

MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

EMERGENCY MEETING

APRIL 24, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Michael Sharkey, Stanton Walters, Stephen Mayoryk, Ted Nadobny, and Diane Kraatz,

OTHERS

PRESENT: Brian L. Sweitzer, Supt. of Public Works; Jeffrey L. Rehmeyer II, Esq.; Lou and Jane Kindervater; Karen Foster; Jim Schultz; Mark Beran; John and Lynn DeSimone; Brooke Chernov; Neil and Helga Hamill; and Mike Weaver

The emergency meeting of the Borough Council convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough municipal building, 35 West Railroad Avenue, with Mayor Sharkey presiding. The meeting was called to invite the affected residents to discuss the water and sewer extension/connections on West Forrest Avenue for the ten lot subdivision of Jason Dunaja (Township). Work was scheduled to begin on April 22 but the contractor agreed to postpone it until April 29. The residents were concerned with water and sewer connections and restoration of their yards for a development in Shrewsbury Township. The following addresses were represented at the meeting per the sign-in sheet: 317 West Forrest Avenue; 313 West Forrest Avenue; 327 West Forrest Avenue; 323 West Forrest Avenue; 331 West Forrest Avenue; and 325 West Forrest Avenue.

It was confirmed to those in attendance that the Borough's policy, per applicable law, would be to seek restoration of real property to the condition that it was in prior to the commencement of work, to the extent possible. Exceeding that standard under specific circumstances was also a possibility under certain circumstances.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Lou Kindervater, 317 West Forrest Avenue, stated he did not want the Borough to restore his property as he will hire a landscaper to restore his property using sod.

Note: due to the number of concerns with the extension and connections of the water line based on the approved plan, Supt. Sweitzer devised an alternative plan that will involve a less invasive approach where the water line will be placed two feet from the curb on the south side of West Forrest Avenue in the right-of-way with a hydrant across from 331 West Forrest Avenue. The residents were given copies of the revised plan. Also, for the affected property owners, a sod cutter will be used to cut the sod and, hopefully, be able to compact the soil, add top soil and then the sod to be done in the same day. One or two properties will be done at one time.

Photographs will be taken prior to the work being started and the goal will be to restore the property as it was before or better. Five residences will be without water for about five hours for one day. Supt. Sweitzer stated he will give the residents about three days advance notice of any work affecting them.

The developer has agreed to the alternate plan and construction is to begin on Monday, April 29.

Jim Schultz, 327 West Forrest Avenue, was told his property will have two trenches instead of one because of lot six and lot seven.

A few residents spoke about losing their view, the amount of traffic in general, overcrowding of the school system, and the development itself, which is in the Township. The Borough has nothing to do with subdivision but it agreed to serve public water in order to protect the wellhead zone and everyone's public water supply. Sewer will be served by the Municipal Authority using sewer EDUs from the Township since it is in very close proximity to the Borough.

T. Nadobny left the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Joshua Chernov, 331 West Forrest Avenue, via Skype, asked if an additional stop sign could be placed along West Forrest Avenue to help slow down speeding. He was told that using stop signs to control speed is not allowed by County's Traffic Engineer and that the Traffic Calming Policy was recently adopted that addresses speed and traffic volume.

Supt. Sweitzer stated the school district transportation office was called and one resident said she hadn't heard from them as yet and her child needs to be picked up at her driveway. The main bus stops are on West Forrest Avenue at the intersections of Kratz Road and Morgan Drive. The detour will be Bridle Road. Trash trucks will be able to get through and have been told to be there before 8:00 a.m. when the barricade goes up.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by Cindy L. Bosley, Sec.