Shoemakersville Borough Council
MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 2026

I. Call to Order - **Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm**

Members present: Council President Chris Kline, Vice-President Amy Botwright, Dana Smith, Dana Randazzo, Joseph Wertz, Michael Grim, Mark Paine, Mayor David Kisha, Solicitor Charles Haws, Engineer David Kee

Members absent: Borough Manager Paul Gruber

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Code Enforcement, Zoning & Permit: Paul Gruber – No report

IV. Solicitor Report: Chip Hawes –

- Suggests putting data centers in Zoning ordinance with definition possibly in industrial zone
- Recommends annual fee schedule resolution including late fees, returned check fees, etc.

V. Engineer Report: David Kee

- Recommends approving payment application for ADA improvements
- Reports LSA grant for park storm water upgrades does not appear to be granted

VI. Fire Chief's Report: Matt Tobias

- 57 calls last month
- Requests council consider budgeting additional contribution for new EMS radios

VII. Mayor's Report: David Kisha

- Neighborhood watch meeting on October 27 at 7:00 pm

VIII. Manager/Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Paul Gruber

- Report provided

IX. Committee Reports

A. Utilities: Chris Kline, Chair; Joe Wertz, Mark Paine

Water meter replacement program notices were sent to 29 residents in Book #1. 13 have been scheduled or completed. Book #2 has 70 notices to be sent. Same process will be applied.

Additional well treatment appears to be needed per testing and consultation with Aquasmart and Arro. Adding treatment will require additional permitting.

Motion to approve Arro proceeding with researching additional permitting requirements needed for treatment at wells made by Joe Wertz, seconded by Mike Grim. Motion approved unanimously.

B. Public Works: Joe Wertz, Chair; Dana Smith, Mike Grim – No report

C. Rec & Community: Dana Randazzo, Chair; Amy Botwright, Mike Grim, Mark Paine

County has tentatively approved moving polling to the Borough Office. Will send code red when final approval received.

Newsletter deadline is Thursday, October 8. Newsletter covers November 1 through January 31.

Upcoming Events

Trunk or Treat – Friday, October 23 – 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Lions Club Santa Comes to Shoey – Saturday, December 19

D. Administration & Finance: Amy Botwright, Chair; Chris Kline, Dana Randazzo

Motion to approve the minutes for September 15, 2026 made by Amy Botwright, seconded by Joe Wertz. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to approve of the bills payable for October 6, 2026 **made by Amy Botwright, seconded by Joe Wertz. Motion approved. Amy Botwright abstained due to receiving reimbursement for Borough purchases.**

2027 Budget Workshop Meetings: October 20 & October 27. Provide quotes or input by October 16.

Comcast Franchise Agreement Ordinance 470-2025 executed on September 16, 2025. Will forward to Cohen Law Group.

Motion to approve payment of invoice for ADA upgrades from LSA grant $167,922 made by Amy Botwright, seconded by Joe Wertz. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to approve Bachman's Roofing estimate # 267151933 in the amount of $2,284.00 for Borough office building roof repair edge along 9th street above newly installed rain gutter. made by Amy Botwright, seconded by Dana Smith. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to approve HACH quote # 101362656v2 in the amount of $707.13 for a 5th visit for three turbidity meters at the water treatment plant made by Amy Botwright, seconded by Joe Wertz. Motion approved unanimously.

E. Employee Relations: Chris Kline, Chair; Amy Botwright, Dana Smith

Executive session to discuss employee relations – 7:24 pm – 7:43 pm

X. New Business

XI. Public Comment

- Richard Geschwindt
  - Asks when last yard waste collection is. Council confirms the last date is November 24
  - Asks for the recent water reports – Council will forward
  - Asks for clarification of Trick or Treat dates versus Trunk or Treat
- Gary Billman
  - Plate for cleanouts loose in alley – Council will let the Borough Manager know
  - Street light on Main & 8th out – Met-ed needs number but there is no number - Council will follow-up with number and Met-Ed

XII. Old Business

- President Kline received clarification on pass through capacity for electricity

XIII. Adjournment – **Motion to adjourn made by Joe Wertz. Seconded by Mike Grim. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm**