

MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 9, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Michael Sharkey, Fred Arbogast, Stanton Walters, Richard Buchanan, Stephen Mayoryk, Ted Nadobny, Matthew Sharkey, and Mateo Vega

OTHERS

PRESENT: Brian L. Sweitzer, Supt. of Public Works; Jeffrey L. Rehmeyer II, Esq.; Tony Myers, Fire Chief; Nick Caruccio, President Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Company; Ken Thomas

The regular meeting of the Borough Council convened at 7:03 p.m. in the Borough municipal building, 35 West Railroad Avenue, with President Buchanan presiding.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Ken Thomas, of 33 Berkshire Drive, submitted a letter of interest in the Zoning Hearing Board alternate position.

T. Nadobny moved to appoint Ken Thomas as an alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board. S. Walters and S. Mayoryk seconded. The motion carried with all voting in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 12 and 27 meetings were unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTS

F. Arbogast moved to approve the bill list for December: general account numbers 2428 thru 2473; water account: check numbers 1525 thru 1539; sewer account: check numbers 1348 thru 1356; highway aid: check 943.

S. Walters seconded. The motion carried with all voting in favor.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL REGISTER

F. Arbogast moved to approve the December 3 and 17 and January 1 (for December) payroll registers.

T. Nadobny seconded. The motion carried with all voting in favor.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

Codes Enforcement

The report for December was not received as yet.

Southern Regional Police Department – Mayor Sharkey

A new hire was given a conditional offer. This officer is being hired as a replacement and not to expand the force. An agreement was reached with the Police Officers' Association in the collective bargaining discussions. The proposal was sent to the Association's attorney and then will be sent to the Commission's counsel. As a result of not hiring an officer to expand, the Borough's costs will be reduced by around \$23,000.00.

Water & Sewer – T. Nadobny/Supt. Sweitzer

Sewer Study

T. Nadobny stated that he believes the study is nearly complete.

Shrewsbury Township Well Inspections

Shrewsbury Township Ordinance 2018-1 requires residents in any of the Borough's Wellhead Protection zones to schedule a well inspection. Originally, 105 letters were mailed to residents. Forty residents have not scheduled an inspection and 14 residents had an inspection but failed without a follow up to correct item(s) found during the inspection.

Sewer Leak at 6 Circle Drive

Several residents have sump pumps connected to the sanitary sewer system. There are also some laterals that are broken which adds groundwater into the system. The resident at 6 Circle Drive failed to have his sewer lateral repaired by November 2. Supt. Sweitzer met with the property owner twice without cooperation. Solicitor Rehmeyer will contact the owners' bankruptcy attorney involved in this matter to prompt cooperation. The cost to repair the lateral will be around \$500.00.

Sewer Flows

Shrewsbury Borough/Authority had 54.9% of the flows at the sewer plant in 2018. There were 65.58% inches of rain in 2018 which is the reason for the substantial flow increase. Our flows were as follows: 54.9% in 2018; 55.0% in 2017; 55.1% in 2016; 59.2% in 2015; and 53.0% in 2014.

DEP Fees

EPA has mandated that DEP have more regulation over all water and sewer systems and the Borough's annual fee will be \$6,500.00 per year based on population.

Stormwater Authority

The York County Planning Commission will present the York County Stormwater Authority proposal here on Thursday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Roads & Lighting – M. Sharkey/Supt. Sweitzer

Traffic Calming

The next meeting is scheduled for January 29. Patrick Wright, the traffic engineer, will meet with the Committee on February 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Lands, Buildings and Finance – F. Arbogast

44 South Main Street

A lease was discussed and Mayor Sharkey offered to contact Alexander's Jewelers as they were previously very interested in a long-term lease.

ENGINEER'S REPORT(written report supplied in Engineer Lipinski's absence)

2018 Streets

Kinsley Construction, Inc. has not verified the disputed quantities to date.

Deer Creek Pump Station Sewer Meter Analysis

A revised draft copy was e-mailed to the Authority and Borough.

Eitzert Farms Street Lights

Engineer Lipinski has a meeting scheduled for January 17 with electrical engineer, Jim Good, to discuss the LED lighting options.

2019 Water Line Replacements

Engineer Lipinski has a meeting set for January 21 with Supt. Sweitzer to review the proposed project to prepare the documents for bidding.

Deer Creek Pump Station Wet Well Expansion

A message was received from DEP on December 21 indicating that the Department does not oppose a two-year extension. A formal letter will be forthcoming in January.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Heathcote Glen II, Phase 3 Water Line

There is a problem with the water line not being in the right-of-way on Hastings Way, as shown by prior documents of record. The developer's attorney was preparing updated documents in order to protect the Borough and to better inform the property owners. It is believed now that the homeowners and builder have issues and there is no cooperation from the homeowners in the Homeowners Association context, which is where a document needs to be approved and recorded. These issues need to be resolved before there is any further construction. A letter was sent to the homeowners by the developer's attorney.

Authorization to Advertise

Solicitor Rehmeyer asked for authorization to advertise the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to Kennels, the amendment to the Solicitation Ordinance and Amendment to the Nuisance Ordinance regarding time limits for consumer fireworks.

S. Walters moved to authorize advertisement of the amendments.
F. Arbogast seconded. The motion carried with all voting in favor.

Stewartstown Railroad Company

The President of the Railroad indicated that the Company would like to differentiate the fee for the services it receives and the crossings fees it desires to collect. Solicitor Rehmeyer replied requesting information similar to what was requested from Omega Rail Management, particularly about other railroad crossing agreements in southern York County. We are waiting to hear from the President of the Railroad. Invoices are still being received from Omega Rail Management Company.

Bidding Thresholds for 2019

Purchases or contracts exceeding \$20,600.00 must be advertised for bids. Purchases or contracts greater than \$11,100.00 but do not exceed \$20,600.00 require at least three written or telephone quotes.

Executive Session

An executive session was called at 7:51 p.m. to discuss two legal matters involving litigation. The meeting was reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

Public Safety, Welfare and Personnel – F. Arbogast

S. Walters reported that SCEMA was notified of a significant hazmat site in Hopewell Township on the south side of Route 851 at the intersection of Sawmill Road. There is a lot of oil being stored at the facility.

Fire Calls

Chief Myers reported the fire company had 167 more calls in 2018 than in 2017.

Secretary's Report – C. Bosley

The 2018 audit will begin on January 28.

York Adams Tax Bureau – M. Sharkey

M. Sharkey reported the next meeting will be on January 28 which will be his last meeting as President.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Website Redesign

Two quotes were received and it was the recommendation to use a local webmaster. We will stay with NFDC for free web hosting.

T. Nadobny moved to authorize Doug Walters to redesign our website and to work with the Secretary and Junior Council members.

S. Mayoryk seconded. The motion carried with all voting in favor with S. Walters abstaining due to a family conflict of interest.

Re-appointments

Ronald Rohrbaugh to the Municipal Authority; new term to expire 1/1/24

Alexis Morris to Wellhead Protection Committee; new term to expire 1/12/23

Dan Sipe to Wellhead Protection Committee; new term to expire 1/12/23

John Speights to Zoning Hearing Board; new term to expire 1/1/22

F. Arbogast moved to re-appoint the above individuals.

S. Walters seconded. The motion carried with all voting in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

County Hazard Mitigation Plan

The County has asked each municipality to adopt the York County 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan after February 6.

Shrewsbury Township Response to Sam Juffe

Sam Juffe, of Cornerstone Development, sent a letter to Shrewsbury Township asking for usage credit for the townhomes he states are not using one sewer EDU (350 GPD). The Township responded that based on the agreement with the Township, one EDU is 350 GPD. The Authority had also taken the same position.

ADJOURNMENT

S. Walters moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

T. Nadobny seconded. The motion carried with all voting in favor.

Submitted by Cindy L. Bosley, Sec.