

MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 11, 2007

PRESENT: Mayor James W. Reedy, Richard R. Buchanan, Michael R. Caum,
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; E. Michael Lee of Codes
Enforcement; Boy Scouts Michael Varel and Daniel Humenuck;
Eric Schnitker

The regular meeting of the Borough Council convened at 7:33 p.m. in the Borough Municipal Building, 35 West Railroad Avenue with President Schnabel presiding.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Eric Schnitker of 42 North Main Street was present about the amount of trash on the bank area to the south of the Shrewsbury Square Shopping Center. The Secretary was asked to again contact the property manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E. Stoley moved to approve the minutes of the March 14 meeting.
M. Caum 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 January and February.
R. Buchanan seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

BILL LIST

The bill list was presented for March. General account: check numbers 8255 thru 8308; Water account: check numbers 3753 thru 3767; Sewer account: check numbers 3708 thru 3717; Highway Aid: check numbers 743 thru 749.

The bill list was approved as presented.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

Valley View Grove Development

A response was received from Cornerstone Development Group's attorney in response to Sol. Rehmeyer's letter asking when the remaining work will be done. Cornerstone agreed to: 1) fertilize or re-seed the detention basin; 2) the rock filter surrounding the outlet control structure will be removed and the area stabilized per the approved erosion and sedimentation control plan; 3) Cornerstone agrees the issue with the monument light is with the homeowners association, not the Borough; 4) a street light at the intersection of Tree Hollow Drive and Kratz Road will be installed within the next few days; 5) Cornerstone is aware that during the next significant rainfall, Eng. Holley's office will investigate the claim that no stormwater ever leaves the stormwater basin through the outfall pipe. After this investigation, it will be determined what corrections, if any are required. 6) the original, approved plan shows a gradual slope from the street to the rear of the lots. During construction, Ryan Homes placed the home back further and higher on the lot which caused a large drop in the back. They asked for grading revisions, which were approved by Eng. Holley's office for two retaining walls with steps which was later changed by Ryan Homes/Cornerstone to one eight foot high retaining wall with no steps. The residents have no way to access the rear of their lots to mow. Cornerstone will be told that they need to satisfy the five property owners with regard to the retaining wall and access issues or the original, approved plan must be followed. 7) Cornerstone says backfill and establishment of vegetation were done behind the curb on lot nine; 8) the agreement for plowing of the streets before they are adopted is under review.

Southern Regional Police – Richard R. Buchanan

The police report for February was presented. Half of the traffic violations are for illegal left turns out of the Shrewsbury Square Shopping Center. The recent bank robbery will not use up a lot of man hours as the FBI is prosecuting.

The police department would like to replace the speed trailer that was donated 50% by the Masonic Lodge and 25% each from New Freedom and Shrewsbury Boroughs as the newer trailers are capable of doing a lot more. The police department would like to donate the old trailer to the South Western Police Department, which has borrowed it in the past. The Lodge has been asked for its opinion; the plaques on the side indicating the donors will be left on. Council was agreeable to the donation to another police department.

The three committees will meet on Thursday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m., at the request of Glen Rock Borough, to discuss funding.

Buck stated he had a call from the owner of the two properties at the northwest corner of Constitution Avenue and South Main Street that vehicles are cutting through his parking lot to avoid the light. The owner will be told he can contact PennDOT for a permit to install curbing to limit points of ingress and egress.

Buck stated the owner of the Market Square Shopping Center is expecting more responses by the police department. Council was concerned the shopping center was going to abuse the calls to the police department and should perhaps hire private security to handle some of the problems they are experiencing. Sol. Rehmeier will check into what may fall under legitimate calls to the police department to determine call response.

REPORTS

Codes Enforcement – E. Michael Lee

Agreement with Commonwealth Code Inspections

Mike will have the signed agreement to Jeff to cover the additional inspections to be done by Commonwealth Code Inspections.

Covington Ridge Phase II

The street lights are working and the one pole has been straightened. There are still two property owners who have not settled grading and retaining wall issues with S & A Homes.

E. Stoley moved to authorize the release of the letter of credit.

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

Water & Sewer – Richard R. Buchanan

Keeney Well

The well driller has completed the production well by reaming and installing a 16" well casing which will protect the ten inch well casing that will be used for final production. The monitoring wells are required by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission to measure area groundwater levels during testing.

Fire Hydrant Detail

Changes were made to the fire hydrant specifications to include a Mueller Hydrant Defender to prevent the theft of water by contractors during construction. The locks will be removed in new developments after completion. Brian will ask Fire Chief Tony Myers for his opinion.

Monitoring Wells

Two of the four monitoring wells to be paid by the wellhead protection grant are completed. The other two sites need to be moved because of utility conflicts.

Reservoir Inspection

The two concrete reservoirs were televised last week. The Department of Environmental Protection and the Environmental Protection Agency were invited and both agencies and the television inspection contractor were complimentary on the improvements made to the tanks from the 1998 restoration work. The reservoirs are in good condition and will be inspected again in 2012.

Distribution Rule

These guidelines were presented by the Federal EPA and may be mandatory by 2024. The Borough will watch for public comment through the Federal Registry. Items one thru four are being done already.

- 1) Mandatory backflow prevention;
- 2) All valves should be exercised annually;
- 3) Hydrants should be flushed two times a year;

- 4) Water quality in the tanks should be checked annually;
- 5) There should be as-built drawings for the entire system;
- 6) Rate structure for water customers should be at least \$30.00 – 35.00 base rate;
- 7) Rate structure for sewer customers should be at least \$40.00 – 45.00 base rate;
- 8) Study plastic water line for carcinogenic elements (51% of system);
- 9) Replace lead service lines and asbestos transite cement water mains (49% of system).

Cost: 69,537 feet of asbestos cement pipe @ \$40.00/foot is \$2,781,450 plus 500,000 feet of services for a total of \$3,281,480.

The Borough would have to double it's billing rate and save funds for approximately ten years to pay for the work.

PSAB Water Resources Planning Committee

PSAB is looking for volunteers to serve on the Planning Committee. Brian has volunteered to serve as a citizen and attend the quarterly meetings. If the meetings are held during the day, he will be paid as an employee; if the meetings are held other than normal working hours, Brian will volunteer his time. All expenses will be paid.

R. Buchanan moved to nominate Brian Sweitzer to attend the quarter meetings and to serve on the Committee.

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

Access Agreement for Monitoring Well

E. Stoley moved to authorize the signing of the Access Agreement with Alfred Taylor for a monitoring well on his property on Memory Lane.

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

I-83 Rest Stop Agreement

Sol. Rehmeyer drafted a letter in response to PennDOT's proposed changes to the EDU agreement. R. Buchanan will contact Sol. Rehmeyer after review.

Public Roads & Lighting

East Clearview Drive Drainage Problem

There are several factors contributing to the drainage problem near the intersection with North Main Street. The sump pump and rain spouts at 201 North Main Street empty onto East Clearview Drive. Also, the road does not have a crown and the lowest point is in the center. The curbing along East Clearview Drive needs to be raised and extended as the back yard also drains out into the street. There needs to be a storm drainage system installed. The repair work will be included in the 2008 road work.

Road Inspections

The road inspection will be this Saturday.

Street Sweeping

The street sweeper finished on March 28.

Woodland Drive Storm Project

Grading, seeding and mulching of the properties impacted by the storm pipe installation along North Main Street have been completed.

Trucks on East Clearview Drive

Large trucks are using East Clearview Drive as a shortcut from Mt. Airy Road to get to West Clearview Drive. The Borough will ask for a traffic study to restrict trucks from using this development as a cut through.

Public Lands & Buildings and Finance – Michael W. Ridgely

Playground Restroom Building

New vinyl siding and shingles were installed, doors were painted and locks were upgraded during the Eagle Scout project.

Playground Woodcarpet and Landscaping

Two churches will perform community service for the Borough at Sweeney Park. One church will spread the woodcarpet around the play equipment and another church will plant flowers and mulch the planter.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Sewer Inspector

Eng. Holley stated he has a meeting scheduled with New Freedom Borough to discuss the use of the sewer inspector and any credit the Borough is due for 2006.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Deer Creek Buffer Agreement

The agreement is ready to be sent to the home owners.

Banner Agreement with Met Ed

Met Ed will not alter their standard agreement. Insurance requirements have been met and the agreement is ready to be signed.

Water Connection Ordinance

It was decided to perform the mandatory lateral connection work internally rather than bid the work out which will save money for the homeowners. B. Sweitzer estimates it will take about 250 man hours. Access agreements will be necessary and the Borough should not be held liable in the event of damage to property. A second public meeting will be held with the 30 property owners who have to connect to public water.

Change to Buffers in Zoning Ordinance

Sol. Rehmeyer stated he and Eng. Holley will meet to discuss proposed changes to buffer requirements in the Zoning Ordinance.

Employment Manual

A draft manual will be provided in the near future.

Michael Eagan Land Use Appeal

No new developments.

Grim's Glass & Plastics, Inc.

No new developments.

Public Safety, Welfare and Personnel – Michael R. Caum

NIMS Resolution

M. Caum moved to adopt the National Incident Management System.
E. Stoley seconded. The resolution passed with all in favor.

Henry Wherley Retirement

Hank's last day will be April 20.

New Employee

Interviews were held and Brian recommends the Borough hire Ronald Rohrbaugh, who has been a summer employee for 18 years.

R. Buchanan moved that Ronald Rohrbaugh be hired.
M. Ridgely seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Ron will start at \$12.00 an hour and after he receives his CDL, he will go to \$12.50 an hour. B. Sweitzer stated Ron would like three days off in November for a pre-planned vacation.

M. Ridgely amended the motion that Ron be allowed to take the three vacation days to be accrued back later and that April 30 be his date of hire and he will receive his full year bonus for 2007 since his part-time work over the years amounts to four full years of time.

R. Buchanan accepted the amendment. The amendment was approved with all in favor.

Uniform Construction Code License

B. Sweitzer is in the process of investigating what is required to eventually take the test to be certified for all plumbing inspections. Mike Lee will notify Brian when the next Pennsylvania class will be held.

Secretary's Report – Cindy L. Bosley

Reminder of the Township's open house to be held on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

York Adams Tax Bureau

Subdivision, Land Development and Zoning – Eric W. Stoley

Regional Planning Commission – Eric W. Stoley

The Borough received a signed copy of the Agreement the Commission has for the grant money to revise the Regional Comprehensive Plan.

Planning Commission

There was a staff review to look at a sketch plan submitted by Walgreens for 95 East Forrest Avenue. Walgreens will probably withdraw the plan if PennDOT does not allow left turns in or out.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was called at 9:27 p.m. to discuss possible litigation. The meeting was reconvened at 10:09 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS**COMMUNICATIONS**

A letter was received from the Freedom Community Church asking for tax exoneration for 2007 for 205 South Main Street which is being used for church offices and Sunday School rooms.

Permission was granted for tax exoneration for 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cindy L. Bosley, Secretary