MINUTES

 SHREWSBURY BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING                                                                   August 24, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:  Dennis Wertz, John Hoover, Terry Blomquist (Zoom), and Andrew

Campbell

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

 Jason Brenneman, Esq.; Phil Robinson; Stacy MacNeal, Esq.

A regular meeting of the Municipal Authority convened at 7:02 p.m. with Vice Chairman Wertz presiding.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

J. Hoover moved to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2022 meeting.

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

**CITIZEN’S COMMENTS**

There were no citizen’s comments.

**EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTS**

D. Wertz moved to approve the July expenditures and report of accounts.

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

**BUSINESS**

Resolution #2022-2 Adopting Certain Rules and Regulations Regarding the Maintenance of Pumping Stations

Sol. Rehmeyer developed a resolution adopting certain rules and regulations regarding the maintenance of the sewage pumping stations pertaining to installation, spare sewage pumping stations, operation, maintenance, inspection, repair and replacement and includes a check list for the maintenance of the pumping stations.

J. Hoover moved to adopt Resolution #2022-2.

A. Campbell seconded. The motion carried with all voting in favor.

Meeting with New Freedom Borough

Sol. Rehmeyer gave a brief synopsis of the meeting held on August 18 with Railroad, New Freedom and Shrewsbury Boroughs. The plant is currently operating at 1.2 – 1.3 MGD and can handle 1.35 MGD. When it rains or when there is heavy use, it can go to 1.6 MGD with the first proposed improvement, adding blowers, capacity could be reclaimed to 1.65 MGD. Railroad, New Freedom and Shrewsbury Boroughs do not need capacity beyond this first phase. New Freedom Borough is using more capacity than it is allotted on a percentage basis. The second phase, Biomag, will happen if Shrewsbury and Hopewell Townships enter into agreements to fund the project at a cost of around $5 million dollars. Any capacity going to Shrewsbury Township must be okayed by the Township according to the Agreement. The Townships need to figure out how much capacity both will need and where the capacity will go. If the infrastructure is not adequate, developers will need to pay for improvements.

T. Blomquist moved that the capacity list, compiled after the June, 2022 letters were sent to those who had asked for capacity in recent years, be sent to Shrewsbury and Hopewell Townships.

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

Midsomer Plan

The owner of parcel BJ – 59.M along Elm Drive has a development plan being presented for approval at the August Board of Supervisors meeting and they included a right-of-way for future sewer connection for the Midsomer project (Baron Matthews, parcel BJ – 34) for an 11 lot residential subdivision along Windy Hill Road. Mr. Matthews is requesting permission to extend the sewer through that right-of-way a short distance for his project that would include one manhole. He is aware and acknowledges that sewer capacity is not available for his project. The plan does not have final approval as there is no sewer capacity. Supt. Sweitzer and Eng. Brenneman reviewed the plan and submitted comments to the developer. The developer wants to install the line now when the adjacent property owner installs his line even though it will be a dead line that will be capped and plugged possibly for several years. Phil stated he would like Supt. Sweitzer to inspect the line as it’s being installed. The Authority was not opposed to the line being installed on the Midsomer parcel providing all comments of Supt. Sweitzer and Eng. Brenneman being complied with; the line meets all of the Authority’s specifications and that it will be inspected during installation; the line is being installed at the developer’s risk knowing that sewer capacity is not available; the line must be capped and plugged per Supt. Sweitzer’s guidance; and if/when the line is put to use, it must first be re-inspected and pressure-tested. Phil agreed to all of these conditions.

A.Campbell moved to acknowledge installation of the line on the Midsomer parcel contingent on the conditions in the previous paragraph.

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

Steel Farm Brewery Land Development Plan

Eng. Brenneman stated a land development plan was submitted to the Township previously that was approved and they have now filed a revised plan changing the driveway and re-arranging the loading dock. No action is needed by the Authority.

Deer Creek Sewer Pumpstation Pumping Rates

Holley & Associates and the Public Works Department performed a pump test today to determine the current pump flow data as part of the design and permitting process. This was done as part of the redesign as there was a discrepancy as to what amount was originally permitted. It tested 600 gallons per minute.

Budget Meetings

The joint budget meetings are scheduled as follows: October 4(may be cancelled); October 11 and 25; November 8(election day will probably be November 15) and 29; December 6

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Deer Creek North Interceptor

The project will begin in early September to enlarge the existing 12” pipe to 15” on the Keeney property that is close to the pump station. Replacement will start next month. The pipe and manholes have been received.

Tour of Treatment Plant

The New Freedom Borough Manager has scheduled a tour of the treatment plant for September 8 at 5:30 p.m.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

Nothing additional beyond items discussed previously.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

J. Hoover moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

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

Prepared by Cindy L. Bosley, Recording Secretary