

MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 9, 2008

PRESENT: Mayor James W. Reedy, Richard R. Buchanan, Michael R. Caum, Thomas D. Metz, Michael W. Ridgely, Peter W. Schnabel, Christopher M. Skoglund and Eric W. Stoley

OTHERS

PRESENT: Jeffrey L. Rehmeyer, II, Esq.; James R. Holley, P.E.; Brian L. Sweitzer, Supt. of Public Works; E. Michael Lee of Codes Enforcement; Susan Whaley of Mid-Atlantic Realty; Darryl Kirsch of BL Companies; Greg Birdsall and Greg Reed of Kimco Realty; Greg Sheddy; Deborah Sabotka; Harry Wolf;

The regular meeting of the Borough Council convened at 7:31 p.m. in the Borough Municipal Building, 35 West Railroad Avenue with President Schnabel presiding.

Shrewsbury Square Shopping Center – Discuss Making Southern Ingress/Egress a One-Way In

Present from Kimco Realty were Greg Reed and Greg Birdsall. Mr. Birdsall stated the leases with the Giant food store and Chick-fil-A reference the recorded site plan that shows the driveway as both in and out. Mr. Reed and Mr. Birdsall were told the turn violations at this exit will no longer be tolerated because of safety. The police spend a great amount of time issuing citations, which isn't a deterrent. The Borough tried to extend the lane with the plastic barrier posts that get destroyed by snow plows and have been replaced several times over the years. Signs were placed at the exit from Chick-fil-A noting direction to I-83 is through the shopping center, however, the signs disappeared. It was mentioned that maybe the traffic could be directed to the rear of the shopping center when exiting Chick-fil-A.

Mr. Birdsall said he would like to meet with both PennDOT and the Giant food store and Chick-fil-A for their input. Chief Childs, R. Buchanan and B. Sweitzer should be in attendance with the meeting with PennDOT and the Giant and Chick-fil-A representatives are welcome to attend a Council meeting.

Council asked for an update at the next meeting.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Harry Wolf and Brian Sweitzer were present representing the parade committee for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Company. Since banners are no longer allowed to be placed from Met Ed's poles, the parade committee ordered eight small banners to advertise the carnival and parade at a cost of \$1,220.18 when the Borough ordered its spring banners. The banners can be reused from year to year by changing the dates. The Borough budgeted \$4,000.00 for its banners for 2008 and spent \$3,610.00. Harry asked if the Borough could help pay for the fire company banners. The list of donations and expenses was presented showing a loss to the fire company.

E. Stoley entered the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

R. Buchanan moved to fund the cost of the banners at \$1,220.18.

T. Metz seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Tony Myers, Fire Chief, stated there has been vandalism to some York Water Company hydrants in the Township recently where the defender straps were broken off and water was stolen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C. Skoglund moved to approve the minutes of the March 12 meeting.

M. Caum seconded. The motion carried with T. Metz and E. Stoley abstaining as they were not at the March meeting.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTS

M. Ridgely moved to approve the expenditures and report of accounts for January and February.

E. Stoley seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

BILL LIST

The bill list was presented for March: General account: check numbers 8842 through 8885; Water account: check numbers 3979 thru 3996; Sewer account: check numbers 3846 thru 3850; Highway Aid: check numbers 763 thru 765.

E. Stoley moved to approve the bill list for March.

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

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

Rite Aid Sketch Plan for Property at 89 – 95 East Forrest Avenue

Darryl Kirsch and Susan Whaley were present to ask for approval of the grading plan under Section 312 of the Zoning Ordinance since the grading will exceed six feet. Susan had met with neighbors to the rear about the buffer area and two of the neighbors were at the meeting. Concerns regarding the Dumpster and lighting were discussed. There will be a tiered buffer in the back, one for the wall and one for the building. Side slopes are 3:1. Discussion of the one-way-in driveway on the east side next to the Coach Light Restaurant was discussed at length because of the situation that exists on Mount Airy Road at the shopping center. Darryl stated he will speak with PennDOT to see how they can make the one-way-in more restrictive.

E. Stoley stated he felt the soil should be tested that was filled in on the site. Mike Lee stated the dirt came from the Valley View Grove development and was virgin soil. This property is in Wellhead Zone 3 (part in zone 2). The ordinance does not require soil testing on virgin soil.

M. Caum moved to approve the grading/buffer plan, as presented, under section 312 of the Zoning Ordinance but will be reviewed again as part of the land development plan review process and making sure the double buffer, one for the wall and one for the building, remain on the land development plan. M. Ridgely stated he believes the land development plan is tied into the grading plan because if the permit for the driveways is not approved, it could force a change to the grade from what was presented this evening. He is not in favor of the one-way-in driveway.

C. Skoglund seconded.

Roll call vote:

Buchanan	yes, in favor
Caum	yes, in favor

Metz	yes, in favor
Ridgely	yes, in favor
Skoglund	yes, in favor
Stoley	no, opposed
Schnabel	yes, in favor

Southern Regional Police Report

No news on the Whitman case. The Department has been refunded almost \$61,000.00 over the last three years through the health insurance pool. Those funds have been put in a lockbox in case there are large payouts by the health insurance company and the rates go up. The Committee may be reviewing applications to replace Officer Stahm in about three weeks.

Codes Enforcement – E. Michael Lee

Fence Over Sewer Easement Russett Farms

Mike stated he spoke with Brian and they feel the fence can be handled with an agreement like was prepared for the residents in the buffer area on Fawn Drive.

Huber Welding

Huber is in two locations on Onion Blvd. and have expanded to the outside at 26 Onion Blvd. The steel beams are too big for the building and their deliveries are backlogged because of the weather. They are moving some steel across the street to the other location. Mike met with them this morning and they have three options: 1) see if an addition can be done; 2) remove all items from the outside, or 3) move from the area.

Van on Raypaula Drive

The van has been removed.

111 South Main Street

The house that had fire damage is being demolished.

33 South Main Street

In order for Mike to force the property owner to improve this property, the Borough would have to adopt the Property Maintenance Code as part of the new UCC which would incur a lot of money to the Borough as the fees cannot be recouped. Mike will try another approach as Mr. Myers needs to upgrade his water meter and needs a back flow valve.

Water & Sewer – Richard R. Buchanan

Keeney Well

The well has been properly abandoned.

Sewer Repairs

The Public Works Department plans to televise three miles of pipe this year. The lines already televised show repairs are needed and B. Sweitzer will submit the project costs next month for permanent slip lining.

Chesapeake Bay Strategy

R. Buchanan and B. Sweitzer attended a meeting sponsored by DEP and reported that DEP expected owners of treatment plants to purchase credits through a broker that were purchased from a farmer but this is not what is happening. Plant owners are upgrading to avoid potential high prices for credits in the future. The plant in New Freedom is compliant but it is only operating at about 50% capacity. The rating is based on full capacity. A program change to the sequencing batch reactor could meet the standard for approximately ten years. Some things could be done at the plant to earn credits as well.

Public Roads & Lighting – Christopher M. Skoglund

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping is continuing this week due to wet weather last week.

Crack Sealing

Crack sealing will be done later this month.

Road Projects

C. Skoglund moved to authorize President Schnabel to sign the Contract with Shiloh Paving.

E. Stoley seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Public Lands, Buildings and Finance – Michael W. Ridgley

Municipal Building Boiler

The new boiler was installed in 2001 and most of the repair costs were for the accompanying five circulators. The service contract with Remco is \$2,388.00 a year. B. Sweitzer spoke with a plumber and the current boiler should last 20 years.

M. Ridgely moved to not renew the service contract with Remco with maintenance to be done in-house and to continue to monitor repairs.

E. Stoley seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Community Block Grant

Eng. Holley said personnel from his office will attend a workshop later this month sponsored by the York County Planning Commission. Applications need to be submitted by June 1.

Shiloh Paving

Eng. Holley's office will issue the notice to proceed with the road paving projects.

Cost Sharing Treatment Plant

Eng. Holley stated for years, ten percent of the sewer salaries were charged to collection. This was discussed at a recent meeting with New Freedom Borough

and the new way of keeping track of collection versus plant wages will be initiated. This will also impact the percentage for benefits. New Freedom Borough will also check with their insurance carrier to break out the insurance coverage expense for the plant and plant-related items.

Sidewalk Replacement

We will not know until this fall whether the Borough will receive block grant monies. At that time, we will send a letter notifying the property owners and set an informational meeting.

M. Caum stated he will modify the draft letter done by the Secretary to make sure property owners know why the Borough is requiring sidewalks to be replaced. The price for curbing is \$57.00 a foot and where no curbing exists, curbing should be installed. The price for tree removal is \$1,100.00 to 2,500.00 per tree. Businesses will be included to make the project contiguous. Cement will be tinted.

Valley View Grove Detention Pond

The pond work is finished.

Chapter 94 Report

The report for 2007 showed the average flow per day at the plant to be 1,245,000 with a total of 5,071 EDUs with an average flow of 245 gallons per day. In 2003, the average flow per day was 1,668,000 with a total of 4,821 EDUs with an average flow of 346 gallons per day. This shows the impact the sewer work the Public Works Department has done over the years.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Michael Eagan, 380 North Main Street

Sol. Rehmyer filed a brief in response to Mr. Eagan's appeal.

Grim's Glass & Plastics

Mr. Miller plans to pay his arrears. Millers will sign an agreement relinquishing any rights to use of the apartment.

Public Safety, Welfare and Personnel – Michael R. Caum**Secretary's Report** – Cindy L. Bosley**Trash Contract**

The trash contract expires January 31, 2009 and the Secretary would like the new contract to be awarded by November 13 in time for information to be inserted in the December, January, February newsletter. More than likely, there will be an increase.

York Area Tax Bureau – Thomas D. Metz

There is a meeting next week.

Subdivision, Land Development and Zoning – Eric W. Stoley**Planning Commission** – Eric W. Stoley

The County is requiring the Borough to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to qualify for funding to address currently identified and future hazard mitigation projects. A resolution will be prepared for adoption next month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**NEW BUSINESS****Post-Prom Committee Donation**

T. Metz asked Council if it would be interested in donating \$50.00 to the Post-Prom Committee which keeps attendees in a controlled atmosphere after the prom.

C. Skoglund moved to donate \$50.00 to the Post-Prom Committee.

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

Verizon DSL

The solicitor will be asked to see if the Borough can approach Verizon to consider bringing high speed internet to serve the entire Borough or if it is a conflict of interest since we have a franchise agreement with Comcast for cable television, which also provides DSL. Right now, only a western portion is served because it is within two miles of Railroad. There are three service areas in the Borough and the office would serve as the aggregator. If 50 potential customers from each service area agree to purchase Verizon DSL for a year, service will be extended.

COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

C. Skoglund moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

E. Stoley seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Submitted by,

Cindy L. Bosley, Secretary