

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Shoemakersville Borough**

**March 3, 2020**

Vice President Botwright called the monthly meeting of the Shoemakersville Borough Council to order in the St. Luke's Church Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> & Franklin Sts., Shoemakersville, PA at 7:02 p.m.

**In attendance:** Chris Kline – President – arrived at 7:07 p.m., Amy Botwright –Vice President, Tara Kennedy-Kline – arrived at 7:07 p.m., John Leshner, Dana Randazzo, Dana Smith, Joseph Wertz, Jr., Dustin Remp – Mayor, Keith Mooney – Solicitor, Bradley Smith – Engineer, Chad Zimmerman – Foreman, Michael Dietrich – Sewer & Water Plant Operator, Delani Remp – Junior Council Person, and Melissa Wagner- Secretary/Treasurer.

**Public Comment**

**Richard Geschwindt (603 Reber St.):** Asks for the status of the proposed zoning ordinance, with Mr. Wertz stating that the final review of the ordinance should take place at the March workshop meeting. Solicitor Mooney notes that as changes are being made to the ordinance, another planning commission meeting will need to take place.

Mr. Geschwindt asks for the results of the water report, with Ms. Wagner stating that Suburban tested the water on February 5 at the Kwik Shoppe and the sewer plant and that all results met the necessary requirements.

Mr. Geschwindt asks for the status of the Sheetz performance agreement, with Solicitor Mooney stating that as Sheetz has not returned a signed maintenance agreement, the borough has not yet released the bond.

Mr. Geschwindt asks if Engineer Smith was able to look at the street near the end of his driveway, as water is collecting and the road is dipping. The street committee will review the matter.

**Mark Paine (25 Main St.):** Notes that the electronic speed sign on the south end of Main St. is out. Mr. Zimmerman states that the sign is malfunctioning and will speak with President Kline on the matter.

**Code Enforcement – Mr. Zimmerman**

- **Enforcement:** One permit for a dumpster was issued in February. Three notices were sent out regarding the need for a dumpster, and complaints on barking dogs.

**Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Mooney**

- **Sale of Pool Property:** No update from Mark Koch.
- **Perry Plaza:** There has been no word from Mark Koch. The borough needs to know the gallons requested and the EDUs. The service area needs to be modified.
- **Shoemakersville Municipal Authority:** Solicitor Mooney and President Kline discuss modifications to the agreement, pertaining to fee collection and the payment of invoices.

## **Engineer's Report – Engineer Smith**

- **DCNR Park Grant:** The application deadline is April 22. A council member and an ARRO grant representative should meet with DCNR to discuss projects and ensure requirement compliance.
- **USDA Loan Application:** On hold until sewer plant ownership is addressed.
- **PCB Pollutant Minimization Plan:** The sites for the second round of testing have been selected. Sampling and testing is being scheduled with the lab.
- **VLR #2:** DESCCO is planning on mobilizing and completing the repairs in March.
- **Growing Greener Grant:** An application was submitted to PADEP on December 20, 2019 for the borough's bioswale, which is required to be built as part of the MS4 program.
- **H2O and Small Project Grants:** Applications were submitted for a PA Small Water Grant for the valves at the water treatment plant, and a PA Small Sewer Grant for the blowers at the wastewater treatment plant. An H2O Sanitary Sewer Grant for the headworks and solids handling project was also submitted.
- **Route 61 Betterment Project:** ARRO has sent the reimbursement for the engineering and resident project representative work to PENNDOT.
- **Miller Street:** ARRO has sent the request for reimbursement for the engineering and resident project representative work to PENNDOT.
- **Wolfe Dye & Bleach Permit:** The permit was returned to the borough and needs to be signed by a borough official.
- **Sheetz Land Development:** Sheetz needs to return a signed maintenance agreement and bond to the borough and solicitor.
- **Fourth & Main Street Intersection:** As requested, ARRO is working on a preliminary hydrologic analysis of the stormwater flows to the intersection.
- **Annual Reports:** The annual reconciliation with PTMA was finalized and submitted to the borough. ARRO is preparing the Chapter 94 report, which is due to PADEP by March 31.

## **Secretary's Report/Correspondence**

Ms. Wagner is working with the Cub Scouts to finalize a date for the spring newsletter delivery. The next Berks County Commissioners breakfast meeting will be on March 13 at 8:00 a.m. at the Ontelaunee Grange.

## **Mayor's Report – Mayor Remp**

The first National Night Out meeting was held last month. The next meeting will be held at the borough office on March 24. The deadline for Hometown Heroes applications is March 20.

## **Public Works Report – Mr. Zimmerman**

Mr. Zimmerman presents a quote from CHM Contracting for capping on the enclosed park pavilion.

Mr. Zimmerman submits a quote from Exeter Supply for a new water meter reader unit. President Kline will contact Exeter Supply to discuss the quote for the unit and associated equipment.

Mr. Zimmerman requests to advertise for a part-time, seasonal road crew employee. An ad will be placed.

Mr. Zimmerman notes that the approximately 25 water fowl dumped on borough property were cleaned up. The game commission will close the ticket, but noted that if future incidents occur, violators will be prosecuted. Mr. Zimmerman has installed no dumping signs, as the area is near a water source. He and President Kline discuss the matter, noting that the area in question is within 100' of a well head.

Mr. Zimmerman will obtain quotes for a gate at the area, as well as fencing to enclose the well buildings.

### **Operator's Report – Mr. Dietrich**

In February, Hach performed the quarterly maintenance on the turbidity meters and repaired one of the display screens. Quarterly calibration of the testing meters was also completed. A new portable chlorine meter was purchased, to use specifically for weekly testing in the distribution system, and to diagnose potential water main leaks.

A significant drop off in production was noticed from Well #1, which is down to 8-10 gpm. Council discusses the well. Mr. Dietrich is asked to research the last time the well was pulled.

Two valves at the sewer plant were excavated and repaired; one to digester 3 and the other was in the main sludge wasting line. Mr. Dietrich met with Megan Young-Kraft to discuss the annual Hazmat report process.

In March, more detailed PCB testing in the collection system will be completed. The chlorine cylinders were changed out, and the chlorine contact tank was drained and washed.

President Kline and Mr. Dietrich discuss the stop float in the scum pit and the skid plates in the BFP building.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith**

Salem UM Church has requested that the borough look into making the 6<sup>th</sup> St. block by the church one way, with traffic flowing toward Main St. Council discusses the matter, with Solicitor Mooney stating that he will research if a traffic study is needed. Mr. Zimmerman notes that the south side of that portion of 6<sup>th</sup> St. may already be no parking, per borough ordinance. If so, the curb can be painted yellow for no parking.

Mr. Smith and Solicitor Mooney discuss the upcoming trash and recycling contracts, with Solicitor Mooney noting that recycling requirements have since changed, whereby paper will no longer be recycled.

Engineer Smith notes that paving projects can begin after March 31. Ms. Kennedy-Kline states that streets will be prioritized for the project list. Mayor Remp would like Apple Lane to be considered for repair.

#### **Sewer – Mr. Wertz – no report**

#### **Water – President Kline – no report**

#### **Parks/Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline**

\*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to approve the bid from CHM Contracting for the sills and jambs on the park pavilion doors, at a cost not to exceed \$7,000. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried unanimously.

A Scibble tournament will be held at Ollie's Tavern on March 13, with registration beginning at 7:00 p.m. The next Recreation Board meeting will take place at Cousin's Pub on March 19 at 6:30 p.m.

**Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz**

The proposed zoning ordinance will be reviewed at the March workshop meeting.

**Employee Relations – President Kline – no report**

**Approvals/Finance/Pension – Vice President Botwright**

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for February 18, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for March 3, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

Mr. Zimmerman and President Kline discuss the electronic speed limit sign on the south end of Main St. President Kline will look at the faulty sign.

President Kline is drafting a bid scope for the electrical work to be completed at the park.

**Old Business - none**

There being no further business, a motion is made by Mr. Wertz to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner  
Secretary/Treasurer