

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Shoemakersville Borough**

**November 15, 2022**

Vice President Botwright called the workshop of the Shoemakersville Borough Council to order in the Shoemakersville Borough Office, 846 Main St., Shoemakersville, PA at 7:03 p.m.

**In attendance:** Amy Botwright –Vice President, Michael Grim, Dana Randazzo, Dana Smith, Joseph Wertz, Jr., and Paul Gruber – Manager

Absent from the meeting: Chris Kline – President, Tara Kennedy-Kline, Dustin Remp - Mayor

**Manager’s Report – Mr. Gruber**

Mr. Gruber discusses the valve replacement and spacer & adapter quotes received from LB Water. The larger quote must be under the grant. However, the parts can be ordered directly by the borough.

\*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize the acquisition of the valves as noted in Quote 1781134 from LB Water, at a cost of \$60,446.40, being acquired through Costars pricing. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve LB Water Quote 1780419 for \$5,002.78 for spacers and accessories. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gruber reports on the progress of the work at the sewer plant. The top riser ring will be replaced on Thursday. Mr. Gruber and Mr. Wertz discuss the outside work still needing to be completed.

Mr. Gruber notes that as the rep from Iron Horse reported that some of the parts for the aeration baffles and pipes are no longer made, repairs are being made inhouse.

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

Mr. Smith and Mr. Gruber discuss two separate farmers that go throughout town picking up bagged leaves on Thursdays.

Mr. Wertz reports that the pedestrian sign at 4<sup>th</sup> & Franklin Sts. was hit again. Mr. Gruber states that the sign is scheduled to be replaced on Wednesday. Council discusses the sign at 8<sup>th</sup> & Main Sts. Mr. Wertz notes that the PA State Police were at 4<sup>th</sup> & Franklin Sts. on 3 separate occasions last week. Mr. Wertz and Council discuss having the intersection designated as a school zone. Vice President Botwright researches the requirements and notes that a traffic study is required. **Mr. Gruber will contact Engineer Smith for a cost estimate for a study.**

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

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

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

Santa in the Park will be held on Sunday, December 18 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Vice President Botwright reports that the Shoemakersville Lion’s Club, the Shoemakersville Rec Bord, the Perry Rec Board and community members are partnering for the event.

Mr. Wertz asks for an update on the Park Master Site Plan, with Vice President Botwright reporting that she will be making adjustments to the RFP so it may be put out for bids.

**Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz**

Council reviews the Berks County Planning Commission’s comments on the borough’s proposed zoning ordinance. The majority of the concerns are cosmetic and will be updated during a meeting between Mr. Wertz and Mr. Gruber in the next two weeks.

**Employee Relations – President Kline**

Mr. Gruber notes that he will be taking 3 days bereavement time in the upcoming weeks.

**Approvals/Finance/Pension – Vice President Botwright**

\*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve the minutes for November 1, 2022. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo.

\*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve the bills payable for November 15, 2022. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

**Community Outreach – Ms. Randazzo**

Ms. Randazzo distributes and discusses the second draft of the Welcome to Shoemakersville packet to be distributed to new borough residents. She recognizes Mr. Grim’s emailed suggestions. Ms. Randazzo will email a copy of the packet to Council.

Vice President Botwright posted information on the borough’s Community Facebook page regarding the Keystone Military Families food distribution scheduled for next Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Gruber plans to have no parking signs posted on Friday and has spoken to the fire company regarding fire police availability for the event as well. He has contacted Kuzan’s to rent lighting for the night-time distribution.

Mr. Wertz and Council discuss the community garden that was mentioned at a prior meeting. Vice President Botwright notes that garden is part of the park master plan.

**Old Business**

Mr. Grim and Council discuss having the polling location moved to the borough office, which would involve the County Elections Board and the County Elections Commission. Council and Mr. Gruber discuss the steps that are involved.

Mr. Grim distributes a checklist related to CCTV cameras at 4<sup>th</sup> & Franklin Sts.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Mr. Wertz to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer