

MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 13, 2007

PRESENT: Mayor James W. Reedy, Richard R. Buchanan, Thomas D. Metz,
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; Keith Wills; other residents of Valley View Grove;
Tyler Harpster; Bonnie Winter

The regular meeting of the Borough Council convened at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Municipal Building, 35 West Railroad Avenue with President Schnabel presiding.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Mrs. Bonnie Winter, of 311 West Forrest Avenue is disputing their evergreen tree is within the line of sight and presented pictures showing a car at the intersection. Eng. Holley stated the tree is within the sight triangle of Kratz Road and West Forrest Avenue.

R. Buchanan entered the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

The speeding on West Forrest Avenue is a separate issue. Mrs. Winter was told others have been contacted about trimming trees in a sight triangle that she is not being singled out. A traffic study performed recently revealed no additional stop signs are warranted on Forrest Avenue.

The tree needs to be trimmed up an additional 18 inches to two feet bringing the total to five feet. Mrs. Winter was asked to speak with her husband and let either the Borough office, or her attorney, know their plans within thirty days.

Keith Wills, HOA President for Valley View Grove Development was present again about some deficiencies in their development. The major items are the detention pond, the single retaining wall in the rear of five lots and the weeds in the common area have not been cut. Keith stated the April minutes say the houses were placed further back than planned but it was stated at the May meeting the houses are exactly where they are supposed to be.

Cornerstone had a contractor dig in the pond and large stones were found and it is believed the water was draining from that area instead of the outlet. The contractor did not fill properly and the berm needs work and the pipe through the berm is not satisfactory. There was to be sod put in place but it was just seeded. There were no drawings and it is still not working correctly.

Cornerstone did not contact Eng. Holley's office when the pond was first installed.

The property owners in attendance were told they can access the rear of their properties from the right-of-way from both ends of the streets as the swales are on the individual lots and who now has maintenance responsibility is between the home owners and Cornerstone.

Due to the fact that Cornerstone Development has had deadline after deadline, the following motion was made.

R. Buchanan moved that Sol. Rehmeyer send a letter to Cornerstone Development stating the following: 1) Eng. Holley has been instructed to begin the paperwork to call the bond with the intent to use the funds to fix the deficiencies left by Cornerstone Development and its contractor(s) concerning the pond; 2) Sol. Rehmeyer should make clear that if Cornerstone Development wants to proceed to correct the problems themselves that they must submit plans for Eng. Holley to review and they cannot initiate any action on site without first contacting Eng. Holley and the work must be done under full supervision by Eng. Holley's office; 3) the project must be assigned to a general contractor or put out for bid. A response must be received from Cornerstone Development either way within 30 days of today or the plan developed by Eng. Holley will be put in motion (two weeks for Eng. Holley's office to prepare the plan and two weeks for Cornerstone to do the work or respond.) The work must follow Eng. Holley's plan/supervision.

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

R. Buchanan moved that Sol. Rehmeyer be directed to send a letter to Cornerstone Development that the retaining wall work was not done according to the plan and the Borough wants a response within 30 days or the Borough will retain an outside contractor to correct the wall.

R. Metz seconded. After discussion, the motion died.

R. Buchanan amended the motion that a strongly-worded letter be sent to Cornerstone Development that they are not in compliance with the approved plan

and the Borough wants a plan from them with a time line on how they plan to correct the problem of the single retaining wall.

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

Sol. Rehmeier should further add to his letter that Cornerstone Development or its contractor did not contact Eng. Holley's office prior to the construction of the original pond and if any work is done in this development by Cornerstone Development, they must first contact Eng. Holley's office.

Tyler Harpster of the Southern Pennsylvania Communications Group stated the annual field day will be on June 23 and 24 at Codorus State Park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C. Skoglund moved to approve the minutes of the May 9 meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTS

The reports for April will be approved next month.

BILL LIST

The bill list was presented for May: General account: check numbers 8374 thru 8415; Water account: check numbers 3783 thru 3794; Sewer account: check numbers 3733 thru 3740; Highway Aid: check numbers: none.

C. Skoglund moved to approve the bill list for May.

T. Metz and E. Stoley seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

Eitzert Farms Financial Security

The developer asked if it could withdraw the financial security that was posted and the response was no, as that would void final plan approval.

Southern Regional Police

Buck highlighted the April police report. They are still in arbitration.

REPORTS

Codes Enforcement – E. Michael Lee

Appointment of Additional BCO

E. Stoley moved to appoint Herbert Daugherty of Codes Enforcement as an additional BCO.

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

Water & Sewer – Richard R. Buchanan

Closing Private Wells

A meeting was held with about half of the residents who must connect to the water system and the agreement was mailed to the others. The proposal is to provide Borough funding up to \$1,000.00 of the project using the Public Works Department to bring the water line to the house. The home owner will hire their own plumber to bring the water line into their house through the wall. Eng. Holley will submit stream crossing permit applications.

IPC Plumbing Code

Mike Lee provided the plumbing code manuals to Brian. Brian will attend a three day class and hopefully take the exam by the end of July.

Public Roads & Lighting – Christopher M. Skoglund

Traffic Study Restricting Trucks

C. Skoglund moved to authorize the advertisement of the ordinance to restrict large trucks on Brook Meadow Circle beginning at Northbrook Lane; Clear Run Drive beginning at Plank Road; East Clearview Drive beginning at North Main Street; and Cardinal Drive beginning at Mt. Airy Road.

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

Paving of East Church Street

Fitz and Smith will be paving the Township portion of the road and the cost to do our portion would be \$3,715.00. This section is on the list of streets to be paved next year.

C. Skoglund moved to approve the paving of the Borough's portion at a cost of \$3,715.00.

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

Public Lands & Buildings and Finance – Thomas D. Metz

Banning the use of Skateboards, Roller Blades and Kick Scooters

T. Metz moved to adopt Resolution 2007-3 to ban the use of skateboards, roller blades, kick scooters and similar devices on Borough property at 35 West Railroad Avenue, 44 South Main Street and the new Public Works garage east of South Highland Drive.

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

Donations

T. Metz moved to increase the donations to Animal Rescue, Animal Control League of Red Lion and the SPCA to \$750.00 each as part of the annual donation checks.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

South Sunset Drive Gas Main Replacement

Columbia Gas will have the majority of the road torn up during the gas main replacement and this would be a good time to work on replacing the base as they go along.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

I-83 Rest Stop Issue

A copy of the letter to be sent to PennDOT's counsel, Jason Sharp, was attached to Sol. Rehmeyer's report.

Amendment to Zoning Ordinance Regarding Buffers

A draft amendment for review and comment was attached to the report.

Employment Manual

A draft was provided.

Keeney Well Exploration

Attorney Anderson stated she will be calling Sol. Rehmeyer.

Public Safety, Welfare and Personnel – Eric W. Stoley

Employment Manual

Comments from B. Sweitzer and C. Bosley were received. M. Caum will be contacted about setting up a meeting to review the proposed amendments/clarifications.

Pension Fund

C. Skoglund stated the pension funds only grew 1.7% last year and he asked for permission to diversify the investments. A meeting is scheduled for Monday with Robert Hall of the R. J. Hall Company. Permission was given.

Secretary's Report – Cindy L. Bosley

Recycling Grant

Since our grant funds for 2005 were over \$10,000.00 the Borough must begin an enforcement program.

York Adams Tax Bureau – Thomas D. Metz

T. Metz will be attending the quarterly meeting and will have a report next month.

Subdivision, Land Development and Zoning – Eric W. Stoley

Deer Creek Buffer Area

A meeting is set for Sunday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m. with the residents of Fawn Drive, Cardinal Drive and Kimco Realty. R. Buchanan stated someone, we think Kimco Realty, trimmed two evergreen trees and removed some firewood that may have been in the buffer area.

LED Signs

The Committee will meet prior to the 7:00 p.m. meeting on June 24 to review the sample ordinance wordings from other municipalities regarding LED signs.

Planning Commission – Eric W. Stoley

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Additional Swings at Playground

T. Metz proposed installing an additional kiddie swing at the playground. The amount of \$7,000.00 remains in the PLGIT Playground account.

OTHER BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS

Jacobus Borough/Fire Police

Jacobus Borough is asking for a letter approving our fire police to help with their July 4 activity. A letter will be sent.

Oversize Load on Main Street

Kinard Trucking is asking for a letter approving the transporting of a very large container on Main Street within the next 30 days.

A letter will be sent that the Borough is aware the transport will take place and will ask for at least five day's prior notice of the move so we can notify our residents.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cindy L. Bosley, Secretary