

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

January 19, 2021

President Kline called the teleconference of the Shoemakersville Borough Council to order at 7:01 p.m.

In attendance: Chris Kline – President, Amy Botwright –Vice President, Tara Kennedy-Kline, Dana Randazzo, Dana Smith – arrived late, Joseph Wertz, Jr., Dustin Remp – Mayor, Bradley Smith – Engineer, and Chad Zimmerman –Foreman.

Absent from the meeting: John Leshner

Visitors – Lance Adam

Engineer’s Report

Engineer Smith reports that ARRO has received the sewer plant survey. A variance is not required. All work will be within the building envelop. ARRO is waiting on FEMA for some information and is having difficulty getting an answer.

Engineer Smith reviewed the Growing Greener Grant documentation for the bioswale and asked if Council was okay with the application. No signature is required at this point. Council had no issues with the application.

Engineer Smith asked Vice President Botwright about contacting the rep for the DCNR park grant, to give approval for ARRO to receive a copy of the application. Richard Bogart from DCNR stated that the borough must give permission for them to provide ARRO the information.

President Kline asked about the status of the small water grant. **Engineer Smith will request an update.**

Engineer Smith asks for an update on the street projects. He and Ms. Kennedy-Kline discuss schedules for advertising and project start timeframes. Ms. Kennedy-Kline will meet with the streets committee to discuss which projects should be considered.

Mayor’s Report- Mayor Remp

Mayor Remp provides an update on the Neighborhood Watch program and meeting that was just held. Dennis Seaman has been named as secretary. Copies of the meeting minutes will be given to President Kline and Ms. Wagner. Mayor Remp had 20 maps made of the borough, to indicate the residence of each watch member. He will submit a receipt for the office supplies. The next meeting will be in February, possibly on February 20.

Mayor Remp reports that the JCP program was announced at the school; however there were no persons interested. He reports that Delani Remp does not wish to participate in the JCP program. Ms. Kennedy-Kline mentions that she feels the program was not given the attention it needed and that perhaps next year the program can be revisited.

Public Works Report – Mr. Zimmerman

Mr. Zimmerman asked about the timeframe for a new borough employee. President Kline responded that 66 applications have been received. President Kline will finish downloading the applications and forward them to the personnel committee. Vice President Botwright suggests placing copies on the share drive with the other scanned applications.

President Kline asks about a road salt additive, with Mr. Zimmerman responding that he is working with Perry Twp. on a possible joint venture for next year. Tilden Twp. is using the additive and will provide feedback on how well it works.

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith reports that he heard back from the trash company and notes that if the borough chooses to use their containers, they will honor the 4th bag as listed in the contract. No action is taken to change from bags to containers.

Mr. Smith notes that the street light on Main St. that is out has been reported.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline states that the committee will need to meet to discuss road projects.

Sewer – Mr. Wertz

President Kline reviews the PUC fine list for the PA One Call violations. It is discussed that measures have been put in place to prevent this from happening again. If the invoice has not been paid, Council agrees to hold payment until the PUC follows up.

Water – President Kline – nothing to report

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

Ms. Kennedy-Kline discusses the Rec. Board meeting held on January 18, 2021, noting that the Rec. Board is moving ahead with the typical events and summer programs, cautiously. The Rec. Board is soliciting theme ideas. Mayor Remp suggests honoring Tom Schaeffer in some fashion. The idea of an RV/camping theme for Children's Fair will be discussed.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz – nothing to report

Employee Relations – President Kline – nothing to report

Approvals/Finance/Pension – Vice President Botwright

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for January 5, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for January 19, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Botwright requests contact information from Mr. Wertz for the auditor. Mr. Wertz sends and email.

Safety – Mayor Remp – nothing to report

New Business

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the per capita exonerations, per the list. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

President Kline discusses using Zoom for workshops, due to the extra expense of renting the church. No one objects. Moving forward, unless otherwise instructed, workshop meetings will be via Zoom.

President Kline notes that the Core 5 warehouse on the west side of Rt. 61 should be getting a tenant soon for the front of the building.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner
Secretary/Treasurer