

MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 13, 2008

PRESENT: Richard R. Buchanan, Michael R. Caum, Thomas D. Metz,
Michael W. Ridgely and Peter W. Schnabel

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

The regular meeting of the Borough Council convened at 7:31 p.m. in the Borough Municipal Building, 35 West Railroad Avenue with President Schnabel presiding.

Codes Enforcement – E. Michael Lee

Mike said letters went out about the trash at the Shrewsbury Square Shopping Center and the sign at the intersection of East Forrest Avenue and North Highland Avenue will be raised to get it out of the line of sight. Mike is still investigating the abandoned house at 33 South Main Street.

T. Metz left the room at 7:32 p.m.

Engineer's Report – James R. Holley, P.E.**Street Bids**

Jim said about 13 contractors picked up bid specification packets. Sol. Rehmeyer submitted a letter regarding Pflumm Paving, who did not perform satisfactorily in the past.

Treatment Plant Operating Expenses

The Borough had budgeted \$610,000 and the 2008 costs will be \$557,000. Our flows, which include the Township's, are at 57.75%.

Appoint Citizen Representative to the Southern Regional Police Commission

M. Ridgely moved to appoint John J. LaMartina, Jr. as the Citizen Representative with a full two-year term.

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

T. Metz returned to the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

T. Metz moved to approve the minutes of the January 7 meeting.

M. Ridgely 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 November and December.

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

BILL LIST

The bill list was presented for January; General account: check numbers 8751 thru 8801; Water account: check numbers 3933 thru 3955; Sewer account: check numbers 3829 thru 3837; Highway aid: check number 758.

M. Ridgely moved to approve the bill list for January.

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

Southern Regional Police Report – Richard R. Buchanan

Buck highlighted the police report for December. Officer Stahm and his dog are leaving at the end of the month. The annual report was also submitted. The number of other assists calls averages about ten a month, which includes calls to assist the State Police in Shrewsbury Township. The Civil Service Commission will meet to review a list of candidates selected by the Metropolitan York Police Testing Consortium.

Shrewsbury Square Shopping Center Entrance

The Southern Regional Police Department is recommending the southern entrance be made a one-way in only. The number of motorists who exit and then make a left turn is continuing and receiving a fine is not a deterrent.

Buck will discuss this with Chief Childs and Chris Skoglund.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

Mr. Eagan and his attorney withdrew from participating in the Consent Agreement to allow a light warehouse use at 380 North Main Street. They were not at the meeting.

Water & Sewer – Richard R. Buchanan

Water Service Project

About half of the properties need to be connected yet. Well closures may be a problem.

29 and 29-A Valley Road Invoice

The property owner received an invoice in the net amount of \$9,697.96 for the two properties to connect, both properties required creek crossing borings and permits. The owner wanted to be exempted from the creek crossing boring and permits.

Council declined to waive those fees but the owner will be given more time in which to pay the bill. A lien will be filed to protect the Borough.

33 and 39 Valley Road

The plans were to connect these two properties when Covington Ridge III was constructed to save the property owners money, but now it appears the project is on hold. Since other property owners had a deadline in which to connect, it was decided to send letters that they need to connect now. Both properties will require creek crossing borings and permits and there are two gas transmission lines to work around. The properties will be liened and given more time to pay.

29 Kratz Road

This property owner had signed the agreement but indicated the cost should not exceed \$8,000.00. This property also involves creek crossing boring and a permit with the cost being between \$10,000.00 – 12,000.00. Sol. Rehmeyer will send a letter that she needs to connect and the cost will exceed \$8,000.00. She will be given more time to pay and the property will be liened.

Keeny Well

The amount of \$51,229.00 was spent so far on the Keeny Well and to finish the project would require another \$40,000.00. The Committee decided to explore the drainage basin on the east side of I-83. The potential site would be within proximity of the Chestnut Commerce Center which could have possible land restrictions depending on which zone it falls within. The cost of the line to bring the water from that point to the Borough in the railroad right of way would be approximately \$200,000.00. Hydrogeologist, Paul Miller, submitted a bid of \$4,000.00 to explore the basin and other quotes should be received. The Andersons are concerned with how the placement of a well will impact the value of their property in the future and they have given instructions to vacate and close the wells. With total build out of the Borough, the future water demand deficit will be about 17,000 gallons per day. The agreement with the York Water Company for an emergency water connection is still in place.

After discussion, the following motion was made.

M. Caum moved to proceed with a study of the basin in the Chestnut Commerce vicinity at a price not to exceed \$5,000.00 with the hydrogeologist to be selected by Brian Sweitzer and Eng. Holley and to go no further until the survey results are studied.

R. Buchanan seconded. Roll call vote:

Buchanan	yes, in favor
Caum	yes, in favor
Metz	yes, in favor
Ridgely	yes, in favor
Schnabel	no, opposed

A letter will be sent to the Andersons:

R. Buchanan moved to explore a potential well site east of I-83 in the Keeny basin and secondly, with the understanding that if the Andersons are not satisfied with our offer, the Borough would like more time to explore a well site, the Andersons may make a counter-offer.

M. Caum seconded. Roll call vote:

Buchanan	yes, in favor
Caum	yes, in favor
Metz	yes, in favor
Ridgely	no, opposed
Schnabel	no, opposed

P. Schnabel stated the proposal could be voted on again next month when the other Council members are present.

Resolution 2008-3 Amending Sewer Charges

R. Buchanan resolved to adopt Resolution 2008-3 to amend the sewer rates.

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

Resolution 2008-4 Amending Water Rates

R. Buchanan resolved to adopt Resolution 2008-4 to amend the water rates. Eight thousand gallons are allowed for the minimum charge.

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

Shades of Green Water and Sewer EDU Charge

Shades of Green had applied for a deduct meter and did not meet the requirements. Since they are using more than the one EDU, invoices were mailed in November with no response.

Sol. Rehmeyer was asked to send a letter.

Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy Challenge

An invitation was received from the Capital Region Council of Governments to participate in challenging DEP's requirement of sewer treatment plants to upgrade to reduce total nitrogen and total phosphorus levels. The cost to subscribe is \$2,000.00.

R. Buchanan moved to join with the Capital Region Council of Governments in the protest against DEP's mandate.

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

Public Roads & Lighting

Sidewalk Project

Measurements were taken by the Public Works Department with approximate costs to replace sidewalks (no curbing work or dead tree removal) as follows:

South Main Street west side from 2 to former library	\$16,880.00
South Main Street east side from 3 to 45	\$ 7,320.00
North Main Street west side from 2 to the Assembly of God	\$68,775.00
North Main Street east side from 1 to East Clearview Drive	\$50,775.00
West Forrest Avenue north side from 33 to 111	\$12,155.00
West Forrest Avenue south side from Main Street to Park Ave.	\$13,030.00

If anyone wants to retain their bricks, they must be cleaned of moss and leveled.

Public Lands, Buildings and Finance – Michael W. Ridgely

Tax Collector Commission

The majority of elected tax collectors in the County receive 5% commission.

M. Ridgely moved to increase the tax collector compensation rate to 4.5% for 2008 and to 5% for 2009

R. Buchanan seconded. The motion carried with T. Metz opposed.

For the year 2010, the Council may consider reimbursement on a per item collected basis rather than on a percentage basis. We must discuss this early, 2009.

Fire Proof Safe for Tax Collector

The tax collector's auditor recommended a small fire-proof safe to keep books in. One can be purchased for approximately \$175.00.

M. Ridgely moved to authorize the tax collector to purchase a small fire-proof safe to remain the property of the Borough.

R. Buchanan seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.
The Secretary should be given the combination.

Quickbooks Consulting Services

M. Ridgely moved to approve the signing of the management letter for Dotzel & Company to provide consulting services for Quickbooks at the rate of \$85.00 for a maximum of ten hours.

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

Proposed Gas Pipeline

An information letter was received from Williams of a proposed gas line that may cross the northernmost section of the Borough near 432 North Main Street. More information will be sent to the Borough. The project is in the preliminary stages and federal approval must be granted.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Taken earlier.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

PennDOT Welcome Center/Rest Stop

The revised agreement from PennDOT was provided last month.

Public Safety, Welfare and Personnel – Michael R. Caum

Annual Shrewsbury Fire Company Parade

M. Caum stated the parade is on June 28 and Council received an invitation to participate. Three Councilmen will ride in cars provided by a local car club.

Secretary's Report – Cindy L. Bosley

Refuse Contract

The current refuse contract expires on January 31, 2009, so we must advertise for bids this summer.

Certificate of Appreciation

The Borough received a certificate of appreciation from the fire company for our continued support in 2007.

York Area Tax Bureau – Thomas D. Metz

Director

T. Metz reported the current director will not be retiring since an increase of pay and additional vacation time were offered.

Subdivision, Land Development and Zoning

Planning Commission

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed changes to the regional comprehensive plan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Municipal Authority Vacancy

R. Buchanan moved to appoint Harry A. Wolf to the Municipal Authority with a term to expire on January 1, 2010.

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

Operating Expenses for Treatment Plant

Eng. Holley will review the budgeted information received from New Freedom Borough. A letter will be sent asking for a detailed operating budget and a fixed asset accounting.

COMMUNICATIONS

Tent Sales

The Borough may consider amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow tent sales – this will be discussed more in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

R. Buchanan moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 p.m.
M. Caum seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Submitted by,

Cindy L. Bosley, Secretary