

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

September 20, 2022

President Kline called the workshop of the Shoemakersville Borough Council to order in the Shoemakersville Borough Office, 846 Main St., Shoemakersville, PA at 7:02 p.m.

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

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

Manager’s Report – Mr. Gruber

President Kline and Mr. Wertz discuss the Exeter Supply quote for the reducers for the blowers.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve Exeter Supply quote #01-698133 for \$8,648 for the blower room repair parts. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wertz would like to discuss the BK Computer quotes at a later date, as he is unsure whether or not the number of cameras in the quotes would be needed. **Council will review the quotes with Mr. Gruber.** Mr. Grim asks if the ARP funds could cover the expense, with President Kline reporting that the funding may be used for security of infrastructure, but may not cover the cameras at the pool. Council further discusses the ARP funding and potential projects.

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith discusses the notification system for missed trash stops for residents that Vice President Botwright created. Residents may fill out an online form regarding their concerns on trash and recycling pickup, which links to a spreadsheet, to be viewed by Vice President Botwright, Mr. Gruber, or Ms. Wagner.

Sewer – Mr. Wertz

As air supply was lost to VLR #1, VLR #2 was drained to locate any leaking pipes or connections. There is excess air turbulence in areas of the VLR where there should not be any turbulence. A leak in the air line on the vertical portion of the line was also detected. Mr. Wertz and President Kline discuss the issues. Mr. Wertz reports that Captain Clog is scheduled to televise the air line. Mr. Wertz notes that the chlorine contact tank has a small leak, which Mr. Gruber will be having addressed.

Water – President Kline

Mr. Gruber asked Engineer Smith to stop preparing the permit request submittal for the replacement valves at the plant, as the spec sheets have not yet been received.

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

Vice President Botwright reports that Trunk-or-Treat will be held on Friday, October 28 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the park. Trick-or-Treat will be Sunday, October 30 and Monday, October 31.

There were approximately 30 dogs at Doggie Dip Day at the pool.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz

Solicitor Mooney provided a detailed response to Mr. Wertz regarding the process for the zoning ordinance. Mr. Wertz reports that the ordinance draft should be forwarded to the Berks County Planning Commission. During this time, the borough may notify residents and advertise the public hearings. He further notes that there will be an update to the zoning map, due to the addition of the overlay district regarding wellhead protection. Engineer Smith previously noted that while there is no zoning issue regarding developing in the flood plain area, the borough has a separate floodplain ordinance which would prevent development. Council may wish to review this area to encourage development along the river.

Vice President Botwright states that when the new elementary school was built, the borough had to approve a new overlay to allow for the building in that district. She asks if this overlay would carry forward or if an adjustment to the map would be required. **Mr. Wertz would research the matter.**

Employee Relations – President Kline

President Kline reports that Uriah Hertzog has given his 2 weeks' notice. Mr. Gruber is reviewing previously submitted applications.

Approvals/Finance/Pension – Vice President Botwright

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for September 6, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for September 20, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried by a vote of 5 yes to 1 abstain, with Vice President Botwright abstaining.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to ratify the signing and adoption of Resolution 151-2022. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. President Kline notes that the resolution is for the sale of 115 E. 9th St. Motion carried unanimously.

Community Outreach – Ms. Randazzo

Ms. Randazzo discusses the community yard sale on September 10 and reports that 29 residents requested to have their addresses placed on the map. She also partnered with the Hamburg yard sale group and the Berks yard sale site to promote the event. Ms. Randazzo would like to budget for signs for future events. Council discusses possible signage.

Council discusses Mr. Grim's request to have a coat drive.

New Business

President Kline reports on Mr. Gruber's attendance at the most recent PTMA meeting. Council discusses the PTMA sewer agreement and past borough attendance at PTMA meetings.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer