MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING                                                                   June 28, 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 7:00 p.m. with Chairman Blomquist presiding.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

D. Wertz moved to approve the minutes of the May 24, 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 May expenditures and report of accounts.

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

**BUSINESS**

Meeting with New Freedom Borough

The next meeting will be for Shrewsbury and Hopewell Townships to present their calculations as to how many EDUs they need for future development. If they desire enough capacity and are willing to fund Phase II of the project, then Phase II would allow the sewer plant to reclaim the full 2.3 MGD where capacity was lost due to Phosphorous and Nitrogen limits. The reclaimed capacity could be made available to Township customers. No date has been set for the next meeting. We agreed not to issue new capacity and only serve existing EDUs that were previously purchased for designated properties in the Authority’s service area.

Treatment Plant Project Phase I

Ninety (90%) percent completion construction drawings and bid documents were received from RK&K for our review. We will be meeting with RK&K in mid-July to offer our comments to the plans. The Erosion and Sediment Control plan was approved by the York County Conservation District. Total bills to date this year have been $113,760.44. DEP will not accept a permit request from RK&K until the plans are 100% complete.

Deer Creek North Interceptor Lining Project

The ten and 12 inch sewer lines have been cleaned, televised, and installed and the liners were installed the week of May 15. There were two problems with the lining. The only lateral that is in the project area was cut by the robotic cutter and allowed 25 gallons per minute of groundwater to enter the sewer system. Insituform employees did not come forward to say a mistake had been made but the Public Works Department found the problem and a temporary repair was made on Friday to eliminate the infiltration and the lateral will be permanently repaired this week. The amount of $5,000 - $10,000 will be withheld from final payment for the repairs that had to be made by the Borough/Authority. Supt. Sweitzer will inform the Insituform representative of its employees not admitting that an error was made. Insituform employees accidently struck the Wilson farm’s incinerator with their truck and it was damaged. The farmer was paid $4,000 for a new incinerator and is satisfied.

Deer Creek North Interceptor Lining Project Invoice from Insituform

The second payment due is $140,623.20 less the cost of the repair in the amount of $3,606.62 made by the Public Works Department for a net invoice of $137,016.58.

J. Hoover moved to pay the Authority’s share (39% or $53,436.47) of the net invoice of $137,016.58.

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

Deer Creek Sewer Pump Station

We should be notified in the next couple of months if we were awarded the COVID-19 grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development that was applied for last year. The grant outcome will help to decide if we begin the project for the pump station replacement and how we will pay for the project. The Municipal Authority is responsible for 55.7% of the $2 million project.

Essex Circle Drive Sewer Trench

The Essex Circle Drive sewer trench that was sinking over the previous decades is settling again. The last repair was made in 2017 with Flowable Fill, fabric and geogrid with ECS Mid-Atlantic making the repair. The Authority paid 85.8% of the $324,845.02 project or $278,717.02. During televising, it was noticed that the pipe was starting to flatten a little. It was recommended that Supt. Sweitzer and Eng. Brenneman investigate why the area is sagging.

T. Nadobny moved to authorize Supt. Sweitzer and Eng. Brenneman to investigate this area to see what the problem is and to come back with recommendations as to how to correct the problem, either with pipe bursting or with replacement.

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

Magnolia Drive Sewer

There is a stretch of roadway near the intersection with Tolna Road that has sunk over the years that the Township has been filling in with black top. The Township met with ECS Mid-Atlantic about correcting the problem and the Authority would replace the sewer line, about 200 feet, in this area which is deformed and one lateral is leaking. The approximate cost would be $175,000 if ECS Mid-Atlantic is used.

New Customers

The Authority has eight new connections this quarter, seven residential homes and a warehouse that all have one EDU each using EDUs that were purchased previously.

Sewer Flows

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| **MONTH** | **SHREWSBURY (MGD)** | **NF (MGD)** | **TOTAL**  **(MGD)** | **TREATABLE (MGD)** | **%**  **TREATABLE** |
| **JAN** | 0.696 | 0.679 | 1.375 | 1.400 | 98.2 |
| **FEB** | 0.680 | 0.670 | 1.350 | 1.400 | 96.4 |
| **MARCH** | 0.674 | 0.680 | 1.354 | 1.400 | 96.7 |
| **APRIL** | 0.687 | 0.646 | 1.333 | 1.400 | 95.2 |
| **MAY** | 0.682 | 0.638 | 1.320 | 1.400 | 94.3 |
| **AVERAGE** | 0.684 | 0.663 | 1.346 | 1.400 | 96.1 |

Covington Ridge III Development

This is an approved subdivision plan from 2005 for 15 lots in the Borough that never came to fruition because it was too cost prohibitive. Phil Robinson attended the last Council meeting asking that if he would purchase the property and then create just two lots, could the remaining 13 EDUs that are accounted for in the “Holley Sewer Capacity Study” for this development be transferred to other property located in the Township. Phil was told to go to the Township and see where it is in deciding how many EDUs it will need for future development.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

Taken earlier.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

1531 East Forrest Avenue

Supt. Sweitzer said he was contacted by the owner of the property located in the Township, about whether he could transfer and sell the right to connect to the sewer system that is attached to this property. The property was never connected to the sewer but there is a Right-of-Way Agreement from 1972 with a drawing attached showing the sewer line right-of-way. After reviewing the Right-of-Way Agreement, Sol. Rehmeyer said the right to connect without cost should stay with this property since it was not actually an EDU that was granted nor was the right to connect made transferrable or assignable as part of the Right-of-Way Agreement.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

Agreement for Transfer of EDUs

Johnson Controls has 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.

J. Hoover moved to approve the signing of the Agreement.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

T. Nadobny moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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

Prepared by Cindy L. Bosley, Recording Secretary