

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

September 16, 2025

President Kline called the workshop of the Shoemakersville Borough Council to order in the Shoemakersville Borough Office, 846 Main St., Shoemakersville, PA at 7:01 p.m.

In attendance: Chris Kline – President, Amy Botwright – Vice President, Michael Grim, Dana Randazzo, and Joseph Wertz Jr.

Absent from the meeting: Tara Kennedy-Kline, Dana Smith, Dustin Remp – Mayor, Paul Gruber – Manager & Codes

*Recorder issues, with the tape only picking up at 7:09 p.m. with the sewer committee report.

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith – nothing to report

Sewer – Mr. Wertz

Council discusses the cost and time involved to implement the use of a UV disinfection system at the plant. All agree that continuing to move forward with a utility water disinfection system would result in a return on investment well before an eventual move to UV would occur.

Water – President Kline – nothing to report

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

Vice President Botwright reports Doggie Dip Day and the Berks & Lehigh Canine Unit were at the pool.

Trunk-or-Treat will be on October 31. The Perry PTO is holding a similar event the same evening.

Mr. Wertz and President Kline discuss the electrical work at the park that will be applied for through the Local LSA Grant.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz – nothing to report

Employee Relations – President Kline

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to hire Brittany Lynn as a crossing guard for \$15/hr. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Approvals/Finance/Pension – Vice President Botwright

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for September 2, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for September 16, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the Folk Paving proposal dated September 9, 2025 for patching at Franklin & 3rd Sts. and the 300 block of E. Noble Ave. for \$2,970. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adopt Ordinance 470-2025 approving the Cable Franchise Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to accept ARRO's PSA to develop specifications for utilizing process water at the sewer plant. Mr. Wertz clarifies that as ARRO will be working under their existing agreement and requesting specific authorization to process the permits and develop the specifications, they have not created a separate PSA. ARRO budgeted between \$5,000-\$7,000 for their work. Motion amended by Mr. Wertz to authorize ARRO under their current PSA to develop specifications for utilizing process water at the sewer plant for a cost not to exceed \$7,000 plus any required permits. Seconded by Mr. Grim. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to authorize ARRO to prepare a grant package for the Local LSA Grant for electrical service at the park pavilion. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. President Kline asks when the borough would hear back regarding the submission with Mr. Wertz expecting to hear back by the end of the year. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adopt Resolution 177-2025 to apply for the LSA County Grant and to name the borough signatories as Chris Kline and Melissa Wagner. Seconded by Mr. Grim. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discusses the Bell Warehouse waiver requests, with Mr. Wertz pointing out that if the borough waives the sidewalks, there would probably never be any sidewalks there in the future.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve the waiver requests for the Bell Warehouse Land Development for Sections 4.31, 4.35800, 7.23 and 7.24 as identified in the exhibit presented to Council by ARRO on September 16, 2025. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Mr. Grim asks about the dates on the waiver requests. Vice President Botwright references a Perry Twp. comment that there could be pedestrian traffic from employees working in the proposed warehouses. Council discusses the guardrail and other curb ramps at the intersection. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Botwright reminds Council to submit their budget numbers to her.

Community Outreach – Ms. Randazzo

The September 20 Community Yard Sale details have been posted. She will update the map as needed.

Council discusses the semi-permanent yard sale on E. Noble Ave. The matter has been filed with the District Justice office and is awaiting a hearing date.

New Business

Public Comment

Mark Paine (25 Main St.):

Notes of Hamburg Borough's surplus of crossing guards and feels that if the borough paid a bit more, there would be better guard retention. President Kline is unsure if the school district would need approval before any guard rates would be increased. Council discusses a possible pay increase.

Old Business

Mr. Grim reviewed the website information he was provided by Vice President Botwright. His first action would be to review the navigation structure of the site, with the layout being based off of the navigation structure. He would like to reach out to the company to review their design process and color palates.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Mr. Wertz to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer