

MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

PRESENT: Mayor James W. Reedy, Richard R. Buchanan Michael R. Caum, Frederick C. Noble, Michael W. Ridgely, Peter W. Schnabel, and Eric W. Stoley

OTHERS

PRESENT: Brian L. Sweitzer, Supt. of Public Works

The year-end meeting of the Borough Council convened at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Municipal Building, 35 West Railroad Avenue with President Schnabel presiding.

YEAR-END BUSINESS2005 Budget

M. Ridgely moved to adopt the 2005 budget as presented.
E. Stoley seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Ordinance #2004-10 Establishing Rate of Tax on Real Estate at 1.6 Mills for the Year 2005

M. Caum moved to adopt Ordinance #2004-10.
R. Buchanan seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Ordinance #2004-11 Re-Enacting and Continuing the Realty Transfer Tax and Earned Income Tax for the Year 2005

E. Stoley moved to adopt Ordinance #2004-11.
F. Noble seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Refuse Resolution – Setting the Rate for 2005

R. Buchanan moved to adopt resolution 2004-6 setting the refuse rate for 2005 at \$185.00.
M. Ridgely seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

OTHER YEAR-END BUSINESS

Revised Fee Schedule for Building, Zoning and Ordinance Enforcement

A revised fee schedule was received today and will be discussed at the January 12 meeting.

Municipal Building Boiler

Since 2001, the boiler has required parts to be replaced yearly and is out of warranty. The bearing assembly on the unit that moves the water is starting to fail and to replace it with labor is between \$550 and 600. The Secretary was given permission to have the plumbing company order the part so we have it in stock. A letter will be sent to the boiler manufacturer with copies to the contractor and subcontractor about the boiler's performance history. A new boiler would cost between \$5,000 and 7,000. The plumber will be asked to retain the old parts.

Newspaper Distribution

F. Noble stated the York Daily Record delivered free newspapers to the nonsubscribers last Thursday morning, the day it was rainy and windy, and the papers washed down the street gutters and clogged the drains. A letter will be sent about the poor judgment of bulk distribution on a bad weather day.

Rat Problem at 423 South Main St.

The rats at the former feed mill property are apparently running out of food and are going out into the neighborhood. Animal Control Officer, Terry Hemler, visited the property and stated there is a major problem. This information will be forwarded to our solicitor who will be asked to give the Borough guidance at our January 12 meeting.

New Water Source

The new well is proposed for the Seneca Homes development and the well will take up one building lot.

Year-end Bills

M. Ridgely moved to approve the year-end bill list as presented.
E. Stoley seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Advance Auto Parts

Codes Enforcement sent a letter to Advance Auto Parts about the outside storage of batteries and oil and in the letter it states they should be placed in the dumpster. Clarification is requested on this advice.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was called at 8:22 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. The Secretary left the meeting.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:43 p.m. and was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cindy L. Bosley, Secretary