks Council for the signed letters of support for the Multimodal Application.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Mr. Wertz to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer