MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING                                                                   October 27, 2021

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

Via Zoom Andrew Campbell

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

Jason Brenneman, Eng.; Phil Robinson; Richard Buchanan; Brian

Parrish; Jason Dunaja

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

J. Hoover moved to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2021 meeting.

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

**CITIZEN’S COMMENTS**

Brian Parrish and Jason Dunaja were present to ask if the three EDUs they purchased from the Township could be now used at the True Value property. They are currently limited to using 700 GPD for the two EDUs that were in existence prior to purchasing the additional three. The interceptor has not been enlarged because the materials were just received and therefore the work will not be done next spring. Based on Eng. Brenneman’s previously completed study, the interceptor could receive a few additional EDU flows. Based on this study, Mr. Parrish and Mr. Dunaja were given permission to use the additional three EDUs flows at the True Value store.

J. Hoover moved to acknowledge that based on Eng. Brenneman’s study, the conditions are met to allow True Value to use the additional three EDUs at this property.

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

Mr. Dunaja also asked how they could get on a list to be able to purchase any extra EDUs the Authority may receive to sell to users in the Township. They were told that one meeting was held with New Freedom Borough which was very productive and another meeting is to occur that will involve Shrewsbury and Hopewell Townships. Sol. Rehmeyer advised Mr. Parrish and Mr. Dunaja to send a letter to the Authority asking for their EDUs, the reason desired (property and use) and timeframe in which they would be put to use.

**EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNT**

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

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

**BUSINESS**

Buchanan Avenue Four Lot Subdivision

Supt. Sweitzer and Eng. Brenneman reviewed the plan and have given their comments to Phil. The capacity letter has been received from New Freedom Borough. Eng. Brenneman recommended the Authority give conditional approval of the plan.

J. Hoover moved to conditionally approve the four-lot subdivision plan based on Eng. Brenneman’s comment letter dated October 30, 2021 and Supt. Sweitzer’s comment letter dated August 23, 2021.

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

Tapping Fee Report

Eng. Brenneman stated he worked on updating our information to see if we could increase our tapping fee based on projects under Act 57. Since our current capacity is less than the permitted capacity, any upgrades or work done at the waste water treatment plan to increase the current capacity closer to the initial permitted capacity is not applicable to add to the tapping fee calculation. This also pertains to the Borough’s allocated capacity and while several projects may increase the capacity of pipes, the projects are not increasing the allocated capacity to the plant. Eng. Brenneman recommends that, for now, to use the October cost index and census data to increase the tapping fee, which increase would be around $355.00.

J. Hoover moved to direct Eng. Brenneman to revise his report and use the cost index and census data to increase the tapping fee and to further authorize Sol. Rehmeyer to prepare a resolution for adoption.

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

Replace Force Main to E. Tolna Air Release Valve

Eng. Brenneman is finalizing the bid specifications.

Stewartstown Railroad

To be discussed during an Executive Session.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Keeny Property Deer Creek Pump Station

The survey has been completed ($7,748.75). An easement needs to be obtained to enlarge the North Interceptor line in 2022 and the new Deer Creek Pump Station in 2024. This will be discussed further in Executive Session.

2022 Budget Items

* Deer Creek Force Main Replacement: will replace the ten inch force main from Tolna Junction Lane to Tolna Road, estimated cost $147,530 our share is 55.7%.
* Deer Creek North Interceptor: enlarges the sewer line from 12” to 15” using 770 feet of pipe and four manholes, estimated cost $17,633 our share is 39%.
* Sewer Lining: four manhole runs that leak on a constant basis at different areas. This would reline the entire pipe, estimated cost $300,000 our share is 0.6%.
* MXU and Meter Replacement: we are unable to read the meters from the street since the radio system failed, estimated cost is $12,000 our share is 42%.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

Discussed earlier.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

Anderson 25 EDUs

Thirty-five EDUs were purchased in 1999 with the hopes of using them on an assisted living facility in the Borough but ten townhomes were built in the Borough, the rest of the land was in the Township. These 25 EDUs have been unassigned Borough EDUs. At the August Council meeting, Council approved the transfer of these 25 EDUs to the Andersons to use on their land in the Township.

J. Hoover moved to consent to the transfer of the 25 EDUs from the Borough to the Township.

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

Sewage Capacity Reservation Draft Ordinance

The October 20 draft ordinance was submitted to the Authority for review.

Shaub Right-of-Way

A letter was sent to Mr. Shaub that after inspection of the area by Supt. Sweitzer and Eng. Brenneman, they feel it’s a matter of stormwater runoff and the fact that work was done on the line so that water does not infiltrate into it anymore so the water naturally remains on the land.

Executive Session

An executive session was called at 8:05 p.m. to discuss potential litigation and real estate acquisition. The meeting was resumed at 8:50 p.m.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

D. Wertz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

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

Prepared by Cindy L. Bosley, Recording Secretary