MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING                                                                   JULY 22, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:  Dennis Wertz, John Hoover, Ted Nadobny, Terry Blomquist and

Andrew Campbell

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

Jason Brenneman P.E.; Phil Robinson

A regular meeting of the Municipal Authority convened at 7:02 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Borough Municipal Building, 35 West Railroad Avenue, with Chairman Nadobny presiding.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

J. Hoover moved to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2020 meeting.

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

**CITIZEN’S COMMENTS**

None were offered.

**EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNT**

D. Wertz moved to approve the June report of accounts.

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

**BUSINESS**

Status of Sewer Flow Study

Eng. Brenneman stated the depths of the manholes were measured from Wolfe Road to the pump station. Three of the surveyed manhole runs in the 12” pipe are flat with grades between .01% and .05%. This very likely impacted the 2018 sewer study in that if the line wasn’t draining properly, as it could have thrown in some errors. There are about 510 GPM flowing now and if all EDUs would connect, there would be about 715 GPM. There are about 840 EDUs on the North Interceptor and that includes those who own capacity but are not connected. If the flat pipe slopes are increased, capacity can be increased so the property owners that have EDUs but are not connected will be able to connect when they are ready. In addition to the three segments, the manholes will need to be modified as well. They will need to bore under Route 851. The cost of the pipe and some materials can be purchased through the Co-Stars program. Supt. Sweitzer feels the work can be done to increase the three line segments to 18” with a budget cost of around $300,000.00. He will have a firmer budget figure at the next meeting.

Upgrading of the pump station can be held off but the line should be corrected.

The next step is to have a meeting with DEP to explain what needs to be done in order to gain back more capacity in the Interceptor.

Status of Letters Sent to Property Owners who Own Capacity that Could Connect to the North Interceptor

Dave Keller attended the Council meeting as his lot is in the Borough. Council asked for an opinion from Eng. Brenneman if he felt connecting one residential EDU would cause a problem. Based on the I and I work recently done by the Public Works Department Eng. Brenneman stated that the addition of one residential EDU would not cause any harm to the

Interceptor. The Authority received a copy of the letter and there was no opposition from the Authority.

Transfer of Sewer EDUs from Borough to Authority

Last month, the Authority directed Sol. Rehmeyer to prepare the documents for the transfer of the EDUs from Shrewsbury Borough to the Municipal Authority for distribution to Steel Farm (two EDUs) and to Phil Robinson for Phase II of Sussex Place (19 EDUs) for prompt utilization. The collection portion would be paid to the Authority and the capacity portion would be paid over to the Borough.

J. Hoover moved to direct Sol. Rehmeyer to proceed and finalize the agreements.

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

Invoice from Wexcon for Deer Creek Force Main Restoraton

The invoice is in the amount of $53,954.50 with the Authority’s share being 55.7% or $30,052.66.

J. Hoover moved to pay Wexcon the amount of $30,052.66.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Deer Creek North Interceptor Repairs

The final repair was completed on July 14. Every leak detected from sewer televising has been repaired and the Interceptor will be televised again in late fall or early winter. The sewer flow meters show an average flow increase of 15,000 gallons per day or ten gallons per minute from the meter placed at Johnson Controls to the pump station.

New Freedom Treatment Plant Project

The Volute Press Project will be finished late this year or early next year. Next year, planning can begin for the Plant Capacity Upgrade to gain capacity from the permitted amount of 2.25 MGD to 2.6 MGD. The amount the plant can process at this time is only 1.7 MGD.

2020 Sewer Flow Comparison

Shrewsbury’s share of the flow through the end of June is 49.3%.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

Discussed earlier.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

Agreement with Regard to Transfer and Utilization of Sewer Capacity between Dun-Parr Holdings, LLC and R-HI, Inc.

The Agreement holds the True Value property at 836 East Forrest Avenue to the total volume of the existing two sewer EDUs until such time as additional capacity is regained in the North Interceptor, but it allows for more than two uses.

D. Wertz moved to authorize Sol. Rehmeyer to forward the Agreement to Atty. David Jones.

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

Different Sewer Rates

Sol. Rehmeyer prepared a Memo that states different sewer rates can be charged to different customers in order to pay for particular repairs and improvements. He will provide Council with a copy.

**Executive Session**

An executive session was called at 7:39 p.m. to discuss an ongoing legal dispute and real estate matters involving the Stewartstown Railroad.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:49 p.m.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

D. Wertz moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

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

Prepared by Cindy L. Bosley, Recording Secretary