

MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 14, 2002

PRESENT: Mayor James W. Reedy, Richard R. Buchanan, Salvatore A. DiPaula, Jr., Michael W. Ridgely, Peter W. Schnabel and Eric W. Stoley

OTHERS

PRESENT: Jeffrey L. Rehmeyer, II, Esq.; James R. Holley, P.E.; Brian L. Sweitzer, Supt. of Public Works; Gary LaBarre, Bradley Remig of Public Financial Management; Brad Bobbitt; Barb Krebs of The York Dispatch; Terri Reuter of The York Daily Record;

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

Gary LaBarre stated some of the new EOC equipment was used during the parade.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E. Stoley moved to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2002 meeting.
R. Buchanan seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTS

M. Ridgely moved to approve the expenditures and report of accounts for June.
E. Stoley seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

SEWER BOND REFINANCING

The current 1972 bond issue is at 6.25% with a payoff in 2011. One option is to reduce the interest rate and use the \$152,000 cash in the debt service toward the balance and the savings would be \$92,678. The other option is to apply the cash in the debt service of \$152,000 plus kick in another \$125,000 from the PLGIT sewer revenue account with a payoff in 2007. Net savings would be \$131,317.

M. Ridgely moved to authorize Brad Remig of Public Financial Management to proceed with securing interest rates from banks and to come back to Council next month with a proposal showing the costs of issuance and the budget breakdown for the option of kicking in the additional \$125,000 and using the \$152,000 debt service cash toward early payoff.

S. DiPaula seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

BILLS

- James R. Holley & Assoc. wellhead protection \$266.62; Scout house roof replacement \$302.81; sanitary sewer line repairs \$292.95; streets 2002 \$2,208.35; EDU report/meeting, sewer \$1,196.01; general engineering \$1,149.63; sanitary sewer replacement \$185.00
- Rusen & Co. final sewer work payment \$1,809.50
- Velda Nickell bookkeeping services for July 18.5 hours \$370.00
- Harry L. McNeal, Jr. Southern York County Library and Grim's Glass & Plastics zoning hearings \$4,086.00
- CGA Law Firm general account through 6/26/02 \$5,694.59; wellhead protection ordinance \$480.00; water account \$142.20; sewer account \$474.00
- S & A Custom Built Homes billing for 50% of the 45% completion of work on the North end sewer pump station \$20,105.78; billing for 50% of the 5% completion of work on the North end sewer pump station \$2,233.98
- Trinity Excavating, Inc. sewer repairs \$17,632.00
- D & D Scarborough, Inc. scout house roof repairs \$6,020.10

R. Buchanan moved to approve payment of the above invoices and to hold the S & A Custom Built Homes checks until the problems with the generator are resolved.

E. Stoley seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

REPORTS

Zoning Officer/BOCA Inspector

The report for July is on file. Jeff will be asked about the three vehicles parked on the parking lot at 2 South Main Street.

OTHER REPORTS

Water & Sewer – Richard R. Buchanan

Sewer EDUs

The Borough has approximately 41 EDUs that are being used but the fees have not been paid. There was concern that if businesses change and more EDUs are required that the Borough will not have enough capacity. Buck reported on the two joint meetings held two weeks ago. There was discussion regarding any fines imposed by a municipality against someone who is using more EDUs than purchased. In the agreement between New Freedom and Shrewsbury Boroughs, the agreement is clear that any fine money be deposited into the revenue account for the treatment plant. The Township disagrees with that policy. Railroad Borough felt it had 90 EDUs to sell. They were figuring the amount of EDUs based on flows into the plant when some of the homes are not metered and they are not accounting for any I and I. Their representative was going to ask their engineer to recalculate the EDUs. It should be calculated on the number of dwelling units connected to the system, not the amount of flow. It's possible Railroad Borough will not have any EDUs to sell. The next meeting will be on August 22.

Water Supplies

The north system is struggling to maintain water levels without the pump house. The spring on south side of the creek is still being used which yields 5,000 gallons per day compared to the previous 75,000 gallons per day before construction.

Pressure was put on DEP to issue the permit to allow the booster pump to pump water from the south end to the north end. DEP had forgotten to publish the permit for the standard 30 days and the permit will not be issued until after advertisement. The pump is to be installed next week.

Sewer Line Maintenance

In the next few months, the Department will televise many more sewer lines.

Public Works Budget

The budget contains four-inch water line replacement we believe is on North Highland Dr., Locust Alley, Hill Street and South Sunset Dr.

North End Pump Station

The pump was started today and there is a problem with the amperage level. The generator has antifreeze in the oil and the bearings were covered in antifreeze. The building and the supplier were told the Borough was not going to accept this generator, not even with a ten-year warranty. Serial numbers were made note of and Sol. Rehmeyer was authorized to become involved if there is a problem with the manufacturer not taking the generator back. Also, the alarm on the pump station is not working correctly.

Public Roads & Lighting

Roadwork

Fitz and Smith completed the base repair and road widening. The tree in Kreeger Avenue was trimmed. Brian felt it was in the Borough's best interest to have Tolna Road widened while the crew was on the job which increased the roadwork by \$13,000. Also, there was a miscalculation on the length of the road to the Borough line. Monies were available in the Liquid Fuels account.

The finance committee will devise a threshold amount not to be exceeded by the department heads when making decisions on purchases or work orders.

W. Forrest Avenue Truck Restriction

The study calls for trucks to stay on Route 851 instead of West Forrest Avenue. The sign was installed on the fire hall flashing light arm.

Abandon Deer Creek Road

Since the road will no longer exist, we should take formal plans to abandon the road and eliminate it from the liquid fuels list. A center line description will be obtained for the ordinance that needs to be adopted to abandon the road.

Public Lands & Buildings and Finance – Michael W. Ridgely

Surveillance Cameras for Playground

This will be discussed next month.

Schedule Budget Meetings

The budget meeting dates will be 10/8 and 22; 11/5 and 19 and 12/3 and 17 at 7:00 p.m.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Land Development Plan for Giant

The plan will be recorded tomorrow.

Whitcraft Lane Dump Site

DEP discovered the dirt is up to the stream and we are required to grade the bank back to a three to one slope to keep it back from the stream. It will be pulled back 15 – 20 feet and then seeded at a cost of approximately \$5,000 – 10,000. It was agreed the work should be done by this fall.

Eliminating Brookview Meadows Pump Station

The developer of the new shopping center agreed to lower his sewer line on his property to allow the Borough to run an 8" gravity sewer line from Deer Creek Road up to the west side of Mt. Airy Road toward the goal of eliminating the Brookview Meadows Pump Station. Three bids were obtained and Kinsley came in at \$25,800. The work is expensive as PennDOT is requiring steel casing filled with sand under Mt. Airy Road. The remaining work with the final sewer main run to the pump station will be done next year at a cost of approximately \$45,000.

R. Buchanan moved to approve the work to be done by Kinsley in the amount of \$28,600.

S. DiPaula seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Buck will also send a letter to PennDOT about the requirement of steel casing and sand.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Shrewsbury Center – Sign Variance

Sol. Rehmeyer will send a letter to the Zoning Hearing Board expressing the opinion that we feel the zoning ordinance is clear regarding the size of signs for shopping centers.

Grim's Glass & Plastic

It is expected Mr. Miller will appeal the Zoning Hearing Board's decision. Council authorized Sol. Rehmeyer to intervene in the appeal. Had Mr. Miller come to get the necessary permit, perhaps this situation could have been avoided.

Bulk Storage Ordinance

A length of time for a dumpster to be placed at a property during construction/renovations will be added to the draft ordinance and Sol. Rehmeyer will amend the wording for public or commercial driveways and private driveways.

R. Buchanan moved to authorize Sol. Rehmeyer to amend the ordinance and to prepare it for advertisement.

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

Knox-Box Ordinance

A sample ordinance was reviewed. Sol. Rehmeyer was asked to amend Section 1(a)(1) to read “commercial or industrial structures protected by an automatic alarm system or automatic suppression system.” and to add (4) “gated residences in a gated community.”

Public Safety, Welfare and Personnel – Salvatore A. DiPaula, Jr.

Personnel Meetings

Summer help is leaving in two weeks and Brian Copp’s replacement will start at the end of the month. A personnel meeting with Brian will be held on August 28 at 7:00 p.m. and the other personnel meetings will be held on September 16 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Water Operators License Changes

Brian said the requirements are changing and there will be a meeting coming up on the Certification Act. Standard operating procedures need to be written in case of an emergency. Brian said a member of the committee is urged to attend the meeting.

Secretary’s Report – Cindy L. Bosley

Trash Collection

Penn Waste will start collecting trash the week of September 2. Trash collection will be delayed by one day that week because of the holiday. The secretary was authorized to contact Penn Waste that the Borough wishes to exercise the last one-year extension option of the contract.

Grant Workshop

The Secretary will attend a grant workshop sponsored by Sen. Waugh on September 12.

York Area Earned Income Tax Bureau

Recreation Board/Regional Recreation Board

Planning Commission/Regional Planning Commission – Eric W. Stoley

Doug Miller has filed a minor subdivision plan to remove land from the residential property he owns on West Railroad Avenue and add the land to the business property. Also, a special exception application was filed for a taxidermy business at 15 South Main Street.

Southern Regional Police – Richard R. Buchanan

Buck reviewed the police report for July.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

EOC Plan

Brad Bobbitt said a lot of work has been done to create a new plan, not just update the old plan. The plan concurrence sheet was signed by the President and Mayor and will be submitted to the County.

Library

Last month, the Borough committed to guarantee its share of the interim loan shared by the Borough, New Freedom Borough and Shrewsbury Township. We need to file papers under the Unit Debt Act. Sol. Rehmeyer was authorized to begin research as to what the Borough needs to file.

COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

R. Buchanan moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 p.m.

S. DiPaula seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Submitted by,

Cindy L. Bosley, Secretary