Shoemakersville Borough Council
MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 2026

I. Call to Order – **Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm**

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

IV. Solicitors Report: Chip Hawes – No report

V. Engineers Report: David Kee

ADA Improvements Update: Railings are being fixed by contractor should be completed by September 25.

LSA Grants are available. Council to provide options for applications. Council to verify if Park contract signed.

VI. Fire Chief's Report: Rusty Wagner

60 calls

Councilperson Kline reminds everyone of the BBQ Fundraiser for the Fire Company

VII. Mayor's Report: David Kisha

Neighborhood Watch – October 13

Hamburg Borough Council approved contracting with Hamburg Police. Mayor Numbers will be submitted for budget workshops.

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

A. Report provided

IX. Committee Reports

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

Water meter replacement program letters to be sent to residents of Book #2. Book #2 is scheduled to be read in October.

Water discoloration from manganese has increased. Borough Manager researching options for managing and mitigating. Will work with Arro on options as well.

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

Streets report from GIS has been provided. Committee will look at streets.

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

Residents being notified of the following projects:

Maintenance – No parking 800 Block of Park Street – September 2

Sewer Conveyance Line Televising/Cleaning - No parking on Main or Apple between Noble and Pool - September 2 - 4

Hydrant Flushing – October 7-9 – Councilperson Wertz asked for clarification of which hydrants. Borough Manager indicates it is all hydrants.

Upcoming Community Events

Community Yard Sale – Saturday, September 12 – 7:00 am – 1:00 pm

Doggie Dip Day at Pool – Sunday, September 13 – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, $10 per pet

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 August 18, 2026 made by Amy Botwight, seconded by Joe Wertz. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to approve the bills payable for September 1, 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. Council should provide quotes or input by October 16.

Motion by Joseph Wertz to reimburse residents at 405 Franklin for towing expenses of $449.00 due to lack of notification via Code Red. Motion seconded by Mike Grim. Motion approved with Councilperson Kline opposed.

Motion by Amy Botwright approve contractor costs of up to $2,000 to remove and replace storm grates in front of Borough garage and one near Fiore's. Seconded by Joe Wertz. Councilperson Wertz requests clarification on name of contractor. Borough Manager reports it is R & D Contracting. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Amy Botwright to approve contractor costs of up to $2,000 to remove/install a fire hydrant at West Noble and Water Streets. Seconded by Joe Wertz. Borough Manager noted contractor is also R & Contruction. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Joe Wertz to approve Ferguson quote # B584106 and purchase 20 new meters at a cost of $6,783.80. Seconded by Dana Randazzo. Motion approved unanimously.

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

1. Update on open positions

a) Chris Kline is in the process of setting up interviews for Office Administrator

b) Paul Gruber is setting up interviews for Road Crew

X. New Business

XI. Public Comment

A. Richard Geschwindt

Mr. Geschwindt inquires about the Franklin Street double lines being painted. Borough Manager noted that painting was included with quote for Main Street and approved by Council.

Mr. Geschindt notes that no water report was presented. Councilperon Botwright responded that it was not yet received. Mr. Geschwindt also asks what the water tests look for. Brough Manager responds that the testing is for bacteria.

Mr. Geschwindt asks for more information regarding Police coverage proposal from Hamburg. Mayor Kisha summarizes the recent discussions.

B. Rusty Wagner

Mr. Wagner asks what is different in the Decorum Resolution at the sign in table. Councilperson Botwright notes that it is not a new resolution being proposed, just an informational copy of the existing resolution for meeting attendees.

Mr. Wagner asks if the PTMA invoice has been sent. Councilperson Botwright notes it was sent today.

XII. Old Business

Councilperson Botwright reminds Council to Review Committee Follow-up List

Councilperson Botwright notes that a consultant from PSAB reached out regarding collecting Electricity Bids. Council has used the consultant in the past. Councilperson Botwright to follow up with consultant.

Councilperson Paine asks for status update on Milwaukee Tools purchases. Borough Manager notes that a meeting with a Milwaukee sales representative on September 9.

XIII. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by Joe Wertz. Seconded by Mike Grim. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm