MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING                                                                   APRIL 28, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:  Dennis Wertz, Ted Nadobny, John Hoover, and Andrew

Campbell(Zoom)

OTHERS PRESENT:  Brian L. Sweitzer, Supt. of Public Works; Jeffrey L. Rehmeyer II, Esq.;

Phil Robinson; Baron Matthews, Sr.

A regular meeting of the Municipal Authority convened at 7:00 p.m. with Chairman Nadobny presiding.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

J. Hoover moved to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2021 meeting.

D. Wertz seconded. The motion carried with all voting in favor.

**CITIZEN’S COMMENTS**

Phil Robinson, representing Mr. and Mrs. Powers at 623 E. Tolna Rd., stated that New Freedom Borough has agreed to sell them four EDUs. New Freedom Borough has also agreed to sell Baron Matthews, Sr. 11 EDUs for Midsomer Glen. Phil wanted a letter of acknowledgement that the Authority is not opposed. T. Nadobny stated there will be a meeting with New Freedom Borough in the next month or two to discuss this and other items for clarification. Sol. Rehmeyer stated that if these transfers were approved, there would need to be an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreements currently in place to reflect a corresponding increase in capacity to Shrewsbury Borough and the Shrewsbury Borough Municipal service areas, along with a decrease in the total capacity of the New Freedom Borough service areas. Accordingly, the meeting with New Freedom Borough should really occur before any such transfer is approved. Additionally, Shrewsbury Borough would also need to agree to the transfer. Supt. Sweitzer stated his preference that Shrewsbury Borough sell its excess capacity before New Freedom Borough would be transferred into the Authority’s service area.

Phil stated the Township has a sewer committee now and he is a member as well as two of the supervisors, a planner and the manager.

Sussex Place Plan and Pump Station

Phil asked for a letter that the plan was acceptable. There are outstanding items as noted by Eng. Brenneman in his review letter dated April 22: payment of all fees; construction estimate is needed for calculating surety amount; HOA Agreement to be modified to hold each owner responsible for the pump station and force main to protect the Authority from inheriting these private facilities; the Agreement should also include provisions for reimbursement by the HOA if any parts are provided by the Authority; a note needs to be revised that the Authority shall be granted access to the entire private street right-of-way due to the service lines not being within the 20 foot wide easement. Since the force main is located in the 50’ right-of-way that will not be improved nor adopted by the Township, Sol. Rehmeyer indicated that the two property owners should sign a right of way agreement, specifically for utilities, which can then be recorded as opposed to simply relying on a small note on a plan that appears to be access only. Phil indicated his reluctant understanding and agreed to contact the two property owners and developer’s counsel to proceed with the aforementioned agreement.

**EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNT**

D. Wertz moved to approve the January, February, and March report of accounts.

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

**BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Sewer Plant Project

The contract is almost complete. The manufacturer, PW Tech, is working on its checklist and performance testing. Buchart Horn is holding money for completion.

Emerald Garden

The restaurant could not produce greasetrap cleaning proof in December/January. Supt. Sweitzer checked the greasetrap and records on Monday. Both the greasetrap and records are good. They clean weekly.

PennDOT Reimbursement

PennDOT reimbursed us the amount of $90,423.27 at 93.34% for the sewer line replacement at Exit 4. The reimbursement is for inspections and design.

Deer Creek North Interceptor Sewer Replacement

Eng. Brenneman stated the three permits, two DEP and one PennDOT permit, should be received within the next two months. The work will enlarge the interceptor sewer line from 12” to 15”. The work must be completed by October for Wild Trout restriction in Deer Creek.

Keeney Farm Survey

Eng. Brenneman stated the survey is finished. There were some problems with the deed and a small tract had no deed. He would recommend an easement between Deer Creek Road and Windy Hill Road but it will depend on Kevin Keeney.

Deer Creek Sewer Force Main

The 2022 budget can include the cost to replace the sewer force main from the Village of Tolna to East Tolna Road.

Meeting with New Freedom Borough

T. Nadobny said the Water and Sewer Committee met this evening to come up with items they want to discuss at the meeting with New Freedom Borough to include how they calculate the EDUs. There will be a user meeting in September with New Freedom Borough, Shrewsbury Borough, Railroad Borough and Shrewsbury Township.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

Taken earlier.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

The Solicitor indicated that his primary work involved matters previously addressed during the agenda.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

J. Hoover moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

D. Wertz seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Prepared by Cindy L. Bosley, Recording Secretary