

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Shoemakersville Borough**

**July 18, 2023**

President Kline called the workshop of the Shoemakersville Borough Council to order in the Shoemakersville Borough Office, 846 Main St., Shoemakersville, PA at 7:04 p.m.

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

Absent from the meeting: Dana Smith, Dustin Remp – Mayor

**Manager’s Report – Mr. Gruber**

Mr. Gruber reports of a busy week for staff. Mr. Rollman returned all borough owned items. Mr. Gruber thanks President Kline and Mr. Wertz for their assistance at the wastewater plant last week.

The Axiom quote for \$12,590 is to rebuild blower #1 and supply a new motor, as it would not be cost effective to repair the unit. Council and Mr. Gruber discuss the quote. **Mr. Gruber will contact Axiom to see how long they can hold the blower.**

Renegade installed all of the valves on filter #1. The wiring and programming are scheduled to be completed by Friday. Council discusses the control system.

**Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith**

Council reviews the procedure for residents to report missed trash pick-ups, with Vice President Botwright noting that residents may either use the online reporting form or call the borough office. Council discusses the current trash hauler situation in the borough.

**Sewer – Mr. Wertz** – nothing to report

**Water – President Kline**

The only potential change order for the valve project would be for labor.

Mr. Gruber reports that training for the new water meter system will take place in late August.

**Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline**

Council discusses the grant and the RFPs for the Park Master Plans. Vice President Botwright reports that all 3 plans state that this would be a 12-month process. However, the borough only has 5-6 months to work with.

Quotes: Barry Isett & Associates: \$20,965 + \$9,000 for a topographical survey + \$3,000 each for structural assessments of the pavilion and other structures.

HRG: \$21,000

ARRO: \$33,221

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to accept the proposal from Barry Isett & Associates for the Shoemakersville Park Master Plan. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion by Vice President

Botwright to include the proposal amount of \$20,965. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

**Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz**

Council and Mr. Gruber discuss the Tractor Supply project, reviewing the various plans and permit applications that were submitted and issued. Mr. Wertz reports that the asphalt currently behind the building does not appear wide enough for a fire lane. The proposed area for the propane tank would be in the alleyway between the two fenced areas. Vice President Botwright discusses ARRO's review of the berm construction, as well as concerns regarding stormwater runoff. **A meeting will be scheduled with Bill Murphy to discuss Council's concerns on the 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 July 5, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Grim. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for July 18, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Grim. Motion carried by a vote of 5 yes to 1 abstain, with Vice President Botwright abstaining.

Council discusses the Georgeadis Setley invoice received from Customers Bank for the loan modification. **Solicitor Mooney will be asked to reiterate the borough's previous position to Customers Bank, that Council will not be paying for any portion of the submitted invoice.**

**Community Outreach – Ms. Randazzo**

Vice President Botwright will create the community yard sale event in Facebook, with Ms. Randazzo adding additional information to the post regarding event signage.

**New Business** - none

**Old Business**

Vice President Botwright reviews the "5-Minute Rule" resolution. Council discusses the time limit for visitors who attend meetings.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Mr. Wertz to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Melissa Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer