MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING                                                                   July 24, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:  Dennis Wertz, John Hoover, Terry Blomquist, Ted Nadobny (Zoom)

and Andrew Campbell

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

Jason Brenneman, P.E.; Phil Robinson, Saul Kuciauskas; and David

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A regular meeting of the Municipal Authority convened at 7:00 p.m. with Chairman Blomquist presiding.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

J. Hoover moved to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2024 meeting.

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

**CITIZEN’S COMMENTS**

Saul Kuciauskas, 336 Stone Arch Road, was present to contest the quarterly sewer capital improvement fee that he is going to be billed for Township EDU #157 that is attached to a lot on Constitution Avenue. Mr. Kuciauskas stated he felt the billing for non-use of the EDU he owns is unfair and he asked the Authority to reconsider imposition of the fee. Mr. Kuciauskas was told that the fee was imposed for those who own EDUs not in use so that the treatment plant can be updated through projects necessary to enable the plant to be ready when the time comes that he wants to activate his EDU. He was reminded there are expenses of the plant incurred for his EDU even though he is not yet using it. The fee is permissible under law. Sewer EDUs are very valuable and there are no extra EDUs. Mr. Kuciauskas’ fee would be $29.00 a quarter.

**EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTS**

J. Hoover moved to approve the May and June expenditures and report of accounts.

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

**BUSINESS/PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

1270 East Tolna Road Meter Bypass

The meter has had a zero reading since 2017. The office assumed the property was vacant as they were told several years ago that the copper piping was stolen out of the home because the home was vacant. An appointment set for April 19 with the property owner did not occur as the owner was not present. The Secretary sent a letter along with a flat rate invoice for the June 30 quarterly billing advising the owner there is a violation at the property and to contact the office. More information is needed. If there is no response to the letter, a second letter will be sent as a follow-up.

Stewartstown Railroad Track Improvements

John Nolan from Stewartstown Railroad contacted Supt. Sweitzer with regard to the railroad crossing at Windy Hill Road where our sewer line crosses their tracks. PennDOT is requiring the Railroad to repair the crossing and tracks. Mr. Nolan requested that we contribute to the $6,100 repair since two feet outside the rails is sunken due to our previous sewer project. PennDOT and Supt. Sweitzer responded to his emails and relayed that we do not have any responsibility for the crossing. Mr. Nolan’s email on July 18 conveyed that the Railroad will repair the crossing 100% to promote a “Good Neighbor” relationship.

Remaining Projects

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| **Project** | **Budget** | **Remaining Expenses 2024** | **ACCOUNT(S)** | **MA %** |
| Sewer Repairs Miscellaneous | $65,000 | $25,000 | Sewer 429.520 (Boro 57.8%) | 42.2 |
| Radio Antenna | $200,000 | $100,000 | General 430.900 and Sewer 429.520 (Boro 57.8%) | 42.2 |
| Magnolia Drive Sewer Project | $200,000 | $100,000 | Sewer 429.520 (Boro-14.2%) | 85.8 |

Sewer Pump Station

The pump at the Deer Creek Pump Station was clogged by wipes. The motor needs new bearings and will cost between $5,000 and 10,000.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

Nothing additional to report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was called at 7:29 p.m. to discuss identifiable litigation.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:51 p.m.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

Done in executive session.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A.Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

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

Prepared by Cindy L. Bosley, Recording Secretary