MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING                                                                   August 23, 2023

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

Andrew Campbell (Zoom)

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

Jason Brenneman, P.E.; David Pergrin

A regular meeting of the Municipal Authority convened at 7:04 p.m. with Chairman Blomquist presiding.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

D. Wertz moved to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2023, meeting.

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

**CITIZEN’S COMMENTS**

None were offered.

**EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTS**

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

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

**BUSINESS**

Meeting with New Freedom Borough

Shrewsbury Township notified New Freedom Borough and the Municipal Authority that it will need 528 EDUs to develop the Township in the Municipal Authority’s service area. They will need 95 EDUs in the next three years. Hopewell Township unofficially stated it would need 500 EDUs. New Freedom Borough sent an invitation out today to start the user group meetings up again for a meeting in September.

Storm on August 7

The four sewer pumpstations were powered by generator power from August 7 around 5:30 p.m. during the severe storm and power outages. The Deer Creek sewer generator was the least used with power restored on August 7th. The generators operated effectively at all stations and the diesel generators were filled once during the storm by AERO. The New Freedom Waste Water Treatment Plant also had its large generator running with diesel fillings every morning.

741 Chieftain Drive Sewer Right-of-Way

The property owner has a fence in the sewer right-of-way. The developer removed the fence when connecting Sussex Place to the Authority’s sewer line. The fence and yard were not restored by the developer. The Township notified the resident that the fence would not be reinstalled since it was placed in the right-of-way. The restoration of the fence is not an issue for the Authority.

Essex Circle Drive Sewer Trench

A meeting was held on July 12 with Supt. Sweitzer, James R. Holley & Assoc., and ECS about the road settling on Essex Circle Drive. A test hole was dug to determine the cause and Supt. Sweitzer contacted ECS with the results. When videotaped, the pipe shows slight deformities. ECS lists possible deformities as backfill and compaction issues during construction, deformation of 2B stone outward in sidewalls and settlement of flowable fill platform. Supt. Sweitzer is confident in the compaction that was done during construction. There is a similar situation on Magnolia Drive in the Township that must be corrected next year. It was suggested that ductile iron pipe be used. The sewer pipe is failing and the road is constantly settling. This work will be budgeted for next year.

Deer Creek Sewer Pump Station

The pumpstation design is on hold until the DCED grant awards are announced. The total project cost is over $2 million and we could match one third of the project cost.

Sewer Flows/Sewer Work

Prices have been requested for five point repairs on the sewer lines that have infiltration of about 15,000 GPD. Next week, a company will be lining two manholes that are leaking from the Deer Creek North Interceptor at between 5,000 and 10,000 GPD.

Grease Trap Maintenance

The Public Works Department monitors grease traps twice a year. There are several lax businesses that the Department will make sure become satisfactory this fall or winter. The businesses are Chick-fil-A, Chipotle, Domino’s, Five Guys, New China, and Presto. Supt. Sweitzer stated they will check the traps earlier. If the properties are not in compliance, then Sol. Rehmeyer can send a letter with regard to the matter.

Grace Fellowship Church, East Forrest Avenue

The owner of the former shopping center obtained additional EDUs by suing both the Borough and the Township. There was a Settlement Agreement where 19 additional EDUs were purchased from the Township and 19 additional EDUs were purchased from the Borough for a total of 44 EDUs. The Church is currently using approximately three EDUs. As part of the Settlement Agreement, if the owner felt it no longer needed that many EDUs, a protocol was to be followed where an equal amount of EDUs were to be sold back to both the Township and the Borough for prices listed in the Agreement. The Church wants to bypass the Agreement and sell 19 EDUs to Chestnut Commerce Center (Phil Robinson) for around $10,000 per EDU. Chestnut Commerce Center would then transfer the EDUs to Hillwood for development of a large warehouse on Elm Drive. The Church made a lengthy presentation at the August Council meeting and Council asked for more time to deliberate. The Township has approved the direct sale of the 19 EDUs.

Previously, representatives of the Church and the Center asked for the opportunity to appear before the Authority with regard to this transfer. Since Council was still in deliberations, counsel for the Church asked that any request before the Authority be postponed.

J. Hoover moved to postpone the request of the Grace Fellowship Church.

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

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

Taken earlier.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

Agreement for Transfer of EDUs

Johnson Controls owned 62 EDUs from when it purchased the parcels in the Stonebridge Development in Hopewell Township from Bob-Bob Associates. Johnson Controls is interested in transferring 12 of those EDUs back to Bob-Bob Associates for use on other parcels in the Development. Sol. Rehmeyer prepared the Agreement for the transfer of the sewage capacity and the transfer was completed.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

D. Wertz moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

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

Prepared by Cindy L. Bosley, Recording Secretary