

## MINUTES

## SHREWSBURY BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

March 25, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Hoover, Herbert Baker, Ted Nadobny,  
and Ronald Rohrbaugh

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian L. Sweitzer, Supt. of Public Works; Jeffrey L. L.Rehmeyer,  
II; David Lipinski, P.E.; Phil Robinson and Megan Robinson

A regular meeting of the Municipal Authority convened at 7:02 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Borough Municipal Building, 35 West Railroad Avenue, with Chairman Nadobny presiding.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

R.Rohrbaugh moved to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2015, meeting.  
J. Hoover seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS****EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTS**

J. Hoover moved to approve the January and February expenditures and report of accounts.  
H. Baker seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

**BUSINESS**

16951 Mt. Airy Road(Stanley Hill), Mr. Hill had placed a trailer on a vacant parcel that previously had a trailer connected to the sewer. Mr. Hill did obtain a building permit through the Township, didn't have the connection inspected, and moved in without a use and occupancy permit. He believes electric was connected in December of 2013. A meter was installed in early November, 2014 and he received a sewer bill for 6,100 gallons. The Authority voted to send Mr. Hill a sewer bill for the first, second, and third quarters of 2014 after the March, 2015 reading is obtained, which will be for a full quarter, to provide information about actual usage. The reading taken on March 25, 2015, was 11,400 gallons.

R. Rohrbaugh voted to authorize the office to invoice Mr. Hill for the first, second and third quarters of 2014 based on the first quarter of 2015 reading and to adjust the fourth quarter invoice to be a full quarter, too.

J. Hoover seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.  
 (The motion was amended later in the meeting to tie these actual meter reading invoices to the outstanding corrective work needed on the sewer connection.)

### Trees in Rights-of-Ways

A policy needs to be put in place regarding damage to trees and shrubbery in the right-of-ways.

R. Rohrbaugh moved that the Authority not accept responsibility for the well-being of any tree that impedes with any right-of-way for any damage done to the roots or above the ground.

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

Sol. Rehmeyer will draft a one page summary of the policy. The policy should be included in the Township's newsletter.

Spencer Kreis, 52 Lisburn Avenue, was present at the last meeting regarding the tree that he feels died as a result of limb trimming during work in the right-of-way. It's unclear if the trunk of the tree is in the right-of-way, but the limbs were. Mr. Kreis was at the September meeting and the agreement was that the Authority would consider having the Public Works Department cut the tree down and Mr. Kreis would pay for the removal and clean-up. Mr. Kreis submitted an invoice at the January 28 meeting in the amount of \$400.00 for cutting the tree down and for removal and disposal of debris, which he had completed. The Authority is concerned about setting a precedent if it reimburses a home owner for tree damage that is on or partially on or over a right-of-way. Based on the policy set at this meeting, a letter will be sent to Mr. Kreis informing him the Authority is denying the reimbursement.

R. Rohrbaugh moved to deny the request of Mr. Kreis for reimbursement.

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

### MidSomer Manor Sewer Extension

Phil Robinson was present with a six lot subdivision near the John O'Keefe Park along Windy Hill Road. Phil stated the Township has the revised sewer planning module. Eng. Lipinski submitted comments for the plan that need to be addressed.

J. Hoover moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the capacity letter once Eng. Lipinski confirms the planning module is correct.

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

J. Hoover moved that the comments of Eng. Lipinski be incorporated into the plan.

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

16951 Mount Airy Road (Stanley Hill)

Based on Supt. Sweitzer's inspection, the connection was made under the trailer and the pipe is connected to the clean-out and does not meet the specifications. A letter will be sent that the plumbing changes need to be made by June 30 and that the metered-rate billing for the first three quarters of 2014. If the changes are not done by June 30, the flat rate charge will be billed for the quarters discussed above. A copy of the letter will be sent to the Township, who we believe has not issued the use and occupancy yet on the trailer. An invoice will also be sent for the sewer inspections. Mr. Hill was under the trailer with Supt. Sweitzer and saw the illegal connection.

R. Rohrbaugh moved to amend his earlier motion for the sewer billings that if the required plumbing corrections are not done by June 30, that the quarters be billed at the flat rate. J. Hoover seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

9 Brandywine Drive

The sewer lateral at 9 Brandywine Drive was cut during the main lining and soil and stone are visible. Payment is being withheld until the work is satisfactory.

745 East Tolna Road Delinquent Sewer Bill

This property is delinquent in the amount of \$689.95.

H. Baker moved that the matter be turned over Sol. Rehmeyer for collection.

Stewartstown Railroad

Notice was received that Omega Rail Management, Inc. represents the railroad and that the yearly payment under the agreement will go from \$222.00 to over \$1,200.00. The solicitor will look into the underlying documents about the basis for such an increase.

**ADJOURNMENT**

J. Hoover moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.  
R. Rohrbaugh seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Prepared by Cindy L. Bosley, Recording Secretary

