Shoemakersville Borough Council
MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2026

I. Call to Order – **Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.**

Members present: Council President Chris Kline, Vice-President Amy Botwright, Joseph Wertz, Michael Grim, Mark Paine, Mayor David Kisha, Borough Manager Paul Gruber

Members absent: Dana Smith, Dana Randazzo

II. Fire Chief's Report: Matt Tobias

60 calls this month

Possibility of Josh working during hours – Council will follow-up

III. Mayor's Report: David Kisha

August report – PSP

Neighborhood Watch meeting – being rescheduled

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

Report provided

Per David Kee recommendation spoke with Eric Fox from A.C. Shultes regarding manganese issues and working on remediation steps

V. Committee Reports

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

No report

B. Public Works: Joe Wertz, Chair; Dana Smith, Mike Grim

No report

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

1. Upcoming Events

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

b) 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 1, 2026 made by Amy Botwright, seconded by Joe Wertz. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Councilperson Botwright reminds council that 2027 Budget Workshop Meetings will be held October 20 & October 27. Provide quotes or input by October 16.

Motion to approve Non-Uniform Pension MMO for 2027 of $38,069 made by Amy Botwright, seconded by Joe Wertz. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to approve Police Pension MMO for 2027 of $25,540 made by Amy Botwright, seconded by Joe Wertz. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to approve purchase of Borough Truck impact drivers for a cost of $1,202.04 made by Amy Botwright, seconded by Joe Wertz. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to approve cut/removal of roots in sewer conveyance line on 800 & 900 blocks of Main Street for a cost of $1,800 made by Amy Botwright, seconded by Joe Wertz. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to approve Milwaukee tool quote # 27677387 from SIDHARVEY in the amount of $1,603.00 made by Amy Botwright, seconded by Joe Wertz. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to approve Bachman Roofing quote # 227356702 in the amount of $15,378.00 made by Amy Botwright, seconded by Joe Wertz. Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of Electricity Bid held until next meeting pending clarifications of terminology. Council President Kline will reach out to company for further information.

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

Executive Session convened to discuss personnel matters. Meeting reconvened at 7:58 pm.

Motion to approve hiring of Scott Sell as Road Crew Forman at an hourly rate of $32.00 an hour **made by Amy Botwright, seconded by Joe Wertz. Motion approved unanimously.**

Motion to approve hiring of Sara Duh as Borough Secretary/Treasurer at an hourly rate of $27 to $29 **made by Amy Botwright, seconded by Joe Wertz. Motion approved unanimously.**

VI. New Business

Councilperson Paine notes that resident Carmina Albright has passed away and has an ADA parking spot in front of her home. Borough office was notified and will remove sign in future.

Councilperson Wertz notes that previous Police Chief Ron Yocum passed away. Councilperson Botwright is reaching out to pension providers to determine benefits for next of kin and steps for the Borough.

VII. Public Comment

Fire Chief Wagner attended a meeting with legislators regarding pending slot machine legislation and its impact on fundraising.

VIII. Old Business

Councilperson Botwright notes that SharePoint files are being reorganized. Councilperson Grim would like access to ordinance files. Councilperson Botwright will share once location is finalized.

IX. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn made by Joe Wertz. Seconded by Mike Grim. **Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm**