

MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 12, 2008

PRESENT: Richard R. Buchanan, Michael R. Caum, Peter W. Schnabel and Christopher M. Skoglund

OTHERS

PRESENT: Jeffrey L. Rehmeyer, II, Esq.; James R. Holley, P.E.; E. Michael Lee of Codes Enforcement; Natalie Bento; Kristin Ritchey and Todd Eachus of Comcast; Barb Krebs of The York Daily Record

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

COMCAST REPRESENTATIVES

Todd Eachus and Kristin Ritchey answered some questions posed by Council. Three channels were recently moved from the analog cable to digital to free up space for other channels. A converter box is needed for the three digital channels which is rent-free for a year. After that, the charge is \$2.00 a month per box. Video on demand is planned for the Borough customers in the near future. The existing community access, based out of Adams County, will be combined with the White Rose community access channel out of York to benefit York County customers. M. Caum has an issue at his building where if one tenant doesn't pay their bill, the entire building gets shut off and tenants need to be marked. Comcast added more people to their call center. It was stated the community has grown, but the cable infrastructure hasn't kept up and the rates have increased with limited service growth. Comcast needs to keep the customers better informed to tell them what products will be coming for this specific area and when.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Natalie Bento, 14 Tree Hollow Drive, stated the home owners with the retaining wall can't come to an agreement. It was determined earlier that the home owners

with the retaining wall do have legal access to the rear of their property to mow but Natalie felt the agreement should be made clearer. Since the agreement is recorded, it will require the home owners association to open it back up. The property owners would have to do this since the Borough is not a party to the easement. Natalie believes the home owners will settle if 1) the agreement language is made clearer that they do have access to the easement; 2) the original offer by Cornerstone of either cash or steps is still an option; and 3) have Cornerstone give the property owners a wall warrantee for so many years. Natalie was told to contact Cornerstone and to copy the Borough in on the correspondence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M. Caum moved to approve the minutes of the February 13 meeting.
R. Buchanan seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTS

The January reports will be reviewed next month.

BILL LIST

The bill list was presented for February: General account: check numbers 8802 thru 8841; Water account: check numbers 3956 thru 3978; Sewer account: check numbers 3838 thru 3845; Highway Aid account: check numbers 759 thru 762.

C. Skoglund moved to approve the bill list for February.
M. Caum 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

M. Caum stated he and E. Stoley met with the Rite Aid representatives. The wall in the rear will be about 22 feet high. There is a natural buffer of mature trees along the creek. The homes behind the proposed Rite Aid are almost right in line

with the top of the wall and are about 300 feet away. Rite Aid will consider two terraced walls which will afford the opportunity to plant on these levels. Rite Aid could consider painting greenery on the wall. R. Buchanan was concerned about the one-way-in westbound next to Coach Light as this could create the same problem that exists at the south entrance/exit at the Shrewsbury Square Shopping Center. Eng. Holley said he would contact Rite Aid to see if that entrance could be closed and make the entrance/exit on the western side of the lot wider to support another lane.

Valley View Grove

DEP and Soil Conservation both approved the pond revision. Cornerstone will be ordering the materials from Michigan and know they need to do the work under Eng. Holley's direction. Progress is being made on the light at the intersection of Kratz Road and Tree Hollow Drive. There is electric to the top of the light now and a new ballast may be required to make the light work.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL POLICE REPORT

R. Buchanan highlighted the January report. The Consortium received over 400 applications and the Commission will only interview three candidates. There has been no news about re-opening the Whitman case.

Codes Enforcement – E. Michael Lee

122 Raypaula Drive

A letter was sent about the van with an expired inspection. The time given for removal has passed and the vehicle was not moved as promised. Council authorized Sol. Rehmeier to send a letter.

33 South Main Street

The property is in disrepair; Mike had one conversation with the property owner.

111-113 South Main Street

The church owns the properties and is in a dispute with the insurance company. There are pre-existing structural damages not caused by the fire and Mike will not

sign a letter that the damages were caused by the fire. Mike feels there may be a settlement soon.

Sign at Onion Blvd.

One of the lights is broken on a sign at the intersection of Onion Blvd. and South Main Street and shines into oncoming traffic. Mike will contact the owner.

Water & Sewer – Richard R. Buchanan

Keeny Well Status

Another hydrogeologist was contacted to give a quote on the study of the basin in the Chestnut Commerce area. A quote was received from Paul Miller. A notice will be given to each property owner stating the Borough is exploring the possibility of placing a well in the area and if the owner does not want the Borough on their property, they should call the office. The notice will be sent by certified and regular mail.

The well on the Anderson tract will be closed, per their request, before planting is done this spring.

Asset Management

The Borough was one of the few water companies in Pennsylvania who participated with DEP in an asset management program that will evaluate the need for water system funding in the near future. A list of assets, condition and replacement costs were part of the study along with financial information from 2007. We are in the process of completing another study by the EPA on asset management and are one of 18 systems in the U.S. chosen for the project.

Sewer Repairs

The Public Works Department televised over 15,000 feet of sewer lines this year and found 15 substantial leaks. Some of the repairs will be made by the Public Works Department and the others could best be repaired using the slip lining. Brian will present a budget in May or June for the work that will reduce flows by at least 75,000 gallons per day, or ten percent.

Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy

R. Buchanan moved to authorize President Schnabel to sign the representation letter with Hawke McKeon & Sniscak.

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

Public Roads & Lighting – Christopher M. Skoglund

South Entrance at Shrewbury Square Shopping Center

Kimco Realty will be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss what we can do jointly to correct the situation of motorists exiting and then making a U-turn to go south on Mount Airy Road.

Street Bids

The following bids were received:

Shiloh Paving & Excavating, Inc.	\$65,995.60
Womex, Inc. Excavating	\$70,728.00
Emory J. Peters Excavating/Paving	\$77,684.00
Hoover's Grading and Paving	\$83,300.00
Highland Contractors, LLC	\$89,345.00
Kinsley Construction	\$99,835.00
Stewart & Tate	\$112,987.50

C. Skoglund moved to award the bid to the lowest, responsible bidder, Shiloh Paving and Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$65,995.60.

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

Public Lands, Buildings and Finance

Scout House Renovations

The Secretary learned today from Rep. Miller's office that a grant was awarded for \$15,000.00 which will cover all but approximately \$1,000.00 of the addition/renovations.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Treatment Plant Cost Sharing Report

Another meeting is scheduled with New Freedom Borough for Monday to go over the expenditures for 2007.

Sidewalks

The Committee walked the sidewalks and the cost for replacement is close to \$168,000.00, which does not include any curbing work or dead tree removal. The areas are phased as follows: North Main Street west side; North Main Street east side; and West Forrest Avenue and South Main Street from the square to Railroad Avenue.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Michael Eagan 380 North Main Street

Mr. Eagan's attorney filed a brief in connection with the zoning appeal for the used car lot and Sol. Rehmeyer will file a brief in response.

PennDOT Welcome Center

Buck wanted it made clear to PennDOT that the additional EDUs won't be at the same price as the 19 being purchased.

Grim's Glass & Plastics

The property at 21 South Hill Street has not been sold and Mr. Miller would like to begin using the property for the same, non-conforming use as before. Mr. Miller knows the apartment cannot be utilized. He has not made a payment to the Borough for attorney's fees since May of 2007 and he owes approximately \$13,000.00. Sol. Rehmeyer will ascertain the property can be used for the same use as before without the need to go back to the zoning hearing board. Sol. Rehmeyer will send a letter to Attorney Knupp.

Public Safety, Welfare and Personnel – Michael R. Caum

No report.

Secretary's Report – Cindy L. Bosley**York County Boroughs Association Meeting**

The next meeting is March 27 in Spring Grove.

York Area Tax Bureau**Subdivision, Land Development and Zoning****Planning Commission**

M. Caum stated the amendments to the regional comprehensive plan are minimal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**OTHER BUSINESS****NEW BUSINESS****COMMUNICATIONS****ADJOURNMENT**

C. Skoglund moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 p.m.

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

Submitted by,

Cindy L. Bosley, Secretary