

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

September 15, 2020

President Kline called the workshop 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, Tara Kennedy-Kline, Dana Randazzo, Dana Smith, Joseph Wertz, Jr., Dustin Remp – Mayor, Bradley Smith, Ed Overberger, and Alex Morrison – Engineers – leave after Engineers' Report, and Chad Zimmerman – Foreman.

Absent from the meeting: John Leshner

Engineers' Report

Mr. Overberger discusses the combined solids handling and headworks project. Permits need to be obtained for the Pennvest deadline. He discusses placement of the headworks on the property. ARRO has completed a 60% review of the design drawings, as well as a review of the updated construction costs of \$1.3M, with a total project cost of \$1.4M - \$1.5M.

Mr. Morrison presents the solids handling and headworks upgrade drawings, and discusses the influent screening. All parties review and discuss the plans. Mr. Overberger states that the Perry Township Municipal Authority will need to be made aware of the sewer line changes and notes of the Act 14 letter to be distributed to contributing municipalities. He also discusses the possibility of aiding PTMA in obtaining financing for their portion of the project. President Kline suggests having PTMA meet with the Shoemakersville Municipal Authority to discuss matters. He notes of the current situation regarding the borough's water agreement with PTMA.

Mr. Overberger briefly discusses the other permits required for the project.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize the Council President or Vice President to sign the Water Quality Management Permit, the DRBC Docket, and any other necessary permits required for the wastewater projects, as well as approval of the associated fees. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Vice President Botwright amends the motion to add the President Pro Tem as a signer and remove the Vice President, due to a conflict of interest, as she is related to the notary that is typically utilized by the borough. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Smith contacted DEP regarding permitting of the facility, as it is in the flood plain. A Chapter 105 permit and a Chapter 106 permit is needed, although he feels the Chapter 105 permit should not be required as the floodway will not be impacted. He is waiting to hear back from DEP on the matter. The Chapter 106 permit and fees would be a one-time cost of around \$3,000. A Chapter 105 permit would be approximately \$27,000 with the process taking 90 days to complete. This would mean the borough's application would fall short of the Pennvest deadline and need to wait until the next round of applications for review.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize the \$3,000 permit fee for the Chapter 106 Floodplain Management/ Site Restoration permit. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Ms. Kennedy-Kline asks if the \$3,000 would be refunded if the project was found to be located in the floodway. Engineer Smith states that the Chapter 106 permit is needed regardless. Motion carried unanimously.

Council and ARRO discuss the application process and ownership of the sewer plant.

Engineer Smith submits the Statement of Final Completion paperwork for the VLR#2 project, and the MS4 Annual Report for review and signature. He also presents the MS4 magnets from the county.

President Kline discusses EDUs for Perry Plaza.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline and Engineer Smith discuss the water issue at the end of the driveway at 603 Reber St. that was previously brought up by the property owner. Mr. Zimmerman states that there are no water or sewer lines under the roadway in that area. **Ms. Kennedy-Kline will contact Folk Paving for a quote to repair the area in question.**

Mayor's Report – Mayor Remp

Trooper Feichtel was present at the Neighborhood Watch meeting on September 12 that was attended by 8 members. He discussed speeding and police presence in the borough. In the last 3 months, the state police conducted 81 traffic stops in town.

Vice President Botwright notes that Trunk-or-Treat will be Friday, October 30 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. People will be able to register for time slots to attend the event. If capacity is not reached, people will be able to go through the event at that time. Trick-or-Treat will be October 30 & 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Remp states that the fire company can assist with the hanging of the Hometown Heroes banners. Vice President Botwright notes that the budget includes funds for the banners to be hung by the public works department.

Mayor Remp, Council, and Mr. Zimmerman discuss the crossing guard at Main St. & Noble Ave.

Public Works Report – Mr. Zimmerman

Mr. Zimmerman notes of residents mowing their yards and leaving the grass on the sidewalks. There is no ordinance to require residents to sweep the grass from the sidewalk. The Property Maintenance Code only states that the sidewalk must be maintained free of hazardous conditions. President Kline recommends amending the street ordinance to note that sidewalks are to also be kept free of yard debris. Mayor Remp recommends adding this to the next newsletter as well.

Mr. Zimmerman notes of a resident request to add a mirror on the pole at 2nd & Main Sts., as the intersection can be hazardous. Ms. Kennedy-Kline notes that the borough is not permitted to place any traffic calming devices on poles without permission from PennDOT.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline and Mr. Zimmerman discuss the plants growing over the sidewalk at 310 E. Noble Ave. The plant is owned by the school district and is part of the landscaping for the parking lot at E. Noble Ave. and Chestnut St. The school has been notified of the violation.

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith

Council and Mr. Zimmerman discuss the Perry Township Commercial Center and the lack of an agreement of sale for the borough owned property by the pool.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to authorize **Solicitor Mooney to send notice to Home Elite notifying them of compliance to Section D of the Access Agreement.** Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize **Solicitor Mooney to notify Home Elite of the notice of breach and the intent to rebid the property.** Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith notes that no bids have been received for the trash and recycling contracts yet.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline recommends that the committee consider road project possibilities for the 2021 budget.

Mr. Wertz and Mr. Zimmerman discuss snow plow edges for use on the newly chipped roadways.

Mr. Zimmerman and Council discuss yard waste removal and the proper bags to be used for pick-up.

Sewer – Mr. Wertz – no report

Water – President Kline

President Kline notes of the possibility that homes on Main St. in Perry Township have tapped into the water line. Council discusses the current water agreement in place.

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

Trunk-or-Treat will be held on October 30 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz

Mr. Wertz will forward the final zoning ordinance changes to Ms. Kennedy-Kline.

Employee Relations – President Kline

Mr. Zimmerman notes that part-time help is currently not needed in the public works department.

Approvals/Finance/Pension – Vice President Botwright

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for September 1, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for September 15, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Botwright requests that feedback on the budget worksheets be returned to her by October 16.

Vice President Botwright notes that power surges are affecting the camera dvrs though out the borough. Bill Kerper recommends the borough obtain power backups for each location. Mr. Zimmerman is to purchase 4 units from Sam's Club.

Old Business

Send information to be included in the newsletter to the borough office by October 2.

There being no further business, a motion is made by Mr. Wertz to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner
Secretary/Treasurer