

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

January 21, 2020

President Kline called the workshop meeting of the Shoemakersville Borough Council to order in the Shoemakersville Borough Office, 115 E. 9th St., Shoemakersville, PA at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Chris Kline – President, Tara Kennedy-Kline, Dana Randazzo, Dana Smith, Joseph Wertz, Jr., Dustin Remp – Mayor, and Bradley Smith – Engineer – leaves after the engineer’s report.

Absent from the meeting: Amy Botwright, John Leshner

Engineer’s Report

If the borough wishes to be part of the county-wide source water protection plan, the borough’s GIS data must be released to the county. Spotts, Stevens, & McCoy has the information.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize the **Council President to respond via e-mail**, permitting the release of the borough’s source water protection GIS data to the county. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Smith states the borough will be paid \$11,153.99 for reimbursement of engineering costs for the relocation of utilities for the Miller St. Bridge Project. President Kline signs the appropriate paperwork.

Engineer Smith discusses last week’s county MS4 meeting. The borough will be receiving 30 magnets to distribute as part of the public outreach MS4 requirement. Engineer Smith shows a draft of the flyer to be used by the committee, to produce short films on MS4 related topics. Engineer Smith notes that a billboard to educate the public on stormwater will be placed near the county’s electronic recycling facility.

Engineer Smith states that the borough will be receiving a form from DEP to fill out for source water protection. ARRO can assist in the filing of the paperwork.

Engineer Smith notes of a recent post regarding the quality of water in Berks County. Almost all of the violations noted were administrative and did not relate to the drinking water itself. The Berks County Water & Sewer Association and the Berks County Source Water Protection Committee are drafting a response to the post.

Engineer Smith states that the first round of testing for polyfluorinated substances was conducted in Berks County. The borough was not specifically tested.

Engineer Smith, Ms. Kennedy-Kline, and President Kline briefly discuss the DCNR park grants, with the borough being able to apply for more than one grant. Engineer Smith recommends meeting with a DCNR representative to review project ideas.

No further feedback has been received regarding the water connection for Perry Plaza. President Kline notes that according to the water agreement, PTMA has 2 years to notify the borough of any intent to terminate the agreement. The borough could then request to end the agreement immediately. PTMA could deny the request. As the borough only bills PTMA for water use, no reservation fees, etc. could be collected during the 2 year period. President Kline discusses the specific services areas in the agreement, and how they could relate to future developments.

Mayor's Report

The deadline for the Junior Council Person Program has ended, with one application being received. Mayor Remp will contact PSAB for further instruction on how to proceed with the process. The applicant, Delani Remp, would like to look into how borough businesses are handling their recycling, and if they are making any attempts to reduce their use of plastics.

On February 3, Mayor Remp will swear in the Shoemakersville Fire Police members.

Mayor Remp would like Council to consider changing the August monthly meeting, so that National Night Out can be celebrated by everyone. Council discusses other dates for the meeting.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to move the August monthly council meeting to Wednesday, August 5. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Remp has an issue with Ms. Wagner permitting a park rental to take place on August 4, knowing that the park would be needed for National Night Out. While Ms. Kennedy-Kline notes that there was never a formal request to use the park for NNO, Mayor Remp states that the event was discussed at the December meeting, and that Ms. Wagner should have used better judgment. President Kline agrees and suggests that Mayor Remp ask Ms. Wagner to officially reserve the park for the first Tuesday of each August for National Night Out.

Mayor Remp would like Ms. Wagner to contact the park renter for August 4 to let them know that they may not be able to hold their event there, due to National Night Out. Ms. Kennedy-Kline notes that she has already contacted the renter to make them aware of the situation. The renter agreed to withdraw their rental. Mayor Remp notes that the locations available for this year's event are either the Shoemakersville Borough Park or the Shoemakersville Fire Company. He will make a final decision within the next month.

Mayor Remp states that community watch meetings will be held at the fire company. Mayor Remp would like to have the Hometown Heroes banners hung around Memorial Day. He discusses a Mayor's Memorial Walk, whereby the roadway would be shut down and the banners be revealed to the family members and community. Council and Mayor Remp discuss the name of the event. If t-shirts were to be made for the event, Mayor Remp would like 100% of the profits to go to the Keystone Military Families. President Kline asks for clarification on who may have a banner, with Mayor Remp stating that the banner should be for someone who either lived in the borough or is currently residing in town. Mr. Smith suggests opening up applications to anyone with a Shoemakersville mailing address. Council suggests possible requirements for the applicants. President Kline suggests offering a sponsorship to someone who may not be able to afford a banner otherwise. Mayor Remp would like to see the Lion's Club involved in the process.

New Business

President Kline reviews the committee lists. He notes the safety committee will be added back into the committee report list.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve the minutes for January 6, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve the bills payable for January 21, 2020. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

President Kline notes that members of the Shoemakersville Municipal Authority are appointed on a 5-year rotating basis. He feels it would be beneficial to have a member of borough council be on the authority, as there is a direct relationship between the organizations. President Kline references the expired lease agreement.

Barry Roth's term ended in 2019, creating a vacant seat on the authority.

*A motion is made by President Kline to appoint Joseph Wertz, Jr. to the vacant seat on the Shoemakersville Municipal Authority for a 5 year term. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. President Kline will have Ms. Wagner draft a letter notifying the authority. He suggests asking the authority to meet once per quarter, perhaps from 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., before a workshop meeting. Roll call vote taken, with Mr. Smith, Ms. Kennedy-Kline, President Kline, and Ms. Randazzo voting yes, and Mr. Wertz abstaining. Motion carried.

Council discusses the county's comments on the borough's proposed zoning ordinance. Ms. Kennedy-Kline notes of the stipulation regarding a private home daycare in the ordinance. As the term does not exist per the state, she suggests replacing "private home daycare" with "family child/day care home." Council discusses the zoning for said use. Council also discusses schools, floodplains, the I-2 district, domestic pets and registered service animals, decks and building additions, no impact home based businesses, and forestry activities.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner
Secretary/Treasurer