

MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

August 9, 2017

PRESENT: Mayor Peter W. Schnabel, Stanton Walters, Ted Nadobny, Diane Kraatz, Richard Buchanan, and Michael G. Sharkey

OTHERS

PRESENT: Brian L. Sweitzer, Supt. of Public Works; Jeffrey L. Rehmeyer II, Esq.; David Lipinski, P.E.; John-Paul Whitmore; Nick Caruccio, President Shrewsbury Vol. Fire Company; Phil Robinson; Kerry McKnight; Joe Sacco; Randy Engle; Bruce Silverman; William Stiffler; Len Dunaja

The regular meeting of the Borough Council convened at 7:02 p.m. in the Borough Municipal Building, 35 West Railroad Avenue, with President Buchanan presiding. M. Sharkey entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Kerry McKnight of New Freedom Lions Club was present to obtain Council's support for getting a Shrewsbury Lions Club started again.

S. Walters moved to give support to efforts to get a Lions Club started in Shrewsbury again.

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

Bruce Silverman of 6 Penny Lane, Randy Engle of 4 Strawberry Road, and William Stiffler of 6 Strawberry Road were present to voice opposition to closing their wells as when they signed their contracts with the York Water Company, they were told by the York Water company that they would be allowed to keep their wells for outside use. Should they want to disconnect from the York Water Company's line, the penalty would be \$9,430.00 per customer. Mr. Engle argued that he signed the contract in June of 2016 and the Township adopted its well closure ordinance thereafter, he should be grandfathered. The residents feel they should be grandfathered since they didn't know of the well closure requirement. Mr. Engle also questioned DEP guidelines for closing a well. The residents were told that the Borough would contact the York Water Company to see if the penalty fee could be waived if a resident wanted to revert back to their well and they were told to come back next month.

Len Dunaja, of 3 Abby Road, arrived and asked to be grandfathered and also he would like to keep his well in the event of an emergency.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 12, 2017, meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTS

T. Nadobny moved to approve the bill lists: general account check numbers 1594 thru 1649; water account check numbers 1236 thru 1260; sewer account check numbers 1150 thru 1164; highway aid account: none; and to approve the financial reports for July.

M. Sharkey seconded. The motion carried with all in favor. The PLGIT balances and report of accounts for the Municipal Authority were also received.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL REGISTER

S. Walters moved to approve the July 3, 17, and 31 payroll registers.

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

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT – D. Kraatz

95 East Forrest Avenue Staff Review

Staff reviewed a sketch plan for a small drive-thru food service showing the turning lane being reduced by 50 feet (two – three car lengths) based on a traffic study done during the week and not on weekends. On weekends, the traffic backs up as only about four vehicles can get through on the left-turn arrow at a time. Council had previously expressed it did not want the turning lane reduced. No grading was discussed. The time extension expires on September 14 so Council must take action at its September meeting.

Codes Enforcement

Eleven permits were issued in July.

Southern Regional Police – R. Buchanan and Mayor Schnabel

The police report will have a new format next month. Our costs increased but will stay fixed through December 31, 2018. Chief Boddington is working with Consultant Smeal to build the data. We will need to decide in the future if we are willing to pay for the service level to keep the community safe. Mayor Schnabel handed out brochures on what to do if you are stopped by the police.

Water & Sewer – T. Nadobny/Supt. Sweitzer

Flow Meters

The Municipal Authority asked for a report from Eng. Lipinski for its next meeting. There are currently six months of data and the north meter will stay in place until the end of the year. The south meter was removed on July 7.

July 23 Rain Event

The rain totaled 3.45 inches on Sunday, July 23. The sewer flow average for July was 613,000 gallons per day and our flows jumped to 962,000 gallons perday. The operator of the treatment plant stated the meters did not record accurately because the flows were too high and exceeded the meters' capacity. The North Interceptor sewer meter flow more than doubled in flow during the rain but rapidly decreased when the rain stopped. S. Walters handed out weather data that showed the area of S. Main Street, Tolna Road down to Essex Circle Drive received over four (4) inches of rain in the hour and a half time period.

Fitz & Smith, Inc. Final Invoice Essex Circle Drive

Eng. Lipinski submitted a recommendation of payment of the final invoice for the Essex Circle Drive job in the amount of \$16,778.25 of which the Borough's share is 14% \$2,348.96.

T. Nadobny moved to approve payment of the Borough's share of the final invoice in the amount of \$2,348.96.

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

Phil Robinson handed out a breakdown of sewer capacity costs to reiterate that Township customers paid their share toward the debt service of the plant. He stated his frustration again that he and others in the Township do not have enough capacity to develop their land they have been paying tax on. It was stated at the last Municipal Authority meeting that the Committee met twice with Phil and they felt, and Phil agreed, that progress was being made.

Public Roads & Lighting – M. Sharkey and Supt. Sweitzer

PennDOT North Main Street Paving/Driveway Removal

Supt. Sweitzer spoke with property owners of 127, 129, and 135 North Main Street to let them know the scope of work in connection with removing the ramps and installing straight driveways. A temporary access agreement should be prepared for each of the three properties. The total cost for the driveway work will be around \$8,000.00 with close to 52 hours of Public Works' time. The property owners of 127 and 129 North

Main Street have signed the first easement agreement but the property owner of 135 North Main Street has not mailed it back yet even though a self-addressed, stamped envelope was sent with it. An offer will be made to the three property owners to pay half of the materials with the Borough supplying the labor by the Public Works Department. The property owner will have up to a year to pay it off. A letter will be sent explaining that if PennDOT forces the property owners to remove the driveway ramps, it could cost substantially more. Under the Borough Code, the property owners own and are responsible for their sidewalks.

M. Sharkey moved to offer the three property owners to pay half of the materials only with the Borough providing the labor costs and that they have a year to pay back the costs to the Borough.

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

Ascot Drive Additional Signs

A gentleman from 22 Ascot Drive is requesting a 'Slow Children at Play' and 'No Thru Street' signs on Ascot Drive. The signs with posts would cost around \$100.00 per sign. It was the consensus of Council that the signs do not work to slow motorists down and it could also start a precedent in all neighborhoods.

East Church Avenue No Trucks Allowed Study

Pennoni Associates performed the traffic study at a cost of \$500.00. The study recommended truck traffic be restricted due to blacktop and radius issues.

M. Sharkey moved that an ordinance be prepared for adoption and then signs be posted to restrict trucks on East Church Avenue based on the traffic study.

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

Driveway Paving and Borough Roads

The property owner at 213 Cardinal Drive repaved his driveway on July 27 and the curbline was also paved which causes the stormwater runoff to go out into the roadway which will freeze during the winter. There are other driveways in the Borough that are the same. The Roads Committee will tour the Borough and make a list of the problem driveways and then letters will be sent to the property owners to have the problem corrected. The drawing of how to properly correct the gap at the end of a driveway will be included in the next newsletter.

July 23 Rain Event Storm Drains

The Borough's storm drain at 28 Covington Drive could not handle the excessive rain on July 23. The stormwater flooded the roadway and added to the problem at Market Square Shopping Center where flooding caused \$100,000.00 in damages. Kline's Services flushed on July 27 (shopping center paid for inspection) and there were no blockages or debris. There were other areas where blacktop washed away due to the rain. It was stated earlier that over four (4) inches of rain fell in this area in an hour and a half, which exceeded a 100 year storm event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A session was called at 9:29 p.m. to discuss two legal issues that were identifiable, potential litigation.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:42 p.m.

Traffic Calming Class

The traffic calming class is on September 26 at 8:00 a.m.

Public Lands, Buildings and Finance –

Budget Meetings

The joint budget meetings with the Municipal Authority will be October 3, October 10, October 24, November 14, and December 5 at 7:00 p.m.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

2017 Waterline Replacement Project

The contractor's documents were reviewed and the contracts were signed with Notice to Proceed being issued tomorrow.

2016 Waterline Replacement Project

Eng. Lipinski submitted a recommendation of final payment to H & H General Excavating Company in the amount of \$19,112.50.

T. Nadobny moved to pay H & H General Excavating Company the final bill amount of \$19,112.50.

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

PennDOT Main Street Curb Replacement

As part of PennDOT's repaving project, it was discussed that the shoulder and travel lane cross slopes along the north bound lane of North Main Street between Walnut Avenue and Linden Avenue be adjusted. PennDOT verbally agreed to modify their project. The centerline will be lowered so that the curb height could increase a maximum of six inches instead of the previous estimate of 12 to 16 inches. The estimated construction cost will be between \$25,000.00 and \$30,000.00.

M. Sharkey moved to approve that the curbing work be done at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Police Agreement

Notice of the public hearing was advertised on August 4 and a letter to the other three municipalities and the police commission was mailed on August 4. The hearing will be on September 13 at 7:30 p.m. We will then be on the same footing as New Freedom and Glen Rock Boroughs; we understand Stewartstown Borough is also giving notice of withdrawal.

Snowplow Specifications

The bids will be opened on September 13 at 3:30 p.m. and awarded at the Council meeting. Sol. Rehmeyer would like to look at the insurance and umbrella limits increase as part of the bid specifications.

Workman's Compensation Claim

Sol. Rehmeyer has been asked to participate in a workman's compensation claim involving a member of the fire department that has been denied.

Public Safety, Welfare and Personnel – S. Walters

SCEMA

The letter was received from Gov. Wolf appointing Stanton Walters as the Regional EMA for the Southern Emergency Management Agency. All volunteers have been duly enrolled through the County. A monthly EMA report will be generated by S. Walters.

Pension Meeting

The annual meeting was held with Kevin Hall of the R.J. Hall Company and Matthew DiPuppo of Principal Finance. Mr.DiPuppo offered, at no cost to the employees, to meet with them to discuss their personal investments, life insurance, etc. The pension plan is 93% funded and is not distressed.

Secretary's Report – C. Bosley

York Adams Tax Bureau – M. Sharkey

M. Sharkey attended the meeting on July 30 but did not attend the Committee meeting.

Subdivision, Land Development & Zoning – D. Kraatz

Planning Commission/Regional Planning Commission – S. Walters

LGAC

The Committee met Monday evening and the topic was MS4. The County is creating a municipal stormwater authority. We are participating as an observer only at this time. The County benefits from any project that is done and the Borough is currently complying with MS4 under our stormwater ordinance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sidewalks

The Committee met and will try to define what to do to improve safety. The next meeting is September 7.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

T. Nadobny moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 p.m.

D. Kraatz seconded. The motion passed with all voting in favor.

Submitted by Cindy L. Bosley, Sec.