

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

June 2, 2026

President Kline called the monthly meeting 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, Michael Grim, Mark Paine, Dana Randazzo, Dana Smith, Joseph Wertz, Jr., David Kisha – Mayor, David Kee – Engineer, Chip Haws – Solicitor, Paul Gruber – Borough Manager & Codes and Melissa Wagner – Secretary/Treasurer

Absent from the meeting: Amy Botwright – Vice President

Code Enforcement, Zoning & Permits – Mr. Gruber

- **Notices & Permits:** Two properties with high grass will be receiving a second notice.

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Haws – nothing to report

Engineer's Report – Mr. Kee

- **LSA Grant for Borough Hall ADA Improvements:** Work began on June 1. Mr. Wertz confirms with Mr. Kee that the meeting room will be able to be used for meetings.

Fire Chief's Report – Chief Wagner

There were 44 calls in May.

Folk Paving will be blacktopping the road leading to the top storage area and the top parking lot in the next week.

There has been no update with the status of the new engine/tanker.

Mr. Smith and Chief Wagner discuss the Motorola radios, with Chief Wagner noting there will be meetings scheduled between the departments and Motorola, to demonstrate the radios and to further discuss pricing. Motorola will be discontinuing the radios that are currently in use.

Secretary's Report/Correspondence – Ms. Wagner

Ms. Wagner requests to close the office at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3. The borough office will be closed on June 11 & 12.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Kisha

The PA State Police responded to 81 calls in the borough last month. The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be in October, at which time crosswalk coverage during Trick-or-Treating will be discussed.

Mr. Remp continues to be in charge of the Hometown Heroes program.

Manager's Report – Mr. Gruber

Mr. Holbert has passed the pesticide core exam and will be studying to test for categories 10, 23 & 24. He continues to attend weekly sessions at PA Rural Water to prepare for the water operator's exam.

Mr. Gruber reports that a new ORP probe was installed on the BECs controller at the pool.

Mr. Gruber requests approval to purchase a power converter for a composite sampler from USA BlueBook for \$670. This will supply direct power and eliminate the need to purchase batteries, which are \$290 each.

Executive Session

Council recesses into executive session at 7:08 p.m. to discuss a current agreement with the borough. Regular session reconvenes at 7:22 p.m.

Utilities – President Kline

Suburban sampled the water on May 5 at Bell Trucking and the water plant, with all requirements being met.

Public Works – Mr. Wertz

Mr. Gruber will reach out to UGI regarding a timeframe for their work on Franklin St., so that AMS can schedule the road project work.

Rec & Community – Ms. Randazzo

*A motion is made by Ms. Randazzo to hire the following for pool staff: Isabella Berger for snack bar at \$9/hr. and Rileigh Martin & Ava Epting as lifeguards for \$15/hr. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Randazzo reports that the Square processing program will be utilized for the pool. This will also allow guests to make snack bar purchases using credit/debit cards. Mr. Wertz notes that the 3% charge per transaction will be charged to the card, with a posting at the pool stating such.

Mr. Grim reports on the status of the website, noting that he will review the latest revision, with the changes going on the live site in the next week or two. He will obtain an estimate from CourseVector if the charges for the updates overrun the budgeted amount.

Ms. Randazzo reports that the Children's Fair & Parade will take place this Saturday, June 6 with the parade beginning at 10:00 a.m. She and Mr. Gruber discuss readying the park for the event. Mr. Gruber and President Kline discuss the electrical box by the basketball courts.

Mr. Gruber reports that it is time consuming for staff to paint the lines for the parking spaces for the Children's Fair event and asks if it would be possible to have someone direct traffic instead. Staff would still paint the white arrows. President Kline recommends parking a few vehicles in the lot before the event, with the hopes that guests will park in the same manner. **Ms. Randazzo will speak with Ms. Moser and Vice President Botwright on the matter.** Mr. Paine has received a \$100 gift card for Sam's Club for the Children's Fair and will also be picking up a donation of water. President Kline notes that his son will also be receiving a donation of water.

Admin & Finance – Vice President Botwright

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve the minutes for May 19, 2026. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve the bills payable for June 2, 2026. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to purchase a composite sampler power inverter from USA BlueBook for \$670 plus the cost of shipping and any applicable taxes. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize the renewal of the property/liability insurance with Tokio Marine for a cost of \$49,464 which is a \$3,820 increase over last year's premium. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to issue a 30-day time extension per the request for the Bell Warehouse Subdivision and Land Development project. The borough manager is to send notice to the Bell engineer and to also note of the borough's request to explain any further delay in the project. Solicitor Haws recommends that the extension be until the next Council meeting, with Mr. Wertz amending the motion to issue the extension until July 7, 2026. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Relations – President Kline – nothing to report

New Business

Public Comment

Richard Geschwindt (603 Reber St.): Asks for clarification on how many permits were issued last month, with Mr. Gruber reporting that no permits were issued in May.

Mr. Geschwindt asks why the insurance premium increased, with Mr. Wertz stating that the rate increased and notes of the Noecker water meter claim.

Rusty Wagner (233 Salem Church Rd.): Reports that Front Line Fabrics has generously donated funds for the engine house and social quarters to receive a facelift.

He notes that this past Saturday, approximately 20 firefighters attended the live burning training at the county training site

*A motion is made by Mr. Grim to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer