

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

November 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 7:02 p.m.

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

Absent from the meeting: Michael Grim, Tara Kennedy-Kline, Dustin Remp – Mayor

Manager’s Report – Mr. Gruber

Mr. Gruber is seeking approval of the estimates for the concrete work at the pool and to repair the floodgate opening at the wastewater plant.

The disinfection process at the wastewater plant is running on 100% utility water.

Mr. Gruber reports that Mr. Wessner will be sending a notice to 398 Main St., regarding the stormwater violation and to Sheetz regarding repairs to their handicap doors.

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith reports that the water heater at the wastewater plant is leaking and needs to be replaced.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize replacement of the water heater at the wastewater plant for a cost not to exceed \$1,800. Seconded by Mr. Smith. President Kline confirms that the replacement will be in kind. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith reads a notice from Joseph Schrupp at Met-Ed, stating that Met-Ed was recently approved to upgrade all company owned non-LED lights to LED, with the process taking several years. As requested, the borough has been noted as a priority, with the hopes that the lights can be upgraded sooner. The majority of lights are not due to be replaced until 2030. Council discusses ownership of the lights and replacement of the bulbs. Mr. Gruber previously spoke with a Met-Ed representative, who stated that Met-Ed is also responsible for the light bulbs in any borough-owned fixtures.

Sewer – Mr. Wertz

The disinfection process at the plant is running on 100% utility water, with an estimated savings of 6M gallons/year. Mr. Gruber and Mr. Wertz discuss the changes that can be seen in operations.

Water – President Kline

Renegade has begun work on the alarm upgrades at the plant.

Mr. Wertz reports that ARRO is drafting a PSA for an engineering analysis regarding water production.

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the quote of \$2,875 to repair the concrete at the pool. Seconded by Mr. Smith. President Kline asks when the work will be completed, with Mr. Gruber reporting in the next few weeks. Motion carried unanimously.

The Lion's Club has decided to move the December 20 Santa holiday event from the borough park to the fire company.

Council and Mr. Gruber review the options and quotes for park mulch. **Mr. Gruber will reach out to the suppliers to determine how long they will honor the pricing.**

Vice President Botwright reports that the Holiday Decorating Contest will be the week of December 15.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz

Mr. Wertz reviews ARRO's Opinion of Probable Construction Cost for the underground portion of the park drainage improvements project, with the estimate of \$680,282.46. The Opinion of Probable Cost, project description and the Park Master Site Plan were sent to the legislator and senator. The legislator's office has issued a letter of support.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize ARRO to submit the LSA grant application for the park drainage improvements, pending receive of both letters of support. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Mr. Smith ask why there is only 1 line in the proposed drainage plan, coming from 9th St. through the middle of the park, with Mr. Wertz stating that this will be a larger line. There will also be catch basins in place. President Kline and Vice President Botwright further discuss the drain field and multiple swales & catch basins that will be constructed. President Kline and Mr. Wertz discuss velocity, with regards to a ditch along Park St. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Relations – President Kline

Executive Session

Council recesses into executive session at 7:32 p.m. for employee relations matters. Regular session reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

Approvals/Finance/Pension – Vice President Botwright

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve the minutes for November 5, 2025. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve the bills payable for November 18, 2025. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve R. D. Contracting estimate #2025247 for \$1,780 to repair the floodgate opening at the wastewater plant. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Botwright reports that the 2026 budget was advertised.

Community Outreach – Ms. Randazzo – nothing to report

New Business

Public Comment

Mark Paine (25 Main St.): Asks if there is a cost estimate to update the street lights to LED lights. President Kline notes that pricing on bulbs needs to be obtained. Proposed electricity savings are unknown.

Mr. Paine and Vice President Botwright discuss the Santa event on December 20, with the event activities staying the same, just having a change in venue.

Mr. Paine asks if any actions were taken during the executive session, with Vice President Botwright reporting that no official action may be taken during the session. President Kline notes that any action must be taken during the public meeting.

Council reviews the TNR contract with No Nonsense Neutering.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize the Council President to execute the TNR contract with No Nonsense Neutering for 20 cats, at a cost of \$25/each, for a total of \$500. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Botwright discusses the packets that were put together for the newly elected officials. Information includes Robert's Rules, the Sunshine Act, the manuals for borough officials and the mayor and the 2026 budget.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Mr. Wertz to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer