

MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 8, 2006

PRESENT: Mayor James W. Reedy, Richard R. Buchanan, Michael R. Caum, Thomas D. Metz, Michael W. Ridgely, Peter W. Schnabel, and Christopher M. Skoglund

OTHERS

PRESENT: Craig S. Sharnetzka, Esq.; James R. Holley, P.E.; Brian L. Sweitzer, Supt. of Public Works; E. Michael Lee of Codes Enforcement; Mike Jacoby; Barb Krebs of The York Daily Record, Tony Myers, Fire Chief; Jonathan Juffe of Cornerstone Development

The regular meeting of the Borough Council convened at 7:32 p.m. in the Borough Municipal Building, 35 West Railroad Avenue with President Schnabel presiding.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Mike Jacoby, of Springfield Township, concerning the lack of sirens at hazardous substance chemical sites. He stated the fire code section of the Uniform Construction Code addresses the issue of hazardous materials. Mr. Jacoby suggested the Borough investigate installing a hazmat alert for the facility located in the Borough.

George Trocki, of 221 Prospect Circle representing 223 and 225 Prospect Circle, would like to install a vinyl fence on the Borough property at the reservoir site to block the view of the Borough's stone piles and other items on the property. The residents would pay for the fence and have it installed at the site. After that, it would become the Borough's property and responsibility.

This was referred to the Public Lands & Buildings and Finance Committee.

Tyler Harpster of the radio club stated the generator at the repeater site is in the process of being wired but will not switch on automatically during an outage.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M. Ridgely moved to approve the minutes of the October 11 meeting.

C. Skoglund seconded. The motion carried with all in favor with T. Metz abstaining as he was not at the last meeting.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTS

C. Skoglund moved to approve the expenditures and report of accounts for September.

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

BILL LIST

The bill list was presented for October. General account: check numbers 7971 thru 8026; Water account: check numbers 3680 thru 3698; Sewer account: check numbers 3647 thru 3661.

C. Skoglund moved to approve the bill list for October.

M. Ridgely seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE

President Schnabel presented a certificate of achievement to Chris Skoglund for attending an Elected Officials Seminar sponsored by PEMA.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

Weaver Precast Revised Final Plan

The plan was conditionally approved last month and was presented for signature.

Shrewsbury Concrete Land Development Plan

The plan was approved previously and needed to be signed by Shrewsbury Township and was presented tonight for re-signing.

REPORTS

Codes Enforcement – Michael Lee

Day Care on West Forrest Avenue

The tarps have been removed from the temporary structures in the play area.

Laurence Wirtz, 44 Lexington Drive

Mr. Wirtz applied for his building permit for the addition that was previously added.

Sign at Square

The property owner at the square has been contacted about the large help wanted sign. The sign is oversized and will be removed.

Performing Work Without a Permit

Codes Enforcement is working on a procedures policy.

Sign Ordinance

Codes Enforcement will have a sample ordinance for the Borough to review in a few months which will also address LED signs.

Water & Sewer – Richard R. Buchanan

Lisburn Avenue Oil Tank

The agreement has been signed for removal of the oil tank at 60 Lisburn Avenue. The work will take place in November.

Private Well Abandonment

The meeting for Borough residents that must connect to the water system is Thursday, November 16.

Keeny Well

The Susquehanna River Basin Commission has approved the well testing plan with an extra monitoring well prior to testing. Paul Miller is in the process of submitting a cost for the entire project. After the Borough determines if the well is a production well, negotiations to purchase the land will start with the property owner under the agreement.

Emergency Warning System

DEP is in the process of mandating notification of water customers in case of emergency but the guidelines for the warning system have not been received.

Public Roads & Lighting – Christopher M. Skoglund

Valley View Grove Road Winter Maintenance

The Borough did not adopt the streets in time for obtaining liquid fuels monies because of outstanding issues. A letter was received from Cornerstone Development asking the Borough to adopt the streets and maintain them this winter in exchange for the amount of money the Borough would have received from the State, which would have been \$1,311.48. The roads are ready for adoption but there are still outstanding issues with the development including three retention walls and the detention pond.

C. Skoglund moved to enter into an agreement with Cornerstone Development effective upon receipt of payment of \$1,311.48 for the Borough to maintain Tree Hollow Drive and Hazlenut Court this winter by providing snow removal and cindering, as we do the other Borough-owned streets and roads, in the Borough and to defer adoption of the streets in the Valley View Grove development until after the other issues are resolved.

R. Buchanan seconded with an amendment that the agreement include that the maintenance work the Borough does not be held against the Borough at a later date.

C. Skoglund agreed with the amendment.

CGA Law Firm was asked to prepare the agreement.

Valley View Grove Detention Pond Sinkhole

There is a sinkhole in the bottom of the pond and the Public Works Department is going to excavate to see where the water travels. DEP inventories all underground holes and may send a hydrogeologist to tell us how the sinkhole needs to be repaired. The cost is at the property owner's expense.

Public Lands & Buildings and Finance – Michael W. Ridgely

2007 Budget

The funds are all in balance pending final figures for the police and salary lines. There is no need for any more budget meetings.

Tax Collector Commission

Last year, Council had agreed to take the commission to five percent by increments. In 2006, the rate was 3.5%.

M. Ridgely moved to increase the tax collector commission rate to 4% for 2007. C. Skoglund seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Meeting with Glen Rock Borough on Police Funding Formula

Glen Rock Borough would like to meet to discuss the funding formula for police services. P. Schnabel and M. Ridgely will represent the Borough with C. Skoglund being the alternate.

Year-End Meeting

The year-end meeting will be Wednesday, December 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Playground Paving

The stormwater work at the playground is finished and grading for the blacktop will start this week. Hopefully, the work will be finished by November 16.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Eng. Holley stated he is working for Baron Matthews to obtain a right of way close to our sewer right of way that serves the rest stop for an eleven lot subdivision.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Connection to Water System

In order to force residents to abandon their private wells and connect to the public water system, the Borough needs to adopt a mandatory water connection ordinance. The proposed ordinance was reviewed and the wording needs to be changed that the wells need to be properly closed according to DEP standards.

Michael Eagan Land Use Appeal

Notice of Intervention was filed. Eagan's attorney must now file a brief.

Grim's Glass & Plastics

Sol. Rehmeyer's office will be filing a municipal claim against the property to protect the Borough's outstanding monies due from Mr. Miller.

Woodland Drive

Tax exempt status for the tower site is being considered by the Assessment Office.

Deer Creek Buffer Zone

The Memorandum of Understanding was prepared and is under review by the Committee.

60 Lisburn Avenue

The Indemnification Agreement was signed and the tank is scheduled to be removed this month.

Public Safety, Welfare and Personnel – Michael R. Caum

M. Caum will meet with the Secretary to go over personnel information.

Secretary's Report – Cindy L. Bosley

Outside Drop Box for Payments

The Secretary asked for permission to have an outside drop box installed by the front door for payments. The box would be checked each workday.

C. Skoglund moved to authorize the placement of the box and that it be framed with heavy metal.

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

Appreciation Dinner

The Borough's appreciation dinner is Friday evening.

York Adams Tax Bureau – Thomas D. Metz

T. Metz will be attending the year-end meeting.

Subdivision, Land Development and Zoning

Regional Planning Commission

A letter was received from the Southern York County Regional Planning Committee letting members know a grant in the amount of \$10,600 has been secured to update the Joint Comprehensive Plan. A meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township building. The bulk of the meeting will be devoted to the Joint Comprehensive Plan. The Regional Planning Commission is again offering to send in a joint advertisement for 2007 meeting dates. The Borough's dates have already been submitted.

M. Caum plans to attend the December 5 meeting.

Southern Regional Police – Richard R. Buchanan

Glen Rock's hours are up. For the year 2007, the following percentages will be applied: Glen Rock: 21.36%; New Freedom: 37.99% and Shrewsbury 40.65%. Our percentage is down 1.89% from 2006.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was called at 9:03 p.m. to discuss uniformed employee contract negotiations.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:27 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cindy L. Bosley, Secretary