

MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

December 9, 2015

PRESENT: Mayor Peter W. Schnabel, Fred W. Arbogast, Richard R. Buchanan, Michael W. Ridgely, Michael G. Sharkey, Christopher M. Skoglund, Eric W. Stoley, and Stanton L. Walters

OTHERS

PRESENT: Brian L. Sweitzer, Supt. of Public Works; Jeffrey L. Rehmeyer, II, Esq.; David Lipinski, P.E.; Nate Kirschman; Keith Hunnings of South Penn Code Consultants; Ted Nadobny; Michael Hagel; Peter Garcelon; Tony Myers, Fire Chief; Nancy Ridgely; Frank Countess, Esq.

The regular meeting of the Borough Council convened at 7:04 p.m. in the Borough municipal building, 35 West Railroad Avenue, with President Ridgely presiding.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Janet and Michael Hagel of 21 Covington Drive and Peter Garcelon of 19 Covington Drive, were present at the October meeting to ask for speed humps to be placed on Covington Drive to help slow traffic as there have been numerous accidents in their area over the past years resulting in damage to vehicles. This street is used as a short cut from the Market Square area to Tolna Road and Mount Airy Road. Last month, Chief Boddington reviewed the results from the placement of the speed trailer southbound for 12 days on Covington Drive. In 12 days, 2,643 vehicles traveled this road and 442 were speeding but not eligible to receive a ticket due to the 10 mph variable. Chief Boddington stated that by the time the driver sees the speed trailer, the vehicle has already been clocked and speed recorded. R. Buchanan said there is a device that mounts on a pole that motorists would not see too readily that costs around \$2,000.00. With the dispute over the police budget by two member municipalities, this purchase more than likely will not occur next year. The speed trailer is acting as a deterrent. Supt. Sweitzer has been in contact with an engineer from LTAP to visit the roadway and possibly make some suggestions as well and that meeting will be scheduled for January. Supt. Sweitzer is also asking the engineer to look at Northbrook Lane and West Forrest Avenue for suggestions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 11 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTS

C. Skoglund moved to approve the expenditures and report of accounts for November. R. Buchanan seconded. The motion carried with all in favor. The report for the Municipal Authority was also included for information only.

M. Sharkey entered the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

BILL LIST

The bill list for November was presented: General account: check numbers 13112 thru 13163; Water account: check numbers 5476 thru 5487; Sewer account: check numbers 5067 thru 5076; Highway Aid account: none.

C. Skoglund moved to approve the bill list for November, 2015. M. Sharkey seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL REGISTER

C. Skoglund moved to approve the November 9 and 23 payroll registers. F. Arbogast seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

Codes Enforcement – Keith Hunnings

Five permits were issued in November. Keith will submit amended wording that will include notice that fees incurred by the Borough for stormwater reviews will be passed along to the applicant. Phantom Fireworks is still interested in a unit at 17 Onion Boulevard and is questioning the wording of Fireworks Sales in the Ordinance. Even though items are stored, they are meant for sale either on-site or elsewhere. Either way, this request will need to go to the Zoning Hearing Board, whether for a special exception for Fireworks Sales or under similar provisions. Concerns are that the ordinance calls for this use to be in a stand-alone building and the building at 17 Onion Boulevard has two other tenants. There is a SARA Title III hazmat site right up the street which calls for certain requirements for fire applications.

Southern Regional Police – Richard Buchanan and Mayor Schnabel

R. Buchanan reported the ongoing problems with the 2016 police budget. Glen Rock Borough and New Freedom Borough have both not approved the 2016 budget. R. Buchanan has requested to speak to New Freedom Borough at its meeting on Monday

night and has been told he will have five minutes to speak under citizen's comments. There is a lead and lag time that the next year's budget catches up with from the prior year. A second junior officer has left the Department because he is concerned with layoffs next year if the Commission has to stay within the 2015 budget. New Freedom Borough is requesting that it not be just the Council Presidents discussing changes to the agreement and formula but that the Police Commission and two citizens from each municipality serve on this Committee. Tony Myers, former police commission member, volunteered to serve.

R. Buchanan moved to approve the revised 2016 police budget that does not include a new vehicle and four cameras.

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

Water & Sewer – Richard R. Buchanan

Meeting with New Freedom Borough on Proportionate Share Report

Eng. Lipinski was told when he requested a meeting to discuss the report by Tanya Crawford, Administrator of New Freedom Borough, that she will not meet if Buck attends and that questions should be submitted in writing and she will then respond. Council is of the opinion that since Shrewsbury Borough/Authority is paying 64% of the costs at the sewer treatment plant, that the Chairman of the Water and Sewer Committee or anyone else the Borough chooses should be in attendance.

M. Sharkey moved that the Borough/Authority hire an independent auditor to examine New Freedom Borough's sewer records in light of a denial of a meeting that would include R. Buchanan or anyone else we would like to send to the meeting.

C. Skoglund seconded. The motion was amended that this meeting should occur within 30 days. The motion carried with all in favor.

R. Buchanan moved that until either a meeting that would include him or an independent audit is held, that the Borough's payments for the year 2016 be held at the 2015 budget figure and at the 2015 quarterly payment schedule.

C. Skoglund seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Woodlyn Well Repair

The Woodlyn Well pump that was installed in 1995 has not been working as efficiently as it had in the past. The pump shaft seized up on December 1 and will be pulled by Kohl Brothers in the next three weeks with an estimated cost between \$5,000.00 and 10,000.00 depending on what damage is found. While the pump is removed, a transducer will be installed to satisfy the SRBC requirements. The Blouse, Pump house, and meadow wells will operate at 80% capacity until the Woodlyn Well is repaired.

Omega Rail Right-of-Ways

An invoice in the amount of \$1,200.00 was received for the utility crossing on Tolna Junction Lane. Answers still cannot be obtained as to why the annual fee for this crossing went from \$222.00 to \$1,200.00 except that we are told this is the going rate. For now, this matter is on hold.

Susquehanna River Basin Commission

There is an outstanding invoice in the amount of \$800.00 for information monitoring that will be held pending the outcome of the appeal

Public Roads & Lighting – Michael G. SharkeyCovington Drive Traffic Calming

Supt. Sweitzer will have the LTAP engineer look at Covington Drive, Northbrook Lane, and West Forrest Avenue.

Mount Airy Curb Removal and Sign Costs

As of today, the invoice sent to Kimco Realty for the work done with additional signage remains unpaid. When this invoice is paid, Supt. Sweitzer will refer Kimco Realty to PennDOT since Mount Airy Road is a State road for their requested work at the exit near Chick-fil-A.

Exit 4 Meeting

PennDOT is requesting to use both rooms in the building on January 7 starting at 2:30 p.m. and will include a meeting for public officials and then a meeting for the public.

Public Lands, Buildings and Finance – Christopher M. SkoglundTentative 2016 Budget

C. Skoglund moved to adopt the tentative 2016 budget.
R. Buchanan seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

ENGINEER'S REPORTSouthern Farms Phase 2 Sewer Lining

The third and final invoice has not been paid because as many as six laterals were not televised and there are problems. We are waiting to hear from Video Pipe Services how it plans to correct the problem and if we are not satisfied, they will be told any future bids will not be considered in any upcoming projects.

EDU Study

The supplier for the laser ultrasonic equipment has agreed to install a meter during January free of charge for several weeks to see how the Borough and Authority like this type of meter.

Premier Investments, 141 North Main Street/ 10 East Clearview Drive

This plan was conditionally approved last month and Eng. Lipinski is still waiting on the revisions to the plan by the surveyor. Revised deeds are required after the plan is recorded.

Parrish Properties Medical Clinic, 89 East Forrest Avenue

The plan was conditionally approved and we are waiting on DEP Planning Module approval. The Stormwater Operation and Maintenance Agreement needs to be executed and recorded.

Street Opening Ordinance

Eng. Lipinski is working with another municipality to amend its ordinance and once completed, he will submit it to Sol. Rehmeyer for review.

Flood Plain Ordinance

Residents may purchase flood insurance but FEMA is requiring updating of flood plain maps; the Borough does not have any flood plains. Eng. Lipinski is working with Sol. Rehmeyer on a resolution.

Sewer and Street Work

Bids will be received in March, 2016.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Year-end Tax Ordinances

The year-end tax ordinances are ready for the December 28 meeting.

13 Tree Hollow Drive

The Sheriff's Sale is February 8, 2016. Notice of sale was sent to all lien holders.

South Penn Code Consultant Contract

The Secretary was asked to check with the Borough's insurance agent about coverage. The carrier declined to offer any opinion with regard to the contract. Sol. Rehmeyer suggested to Keith Hunnings that the language be removed from the contract and that he speak with his insurance carrier about his coverage.

Sewer Capacity Issue

Phil Robinson and his attorney, Stacey MacNeal, attended last month's New Freedom Borough Council meeting about sewer capacity. Atty. MacNeal stated New Freedom Borough asked her to arrange a meeting with them and Shrewsbury Borough. Sol. Rehmeyer was asked last month to relay a message to Atty. MacNeal that we ask that New Freedom Borough contact the Shrewsbury Borough representatives directly if they are interested in discussing sewer capacity.

Public Safety, Welfare and Personnel – Fred W. ArbogastBonuses

F. Arbogast moved that bonuses be paid this year based on the schedule of years of service.

C. Skoglund seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Secretary's Report – Cindy L. Bosley

The year-end meeting is December 28 and the first meeting next year is January 4.

E. Stoley entered the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

York Adams Tax Bureau – Michael Sharkey

M. Sharkey attended the October meeting, there was no November meeting; the collection rate is not changing. A letter was received from Dennis Luckenbaugh that there is sometimes a problem having a quorum.

Subdivision, Land Development and Zoning – Eric W. Stoley

Planning Commission/Regional Planning Commission – Eric W. Stoley

E. Stoley stated he will meet with new Councilwoman Diane Kraatz-Jacobson regarding the work this Committee does.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Issue Control Sheet

The sheet was updated accordingly.

COMMUNICATIONS

At this time, Michael Ridgely thanked everyone for the recognition shown to him and Nancy at the dinner for his 25 years of service. Atty. Frank Countess (Jon Countess' son) was in the audience to mark the occasion as Jon Countess was the Borough's solicitor from 1966 until 2001.

Eric Stoley also acknowledged the staff and Council for their help during his time on Council (1998 through 2015).

ADJOURNMENT

M. Ridgely moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.
Several Councilmen seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Submitted by Cindy L. Bosley, Sec.