MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING                                                                   SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:  Dennis Wertz, John Hoover, Mark Beran, Ted Nadobny and Ronald

Rohrbaugh

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

Phil Robinson and Charlie Nass; Stanton Walters, Councilman; and

Terry Blomquist

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**

J. Hoover moved to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2019, meeting.

M. Beran seconded.  The motion carried with all voting in favor.

**CITIZEN’S COMMENTS**

Terry Blomquist, of 30 West Railroad Avenue, introduced himself as he had submitted a resume and letter of interest.

**EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNT**

J. Hoover moved to approve the August report of accounts.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Sussex Place Sewer Design for Phase I

Phil stated the final plan is going to the Township’s staff meeting next week. Holley & Associates reviewed the sewer design and had submitted comments. The laterals will be clarified on the plan. The standard Authority details are not showing on the plan but it is noted in two places that compliance with the Authority’s specifications must be met. The design documents need to be updated. Supt. Sweitzer’s comments were as follows: new manhole numbers are SMH – 14 (MH 847); SMH – 13 (MH 848); SMH – 12 (MH 849); Proof of EDU certificates; and sewer connections to existing sewer main made with two solid sleeves and wye connection; this applies to Lots 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19.

Phase I does not have sewer capacity. Phil stated they could have purchased 18 EDUs from Shrewsbury Township but the cost of $8,000.00 per EDU but they would still need to pay the Authority the system collection fee of around $1,600.00 per EDU. He explained that he thought such a cost per EDU of capacity was not feasible for this project. Phil hopes to be able to purchase them from the Authority, if and when any EDUs become available from either Shrewsbury Borough or New Freedom Borough. Phil explained that he and Charlie understood than an approval of Phase I sewer design does not guarantee capacity from either Shrewsbury Borough or the Authority. He said that they knew that they are proceeding with the plan at their own risk. In fact, they might even install sewer infrastructure before they obtain the needed capacity. Sol. Rehmeyer suggested a note be added to the plan about the continuing need for sewer capacity and a related letter be done about the lack of EDUs and that the plan approval does not agree to or actually grant any sewer capacity to the developer, since the capacity still must be obtained.

T. Nadobny moved to approve the sewer design for Phase I with the comments noted above by Holley & Associates and Supt. Sweitzer being met and with a letter prepared by Sol. Rehmeyer for the developers to review and sign acknowledging there is no sewer capacity from the Municipal Authority and that they need to obtain the EDUs in the future before they can proceed.

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

Stonebridge Business Park Sewer EDU Transfer Request

The sewer study performed in 2018 found the Deer Creek North Interceptor is full and no more connections would be allowed until it is enlarged. The Stonebridge complex is connected to the North Interceptor. Supt. Sweitzer stated the pump station can handle the additional EDUs, but the line from where the Stonebridge Business Park connects to the pump station cannot. The line needs to be enlarged.

R. Rohrbaugh moved that the recording Secretary send a letter to Stewart Properties that based on the 2018 study performed by Holley & Associates, the North Interceptor is full and the line from the business park would need to be enlarged before any transferred capacity could be accepted.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Deer Creek Sewer Force Main Project

The Municipal Authority received emergency permits from DEP and PennDOT. Materials were ordered through the Co-stars program. Specifications were sent to contractors. The preconstruction meeting to address questions will be on October 2 at 9 a.m. Work should begin in late October or early November.

Trout Run Generator

As discussed last month, the Trout Run generator was unable to power the Trout Run Sewer Station on July 9. Met Ed worked on the substation on West Forrest Avenue and the Bridlewood Development lost power. The power loss and no auxiliary power resulted in a sewer overflow. The generator was installed 20 years ago and has diminished power capabilities. The sewer station motors were installed in 1973 and are requiring more electric due to age. The generator was sized very close to the needed capacity in 2000. A new diesel generator is budgeted for 2020 at $40,000.00. The Authority’s cost is 0.6%. Electrical engineer, Jim Goode, can size the generator.

J. Hoover moved to approve the sizing of the generator by Electrical Engineer Jim Goode.

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

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

Stewartstown Railroad

The Railroad’s attorney explained that Omega has been fired from the accounts involving the Authority. It’s been three or four weeks since an invoice has been received.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Since this is Ron Rohrbaugh’s last meeting as he is moving out of the Borough, he was thanked for his years of service on the Municipal Authority and to the Borough spanning around 30 years.

**ADJOURNMENT**

D. Wertz moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

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

Prepared by Cindy L. Bosley, Recording Secretary