

## MINUTES

## SHREWSBURY BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 25, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Hoover, Harry Wolf and Michael Smelgus

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard R. Buchanan, Councilman and Chairman of the Water & Sewer Committee; Brian L. Sweitzer, Supt. of Public Works; Eric Suter, Esq. of CGA Law Firm; Phil Robinson

A regular meeting of the Municipal Authority convened at 7:02 p.m. at the Borough Municipal Building, 35 West Railroad Avenue, with Vice Chairman Wolf presiding. Chairman Robert Williams was not in attendance due to illness and George Smith passed away two weeks ago.

The April 27 meeting was cancelled because of a lack of a quorum due to illnesses.

Re-organization

John Hoover offered to serve as Secretary and Treasurer until another member can be appointed.

J. Hoover moved to have the following slate of officers:

Robert Williams - Chairman

Harry Wolf - Vice Chairman

John Hoover - Secretary and Treasurer

Michael Smelgus - Asst. Secretary/Treasurer

M. Smelgus seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Minutes

J. Hoover moved to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2010 meeting.

M. Smelgus seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Executive Session

An executive session was called at 7:07 p.m. to discuss an appeal that was filed with the PUC by Phil Robinson.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:29 p.m.

#### Agreement with The York Water Company for Water Shut Off

The York Water Company will shut off water service until our sewer service is paid for customers in Shrewsbury Township who have water from The York Water Company.

J. Hoover moved to approve the agreement with The York Water Company for water shut offs for delinquent sewer customers in Shrewsbury Township.

M. Smelgus seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

#### Deduct Meter Resolution

The Borough adopted an ordinance to allow deduct meters to measure water that does not enter the sewer system providing the customer is using at least five EDUs. The Authority needs to adopt a resolution to cover customers in the Township who may qualify.

J. Hoover moved to adopt Resolution #2011-1.

M. Smelgus seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

#### Operational Assistance Agreement with Shrewsbury Borough

Since the Authority does not have employees, Shrewsbury Borough Public Works employees have been overseeing and maintaining the sewer lines and mains in the Township and the office staff has been billing and maintaining the Township sewer customers' accounts since the inception of the sewer system in 1972. Other municipalities utilize an operational assistance agreement in order to provide services in a fiscally responsible manner.

J. Hoover moved to accept the agreement that outlines the prior and future relationship between Shrewsbury Borough and the Shrewsbury Borough Municipal Authority in substance with minor modifications to be made by Solicitor Rehmeier to be signed at a later date.

M. Smelgus seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

## Clay Pipe Replacement Project

B. Sweitzer stated about 8,500 feet of clay pipe in Southern Farms, most of it in Shrewsbury Township, needs to be replaced due to root problems and the pipe not being up to our standards. The project will be done over three years and the Borough is seeking grant funds through the County's Block Grant program to help offset the cost which will be around \$600,000.00. The work will be done either by slip-lining or bursting. The first section to be done is Crosswind Drive, Covington Drive and Brandywine Drive. The Public Works Department has televised the entire area and notices were given to those property owners that will soon experience back-ups from roots to call to have their lateral cleaned out with an auger at no cost to them. The Authority will need to meet in September or October to approve the project.

## Sewer Flows

B. Sweitzer reported that the average sewer flows for 2010 were 568,556 gallons per day with 2,683 connections compared to 1980's average daily flows of 503,569 with 1,198 connections. In 1995, the Borough's share of the flows going into the plant was at 64% and in 2010, we were at 44% of the flows. B. Sweitzer attributed the decrease to the skill of the Borough's employees by taking classes and keeping the televising in-house; identifying the problems and repairing them in-house; and the employees work together and are cooperative, even televising in the rain to find where the most infiltration is entering the lines. B. Sweitzer thanked the Authority for approving the purchase of a sewer camera for the Borough employees to use.

J. Hoover stated the Authority is accused of not going its job, but they make sure the funds and resources are there to get the work done and if not, the sewer system could end up where it was 30 years ago.

Councilman Buchanan reported the plant is rated at 3.3 million gallons a day and during a very bad storm, the flows were at 6.5 million gallons a day for about five hours, according to the treatment plant manager.

## Vacancy on Municipal Authority

The Borough has advertised the vacancy left by George Smith who passed away earlier this month.

### Other Business

Phil Robinson, complainant to the PUC, and Authority customer, stated he has wanted to address the Authority for some time and wanted to go on record as being present. He distributed a handout for the Authority to review and he would like to come in and make a presentation, but it is the call of the Authority.

### Adjournment

M. Smelgus moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

J. Hoover seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Submitted by,  
Cindy L. Bosley, Recording Secretary  
and Borough Secretary