

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

August 18, 2020

President Kline called the workshop meeting of the Shoemakersville Borough Council to order in the St. Luke's Church Hall, 5th & Franklin Sts, Shoemakersville, PA at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Chris Kline – President, Amy Botwright – Vice President, Dana Randazzo, Dana Smith, Dustin Remp – Mayor, Bradley Smith – Engineer, and Chad Zimmerman - Foreman

Absent from the meeting: Tara Kennedy-Kline, John Lesher, and Joseph Wertz, Jr.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Smith is working on the MS4 annual report, noting that the year runs from July 1 to June 30. One idea for future public outreach is a virtual informational session. Engineer Smith, President Kline, and Vice President Botwright discuss options.

Engineer Smith states that the borough was awarded a PA Small Water Grant of \$103,062 for the water plant valves project. He and President Kline discuss how the project operation will work.

President Kline notes that valves have been installed to supply water to Perry Plaza. A bacteria test was performed on water run through the new line installed at the building. Since a bacteria test was run, the valve had to be turned on, which PTMA was not legally permitted to do, as the water agreement was not yet amended. President Kline sent notice to PTMA, their engineer, and ARRO, asking that PTMA submit a water request letter to the borough by Tuesday, so the matter could be addressed at the workshop. PTMA did not contact President Kline. He discusses his recommendations for how the borough should proceed. He and Engineer Smith discuss edu's for the building. **Engineer Smith will calculate the number of edu's needed for the plaza.**

Mayor's Report – Mayor Remp

The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be Saturday, August 29 at 10:00 a.m. The PA State Police Commander from the Hamburg barracks may be in attendance. Mayor Remp, Vice President Botwright, and Mr. Zimmerman discuss Neighborhood Watch signage.

Mayor Remp, Vice President Botwright, and President Kline discuss Trick-or-Treat and Trunk-or-Treat, which have not yet been decided upon. The final decisions can be conveyed in the next borough newsletter, which will hopefully be distributed in mid to late October. Vice President Botwright will speak with the Recreation Board regarding Trunk-or-Treat.

Mayor Remp discusses the Hometown Heroes banners, noting that Vice President Botwright has done a good job with the photos for Raleigh's. Banner proofs were distributed to all applicants. Mayor Remp notes of a miscommunication between employees at Raleigh's, whereby his recommendation of adding "Dedicated by" was not placed on the proofs before distribution. Mayor Remp and Vice President Botwright discuss the proof layouts and those applicants that have already provided their feedback on the banners, of which Mayor Remp was not aware. Mayor Remp notes of his involvement in the project and further states of his position as point of contact for the banners.

Mr. Zimmerman notes that at least one applicant does not like the additional wording, but perhaps the wording should be offered to applicants. Mr. Smith would like to offer applicants the option of the wording. Mayor Remp feels all banners should have the wording. Ms. Randazzo feels applicants should be contacted regarding Rileigh's error, and give them the option of having the wording. **Mayor Remp will contact each applicant to notify them of the election to add "Dedicated by" to the banner, along with sending them an updated proof.**

Mayor Remp, Vice President Botwright, and President Kline discuss the timeline for the banner project. President Kline strikes the gavel during the discussion and calls Mayor Remp out of order.

Public Works Report – Mr. Zimmerman

Mr. Zimmerman notes that the dumpster at the park went untouched for 3 weeks until it was emptied by the hauler. Tamaqua Transfer provided several excuses as to why the dumpster had not been emptied. This is not a new occurrence for them. Mr. Smith reviews the contract and notes that any missed trash is to be removed in the following 24 hours. The situation will be monitored.

Mr. Zimmerman and President Kline discuss the valves at the water plant.

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith – no report

Sewer – Mr. Wertz

President Kline, Mr. Wertz, and Mr. Smith will meet with Mr. Dietrich regarding preventative maintenance at the sewer plant. Vice President Botwright and Mr. Zimmerman discuss the trial software that was previously used at the plant by Mr. Zohner.

Mr. Zimmerman makes note of the gear boxes and further states that Mr. Dietrich has been in touch with Komatsu regarding the conveyor for the belt filter press. Mr. Zimmerman and President Kline discuss the belt filter press. Mr. Zimmerman and Vice President Botwright discuss operator of the digesters.

Water – President Kline – no report

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

Vice President Botwright discusses the Hamburg Soccer Association's request to use the baseball outfields for practice for 2 nights during the week this fall. Mr. Zimmerman discusses the association's prior use of the outfields, which were left in poor condition. They could possibly use the grassy area by the pool. Use of the school district's fields is extremely limited. Mr. Zimmerman discusses the fall baseball schedule. **Vice President Botwright will discuss the situation with Shilpa Moser.**

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz

Vice President Botwright notes that the next Northern Berks Regional Planning Association meeting will take place next week. She and Mr. Zimmerman have reviewed the existing land use map. **She will reach out to Mr. Wertz for his thoughts on next week's meeting topic of soil and geology.**

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 August 5, 2020. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for August 18, 2020. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

Safety – Mayor Remp

Mayor Remp notes that Delani Remp will not be resigning from the Junior Council Person Program. She may be able to assist with the virtual MS4 project.

Mayor Remp notes of the eleven street lights out in the borough. He will forward the list to Mr. Smith.

Mayor Remp briefly discusses the timeline for the Hometown Heroes banners, noting his workload and stating that he does not apologize for the timeframe of the project.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner
Secretary/Treasurer