

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Shoemakersville Borough**

**March 18, 2025**

President Kline called the workshop of the Shoemakersville Borough Council to order in the Shoemakersville Borough Office, 846 Main St., Shoemakersville, PA at 7:15 p.m.

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

Absent from the meeting: Dustin Remp – Mayor

**Manager’s Report – Mr. Gruber**

Mr. Gruber will be reaching out to a Chevrolet dealer to receive quotes for a new truck with a utility body.

Mr. Gruber reports that the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for Tractor Supply expired on February 16, 2025. A meeting regarding the outstanding items for Tractor Supply has been scheduled for Friday at 1:00 p.m. at the store.

\*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to extend the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for Tractor Supply for an additional 90 days, until May 16, 2025. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gruber reviews the Sweeper Rental Agreement he received from Hamburg Borough, who could provide street sweeping services to the borough. They are proposing a rental fee of \$500 per 8-hour day. Manholes would cost an additional \$50 per basin. Hamburg would provide the driver. Mr. Gruber recommends street sweeping twice a year and feels all streets needing to be swept could be completed in 1 day. A quote from Evercor Maintenance notes a rental fee of \$200/hr. An intermunicipal agreement could be beneficial to both boroughs, as Hamburg owns a hot tar machine and Shoemakersville has staff able to complete water main breaks, which Hamburg does not have. Council discusses the agreement and would like Solicitor Mooney to review the agreement and to include a time frame and language regarding liability insurance for both parties.

The information from DEP regarding free radon test kits will be posted on the borough website and Facebook page.

Mr. Gruber reports that the response rate has been low from residents that received notices to have their water meters replaced. Once the deadline in the letter has passed, residents will be contacted via telephone or by having a notice posted on their door.

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

Mr. Smith and Mr. Wertz drove throughout the borough and provided Mr. Gruber with a list of streets for the 2025 road project. Mr. Gruber will have the project posted on PennBid shortly. Council reviews the streets included in the project. Council discusses the condition of Lincoln St., noting that it will need to be reconstructed at some point. An estimate to mill Lincoln St. will be obtained.

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

**Water – President Kline** - nothing to report

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

Ms. Kennedy-Kline reports that Seth Breon will be holding an Easter egg hunt on April 12 at 1:00 p.m. The Perry PTO will be holding an egg hunt on April 19 at the elementary school.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline notes of the Scibble Tournament on April 5 at Ollie’s Tavern. Vice President Botwright reports that the next Rec Board meeting will be March 19 at the borough office.

Vice President Botwright recommends raising the senior membership rate for the Shoey Pool to \$40 for Shoemakersville and Perry Twp. residents and \$75 for all other senior patrons. She is also working on offering swim lessons this season; \$50 for 4 days of 45-minute lessons and possibly \$15 for a pop-up lesson, which would be for a maximum of 5 children.

**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 March 4, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for March 18, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

**Community Outreach – Ms. Randazzo**

The Community Yard Sale is May 3 from 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**New Business**

**Public Comment**

**Tony Luongo & Kevin Leshar (Brecknock Builders) and Gino Bell (Bell Real Estate Property):**

Mr. Luongo provides copies and reviews the Site Plan for the 4800 sq. ft. addition for warehouse space at 1079 Shoemaker Ave. He has spoken with Mr. Gruber and Mr. Kee regarding the project and feels they will be able to meet the stormwater controls as noted in the borough ordinance. The downspouts exit at grade, with the green space being to the front and side of the existing building. The addition will have 2 loading docks in the rear.

Mr. Luongo notes in speaking with Mr. Kee that any construction on a commercial site constitutes land development. As the site has an existing gravel area & impervious surface and the project itself is small, Mr. Luongo is requesting a waiver of land development, with conditions.

Mr. Bell reports that the tenant is MJ Electric, who utilizes the space as a satellite location for their trucks and equipment, while servicing areas from New England to the Carolinas.

Council and Mr. Luongo review the land development parameters and any required stormwater calculations.

Mr. Luongo will forward plans to Mr. Gruber, who will review and then send the plans to Mr. Kee for his review. A conference call will be held between all parties.

Mr. Gruber will forward comments on the Pool Timeline and Expectations list to Vice President Botwright.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Mr. Grim to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Mr. Gruber asks if action will be taken on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the Agreement of Sale for the pool property that is included in the meeting packets. Council discusses the draft agreement and the plans that were signed earlier in the evening. Ms. Kennedy-Kline will update the draft agreement. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer