

**CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough**

February 16, 2021

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

In attendance: Amy Botwright –Vice President, Dana Randazzo, Dana Smith, Joseph Wertz, Jr., Dustin Remp – Mayor, Bradley Smith – Engineer, and Chad Zimmerman –Foreman.

Absent from the meeting: Chris Kline, Tara Kennedy-Kline, John Leshner

Visitors

Lynn Herman & Brian Preski (National Water Specialties Company): Mr. Herman provides a brief explanation of the firm’s cross-connection and backflow administrative services, and introduces Mr. Preski, who presents detailed information regarding those topics and the specific services that NWSC can provide to the borough. Most municipalities are currently focusing on businesses, which would be asked to test their backflow valve annually. There is no cost to the borough for these services. Their company is paid each time a tester reports results into their system. Vice President Botwright states that the water committee chair is not present, but may choose to reach out to Mr. Preski with questions about the program.

Engineer’s Report

Engineer Smith discusses the letters he emailed to Council regarding waiver requests for the sewer plant headworks and solids handling project. The first letter is for the SALDO, to waive land development, with the second waiver being from the stormwater management ordinance.

*A motion is made by Mr. Smith to waive the SALDO requirement for the sewer plant project. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to grant a waiver for Act 167, the stormwater management ordinance for the headworks and solids handling upgrade. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Road projects for the year have not yet been finalized by the committee. Engineer Smith spoke with the contractor who completed the tar and chip roadwork in the borough last year. In order to achieve a smoother result, a slurry, which would create a smooth surface, could be put down after the tar and chip, at an estimated cost of \$4 per sq. yd. Engineer Smith and Mr. Wertz discuss costs associated with last year’s project. **Engineer Smith will forward Mr. Wertz and the street committee information on the slurry process.** Mr. Smith notes of a previous discussion whereby Council discussed having the budgeted road projects list bid for 2021. The list will be reviewed by Council.

Mayor’s Report- Mayor Remp

The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will take place at Cousin’s this Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

Mayor Remp will be meeting with Sgt. Sampson from the PA State Police this Friday.

Mayor Remp will be registering the borough for the National Night Out event on August 3.

Mayor Remp and Mr. Zimmerman discuss a snow emergency call for later in the week.

Public Works Report – Mr. Zimmerman

Mr. Zimmerman will forward the Folk Paving quotes received for the 2021 budgeted road work to Mr. Smith and the street committee.

Mr. Zimmerman and Mr. Wertz discuss the weather forecast for Thursday. The snow emergency will be scheduled for 7:00 a.m. on Thursday until 10:00 a.m. on Friday.

Mayor Remp feels that the borough did a good job of clearing the streets during the last snow storm. He did however, speak with several residents that were not happy that their driveway and/or parking space got plowed shut. Mr. Smith rode with Mr. Zimmerman after the last storm to view the roadways. He feels staff did an exceptional job, especially on the roadways where the borough trucks have very little room to travel.

Mr. Zimmerman will be forwarding specs for a new truck with a V-plow to the property committee.

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith

Council, Mr. Zimmerman, and Engineer Smith discuss the water line project for 326 Main St.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to appoint Furnace Stream Farms as the borough's agent for application for a Highway Occupancy Permit for the project at 326 Main St. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Mr. Smith requests that the permit number be added, with Mr. Wertz reporting Permit No. 230-125. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to adopt Resolution 139-2021, authoring the borough purchase of 846 Main St. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer – Mr. Wertz

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize payment of \$4,975 to Axiom for raw sewage pump repairs. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Water – President Kline – nothing to report

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

Vice President Botwright reports that the Rec. Board met to discuss plans for the Children's Fair and the summer park program.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz

Mr. Wertz briefly discusses information regarding signs, stating that a standalone sign ordinance may be appropriate. He will further research the matter.

Employee Relations – President Kline

The committee will be reviewing the applications received for the public works position.

Approvals/Finance/Pension – Vice President Botwright

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve the minutes for February 2 and 7, 2021. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve the bills payable for February 16, 2021. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Botwright reports that the 2020 audit was performed. Ms. Randazzo spoke with the auditors while they were in the borough office as well.

Safety – Mayor Remp – nothing to report

New Business

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to approve the per capita exoneration as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business – nothing to report

There being no further business, a motion is made by Mr. Wertz to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Randazzo. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner
Secretary/Treasurer