

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

May 17, 2022

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., and Paul Gruber – Manager.

Absent from the meeting: Dustin Remp - Mayor

Manager's Report – Mr. Gruber

Mr. Gruber reviews the Axiom quote for a check valve at the wastewater plant.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve Axiom quote #193717 for \$2,395.00 for replacement of the ball and check valve at the wastewater plant. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gruber and Council discuss the 3rd Amendment to the Industrial Wastewater Transportation and Treatment Agreement that Solicitor Mooney has recommended the borough sign. **Mr. Gruber will request a finalized copy of the agreement from Solicitor Mooney.** Solicitor Mooney will also be contacted to determine whether item #9 is to be completely removed from the agreement or if there is an error in numbering.

Mr. Gruber discusses the draft Industrial Discharge Permit for Wolfe Dye & Bleach. The current permit does not expire until the end of June. Mr. Gruber will be meeting with Mark Wolfe in two weeks. Mr. Gruber and Mr. Wertz discuss the possibility of drafting a resolution or amending the Industrial Pre-Treatment Ordinance, to lower the TDS from 5,000 to 4,000 and how this would affect the discharge permit.

Mr. Gruber has received the ARRO prepared invoices for the 4th quarter of 2020 and all of 2021 for lab testing surcharges for Wolfe Dye & Bleach, with \$1,900 being owed to the borough. Mr. Gruber feels that moving forward, the borough could complete the surcharge calculations. Mr. Wertz discusses recent communication he had with ARRO regarding their interaction with Perry Township on an agreement, PCB testing, and dissolved solids matters. Council and Mr. Gruber discuss the figures and permit.

Mr. Gruber contacted WG Malden to discuss the numbers for sludge production. In 2016, there was an issue with the sludge pump. WG Malden had set the pump at 25 gpm, so that if the pump was pushing less than that, nothing would be registered. The pump has now been reset to 2 gpm. WG Malden also reviewed the meter that was not registering for wasting. The issue was a clog in the line, which has since resolved.

Mr. Gruber reports that Mr. Zimmerman has been a tremendous help and that Mr. Senft is quickly learning about plant operations. Staff will rotate through plant operations with Mr. Gruber at 2-week intervals, after which each employee will be at the plant for 1 week at a time, until more assistance is obtained. Mr. Wertz is pleased with the recent plant changes and operations.

Mr. Gruber and President Kline discuss Excelsior's feedback on the motor for blower #3.

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith discusses Mr. Zimmerman's price comparison between Smart Choice and Kuzan's, for a 7' x 20' trailer. Smart Choice's price is \$4,400, while Kuzan's is \$6,450. Mr. Gruber and Council also discuss a 5' x 8' trailer, at a cost of \$1,800.

*A motion is made by Mr. Smith to add the purchase of 2 trailers, one at 7' x 20' and the second at 5' x 8' to the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Mr. Smith to purchase 2 trailers from Smart Choice: 7' x 20' for \$4,400 and 5' x 8' for \$1,800. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith and Council review the quotes to purchase and install air conditioning in the office meeting room.

*A motion is made by Mr. Smith to purchase the material and equipment for the air conditioning unit for the meeting room at a cost not to exceed \$6,100. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Mr. Smith to approve the installation of the air conditioning unit at a cost not to exceed \$6,600. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gruber and Council discuss air conditioning for the wastewater plant lab.

Starting June 9, trash pick-up day will move to Thursday.

President Kline reports of Mr. Zimmerman's note that Asphalt Maintenance is planning on beginning the paving project in July.

Sewer – Mr. Wertz

There will be a PCB meeting with ARRO on Wednesday.

Mr. Wertz attended the PTMA meeting to request their assistance in locating PCBs. He also discussed wellhead protection at the meeting.

Mr. Wertz discusses ARRO's previous cost overrun for the sewer plant project. ARRO is requesting \$2,500. The balance of the \$5,000 overage would be charged on the construction portion of the project. Council and Mr. Gruber discuss payment of the invoices. President Kline suggests drafting a letter to PTMA regarding the timeline of payments for their 40% portion of the project costs.

Water – President Kline

The well #1 electric service rework will be tabled, due to the amount of underground work required.

President Kline discusses the email he received from T-Mobile, regarding the planned modifications to their antenna on the water tower. **He will speak with them regarding their note that stud welding to the tank wall may be needed if the antenna requires kickers.**

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to hire Reece Adam, Riley Adam, and Owen Zimmerman at \$10/hr. to be park leaders. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to hire Ayden Gonzalez, Hannah Kristiniak, Sadie Haines, and William Marchiano at a rate of \$8/hr. for snack bar and gate coverage at the pool. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Botwright discusses the Schuylkill River Trail Meeting that she and Mr. Zimmerman attended last week. After the meeting, some of the group visited property located at Schuylkill Ave., as there may be grant money available to purchase the land to use for a park and to potentially become part of the trail.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz

Mr. Wertz and Council discuss the sign portion of the proposed zoning ordinance, focusing on flags and temporary signs.

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 May 3, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for May 17, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Community Outreach – Ms. Randazzo

The Community Yard Sale was held on May 14. There were 32 addresses that appeared on the yard sale map. The next yard sale will tentatively be held on September 10.

Mark Paine was walking around during the event, as a representative for the Neighborhood Watch. The main issue he heard from residents was regarding speeding. Council discusses speed limits throughout the borough and which entities are responsible for certain portions of the roadway, as well as what traffic calming devices could be utilized.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline discusses a food truck/wine distillery event to potentially be held in the park, to benefit Shoey Baseball. Council discusses how having alcohol at the park would be handled. Ms. Kennedy-Kline previously discussed the matter with Brad Valentino, who noted that the association would pay for any insurance related riders the borough would need to have for the event.

New Business

Mr. Grim asks if the borough has any ordinances related to having barrels to collect rainwater. The container should prohibit insect or mosquito infestation.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer