

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Shoemakersville Borough**

**March 3, 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, Amy Botwright – Vice President, Michael Grim, Mark Paine, Dana Randazzo, Joseph Wertz, Jr., David Kisha – Mayor, David Kee – Engineer – leaves at 7:21 p.m., Chip Haws – Solicitor – leaves at 7:21 p.m., Paul Gruber – Borough Manager & Codes and Melissa Wagner – Secretary/Treasurer

Absent from the meeting: Dana Smith

**Code Enforcement, Zoning & Permits – Mr. Gruber**

- **Notices & Permits:** The report has been updated to reflect that all items have been resolved. President Kline and Mr. Gruber discuss the leaking oil tank, with Mr. Gruber reporting that DEP continues to document the property. The borough is unable to take any action at this time.

**Solicitor’s Report – Solicitor Haws** – nothing to report

**Engineer’s Report – Mr. Kee**

- **LSA Grant for Borough Hall ADA Improvements:** The low bidder is Arlan R. Wessner Inc. for \$163,772. All of their documents appear to be in order.

\*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize ARRO to issue a Notice of Intent to Arlan R. Wessner Inc. for the ADA improvements at the borough hall, for \$163,772. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. The non-matching grant award for the project is \$205,000. Engineering fees covered will depend on when the agreement was signed. The borough will be responsible for expenses over \$205,000 including change orders. Mr. Kee reports that the county has reviewed the plan and would need to certify the upgrades one month prior to the elections. The contractor has 4 months for substantial completion once the Notice to Proceed is received and 5 months for final completion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Fire Chief’s Report – Chief Wagner** – Nothing to report

**Secretary’s Report/Correspondence – Ms. Wagner**

The borough office will be closing at noon on March 11 and will be closed on April 2 & 3. Council has no issue with Ms. Wagner’s request to close the office at noon on April 20.

**Mayor’s Report – Mayor Kisha**

The PA State Police responded to 52 calls in the borough last month.

The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be at the borough office on March 10 at 7:00 p.m.

**Manager’s Report – Mr. Gruber**

The revised Emergency Operations Plan for Shoemakersville Borough & Perry Township will be forwarded to Council upon receipt from Jarrod Emes.

Mr. Gruber, Mr. Methax and Ms. Wagner are compiling water meter information to report on the status of the change out program.

Mr. Gruber and Council discuss the Stihl TS 910i cut saw from Kuzan's. Initially they were not going to honor the \$2,000 verbal quote. After further discussion with Jesse Heffner, Kuzan's will now honor the \$2,000 price. Approval to purchase the saw was granted at a prior meeting.

Mr. Gruber has received a street patching quote from Folk Paving.

\*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve the Folk Paving quote dated 2/24/2026 in the amount of \$4,960 for 5 patches totaling 57 yds. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gruber and Council review a quote received for two pool filter bulkheads, at a cost of \$4,124.96, which includes shipping. Vice President Botwright notes that the budget only allows for the purchase of one filter. Ms. Randazzo asks if other quotes were obtained, with Mr. Gruber stating that he will speak with Mr. Methax regarding the other quotes that were received.

Mr. Gruber received a quote of \$1,504.61 for pool paint from Mountain View Supply.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to purchase pool paint from Mountain View Supply for \$1,504.61. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. President Kline asks if this will cover the entire pool, with Mr. Gruber stating that it will. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gruber and President Kline review the quotes from KNG Electric for a Nema Size 3 contactor for blower #2.

\*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to purchase the refurbished Nema Size 3 contactor from KNG Electric, at a cost of \$1,130.95, plus a cost up to \$300 for installation labor. Seconded by Mr. Grim. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Utilities – President Kline**

Suburban sampled the water on February 3 at the Kwik Shoppe and the sewer plant, with all requirements being met.

### **Public Works – Mr. Wertz**

Mr. Gruber will forward the suggested street repairs/oil & chip list to the committee this week.

Mr. Gruber, Council and Mr. Kee discuss the chip seal equipment rental information from AMS. Mr. Wertz will contact Thomas El-Erian for further details. Mr. Kee will review his specs on the matter.

### **Rec & Community – Ms. Randazzo**

Ms. Randazzo and Mr. Gruber discuss the mulch quote received last year, which will still be honored in 2026. Ms. Randazzo is requesting the mulch be in place in May.

### **Admin & Finance – Vice President Botwright**

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for February 17, 2026. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for March 3, 2026. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Botwright notes of the meeting on March 4 at 6:00 p.m. with Bryan Smith and Michele Lewis from Barry Isett to review grant opportunities and projects for the park improvements.

**Employee Relations – President Kline**

Vice President Botwright reports that the committee met with staff last week regarding the 2026 goals.

**New Business**

**Public Comment**

**Richard Geschwindt (603 Reber St.):** Requests an update on the proposed strip mall and traffic light, with President Kline reporting that nothing has been heard on either matter. Mr. Paine refers to an early meeting at which Lance Adam reported that silt socks were ordered for March.

Mr. Geschwindt reports that Schneider trucks continue to turn north onto Reber St. Mr. Gruber thanks Mr. Geschwindt for the photos he sent and notes that Schneider confirmed through their trucks GPS that one of their vehicles was in that area. Mr. Gruber was provided with Schneider's insurance carrier's information for any property damage that may occur.

**Rusty Wagner (233 Salem Church Rd.):** Reports that there were 38 fire company calls in February.

\*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Grim. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Melissa Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer