

MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 14, 2010

PRESENT: Mayor Peter W. Schnabel, Richard R. Buchanan, Carl W. Munch, Michael W. Ridgely, Michael G. Sharkey, 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; Tony Myers, Fire Chief, Acting Police Chief Jim Boddington; Tyler Harpster, radio club

The regular meeting of the Borough Council convened at 7:32 p.m. in the Borough Municipal Building, 35 West Railroad Avenue, with President Ridgely presiding.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 9 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTS

C. Skoglund moved to approve the expenditures and report of accounts for May. E. Stoley seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

BILL LIST

The bill list for June was presented: General account: check numbers 10118 thru 10166; Water account: check numbers 4366 thru 4383; Sewer account: check numbers 4204 thru 4211; Highway Aid: none

C. Skoglund moved to approve the June bill list.

R. Buchanan seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

PAYROLL REGISTER

C. Skoglund moved to approve the June 14 and 28 payroll registers.

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

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

Southern Regional Police Report – Richard R. Buchanan

Buck highlighted the report for April. Acting Chief Boddington clarified one item in the report that lists an armed robbery, which involved teenagers at the park where a bat was used to obtain money from another teen. The carnival was the quietest one in a long time with no criminal arrests. A speed check on July 3 resulted in 11 citations in an hour and a half. The Department received some calls about a man selling artwork in a parking lot at Market Square and when he was told to register at the Borough Office he moved on. Officer Boddington stated our soliciting ordinance may need to be strengthened to prohibit soliciting in the streets as this causes traffic problems. Officer Boddington stated he plans on visiting Council meetings periodically for better relations with the Council and the community.

Fire Chief Tony Myers stated attendance was down at the carnival, especially Saturday night. The parade costs the fire company about \$6,500.00 and they have noticed attendance at the parades has dropped off over the years, plus other fire departments have cut back on their attendance at parades as well. There may not be a parade next year since July 4th falls on a Monday. They are considering fireworks on Saturday night at next year's carnival.

Codes Enforcement – E. Michael Lee

Construction is still down; Mike's office sent a few violation letters. Mike was asked to check the trees/weeds on the dirt piles at the vacant lot on East Forrest Avenue.

Water & Sewer – Richard R. Buchanan**Windy Hill Road Sewer Line Replacement**

The sewer line replacement at the bridge in Tolna will begin soon. Two utility poles will need to be moved. The Borough's share of the cost will be about \$25,000.00 plus extra costs for the asbestos pipe disposal.

Public Roads & Lighting – Eric W. Stoley**Mount Airy Road Delineators**

Some delineators have been replaced and B. Sweitzer will investigate another type of delineator that may be more durable.

Tree Trimming

The Public Works Department is identifying problem intersections and blocked roadways for fall tree trimming; residents will be notified prior to trimming.

Public Lands & Buildings and Finance – Christopher M. Skoglund**New Truck**

The 1999 Chevrolet stake body truck needed almost \$4,600.00 in repairs in the last two years. A new truck was budgeted for 2010 and will be necessary in 2011. A wheel seal is leaking and may not pass inspection next month. B. Sweitzer was asked to think about a replacement truck. The 1992 dump truck should hold up for 15 to 20 more years.

Scout House Project

The trees are being cut and removed and the stumps will be removed from the pad area. A retaining wall will be required due to the slope at a material cost of \$1,200.00. Sam's Tree Service mulched the trees as they were dropped at the original cost estimate of \$2,500.00. The total Public Works hours are approximately 284 and include the wall installation. The base for the radio antenna may need to be eight feet deep by four foot square. A Scout is overseeing

the antenna preparation; no scouts will be allowed in the base hole. A structural engineer needs to review the antenna pad specifications.

Borough Building Border Posts

The metal posts are bent and some are broken off.

C. Skoglund moved to authorize the Public Works Department to remove and recycle the posts.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Southern Farms Water Line Project

Eng. Holley's office is mapping all of the utilities for the water grant application. The application was due on July 1 instead of the middle of August. Eng. Holley's office filed the application which will be ratified next month.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Wellhead Protection in Shrewsbury Township

Sol. Rehmeier prepared an intergovernmental agreement that establishes the relationship between the Township and the Borough. The agreement places primary responsibility for administration and enforcement of wellhead protection outside of the Borough onto the Borough.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment Regarding Non-Residential Use Certificates

The amendment is for annual renewals of non-residential use certificates for inspection of properties to ensure they comply with the Zoning Ordinance and other rules and regulations applicable to the property.

The Borough's Planning Commission will review the proposed amendment at the July meeting.

Shrewsbury Center Buffer

The shopping center management is in the process of signing the agreement. The trees will be replanted this fall.

FEMA Floodplain Ordinance Amendments

The amendments may not affect the Borough because of its classification of Zone "A".

Eitzert Farms Development

An Act may be passed that would grant extensions until July, 2013, for certain projects and items to be done which may affect the Eitzert Farms development plan. If the Act is passed, the developer would be grandfathered from amending the plan to meet any Zoning or Subdivision Ordinance changes that occurred between the time of approval and the time of expiration of the plan, which is currently five years. After a request, a fee determination is \$100.00 for residential consideration and \$500.00 for commercial consideration.

Sol. Rehmeyer was asked to see if well permit renewals would fall under the Act.

Public Safety, Welfare and Personnel

Burn Ban

Since there was some rain recently, the burn ban was not put into effect per Fire Chief Myers.

E. Stoley moved that a future burn ban be placed in operation at Mayor Schnabel's discretion should the need arise.

C. Skoglund seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

PennDOT Bridge Closures

Fire Chief Myers is writing a letter to PennDOT with the concern that closing more than one bridge at a time for replacement is not a wise decision as it would push all of the traffic through East Forrest Avenue to Mount Airy Road and Exit 4. The Borough is in agreement.

Fire Engine Refurbishment

A 16 year-old truck is being refurbished this year at a cost of \$200,000.00 and will be out of service for about four months. A new truck costs about \$520,000.00.

Secretary's Report – Cindy L. Bosley

Trick or Treat Night

Since October 31 falls on a Sunday this year, Trick or Treat will be on Saturday, October 30, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Newsletter Request

A member of the Village Fall Fest committee asked that the festival be mentioned in the newsletter. The request was denied as we don't want to set a precedent by allowing civic groups to request space in the newsletter.

Quickbooks Class

The bookkeeper would like to take a class in Quickbooks and a two-day class is offered later this month for \$450.00.

Permission was given for her to attend but the Secretary was asked to check to see if a trainer could come in-house so others could attend.

Composting Class

A master gardener with the Penn State Extension will hold a composting class here on September 21.

York Area Tax Bureau

Subdivision, Land Development and Zoning – Eric W. Stoley

The Committee needs to meet to review Section 406 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Planning Commission/Regional Planning Commission – Eric W. Stoley

York Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (YAMPO)

The first nominees were not approved. After discussion, Mayor Schnabel offered to serve for a four-year term.

E. Stoley moved that Peter W. Schnabel be nominated to serve Region 1.
C. Skoglund seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Issue Control Sheet

The issue control sheet was reviewed and updated as necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS

A thank you letter was received from the South Central Senior Citizen Center for the donation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was called at 9:14 p.m. to discuss current litigation and for an update on a police personnel issue.
The meeting was resumed at 9:49 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

C. Skoglund moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 p.m.
E. Stoley seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Submitted by,
Cindy L. Bosley, Sec.