

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

October 17, 2023

President Kline called the workshop of the Shoemakersville Borough Council to order in the Shoemakersville Borough Office, 846 Main St., Shoemakersville, PA at 7:07 p.m.

In attendance: Chris Kline – President, Amy Botwright – Vice President, Tara Kennedy-Kline, Dana Randazzo, Joseph Wertz Jr., David Kee – Engineer – leaves at 8:38 p.m., Paul Gruber – Manager & Codes, Brandon Nabar – Junior Council Person, and Melissa Wagner – Secretary/Treasurer.

Absent from the meeting: Michael Grim, Dana Smith, Dustin Remp – Mayor

Manager’s Report – Mr. Gruber

Mr. Gruber and Mr. Wertz will be meeting with Wolfe Dye & Bleach on October 26 to discuss operations. Mr. Gruber and Mr. Wertz briefly discuss the Industrial Discharge Permit TDS monthly limit.

Mr. Gruber discusses the recent crack sealing completed, with Vice President Botwright asking if in the future, 4th St. by the school be sealed at a time other than when the kids are being dropped off or picked up from school.

Mr. Gruber has not heard back from Telco regarding the control box that is out for repairs, which could take up to 6 months.

Mr. Wertz and Vice President Botwright discuss the water email account set up for residents to submit their meter/line photos for the \$10 credit. Mr. Wertz will review the unanswered messages. Mr. Gruber notes that he no longer receives emails when a new message is sent to the water email account.

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith

President Kline discusses crosswalk and stop bar markings for areas that were recently tarred and chipped by Penndot. Mr. Gruber has the work scheduled, weather pending.

Cogle’s is now accepting recyclable glass from haulers.

Sewer – Mr. Wertz – nothing to report

Water – President Kline

The bad module on the controller for filter #2 has been addressed.

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

Trunk-or-Treat is October 27 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Trunk-or-Treat is October 30 & 31.

Mr. Gruber reports that staff would like to take a borough truck and volunteer their time at Trunk-or-Treat.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz

Tractor Supply – Mark Koch, Scott Homel, Ben Kutz

Council and the project representatives review the responses in Mark Koch's email dated October 17. Items discussed include the detention/retention pond, the rain garden, and the trash enclosure drawing, which Mr. Kutz will take from the architectural plan and add to the land development plan.

Council and Mr. Homel discuss the landscape screening, with Mr. Homel agreeing to plant Green Giant arborvitae to shield the existing CVS building from the pool.

Mr. Wertz discusses his continued concern regarding the lack of stormwater calculations being provided to the borough. Mr. Wertz, Mr. Kutz, and Mr. Homel discuss stormwater and the flow of water. Vice President Botwright and Ms. Kennedy-Kline are concerned that water may flow into the park, adding to the existing drainage issues in that area. Although Mr. Homel and Mr. Kutz feel the findings will be de minimis, Mr. Kutz will complete the stormwater calculations.

Mr. Wertz discusses the driving path around the west side of the building. Mr. Wertz and Council discuss stone driving areas and the paved parking lot. Mr. Kee reports that the 1992 zoning ordinance noted that loading areas are to be paved, as well as having adequate access to the areas.

Mr. Kee notes concern with the long-term maintenance of the walking trail if water is not able to drain below the pavement.

President Kline and Mr. Homel discuss Solicitor Mooney's review of the license agreement. Mr. Homel spoke to Lance Adam to ask that the Lion's Club forward him a certificate of insurance if they continue to use the parking lot for their chicken BBQ sales.

Mr. Homel reports that Tractor Supply will be responding to ARRO's fire review by the end of the week.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to give conditional approval for the Shoemakersville Plaza land development plan, conditioned upon meeting the conditions noted in ARRO's letter and the fire code review. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. President Kline recommends amending the motion to be for the unresolved issues in the letter, so amended by Mr. Wertz. Motion also amended to include 8 Green Giant arborvitae to be planted along the north portion of the west side, to be addressed during the next planting season. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

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 October 3, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for October 17, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discusses the electricity quotes received.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to renew the contract with IGS at a rate of 0.06876. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Community Outreach – Ms. Randazzo

Ms. Randazzo has forwarded the mailing addresses for the newsletter to Ben Ireland at RTC. The first newsletter will not contain any business ads. Vice President Botwright has created a draft newsletter, entitled The Shoey Scoop. Council discusses items to be included in the newsletter.

New Business

Public Comment - none

Budget Workshop

The board recessed into a budget workshop at 8:39 p.m. Regular session reconvened at 9:49 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Mr. Wertz to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer