

MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2011

PRESENT: Mayor Peter W. Schnabel, Richard R. Buchanan, Carl W. Munch, Michael G. Sharkey, Christopher M. Skoglund, Eric W. Stoley and Jason J. Traband

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; Nate Kirschman

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 8 and 28 meetings 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.

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

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

BILL LIST

The bill list for December was presented: General account: check numbers 10388 thru 10448; Water account: check numbers 4483 thru 4501; Sewer account: check numbers 4282 thru 4288; Highway Aid: none.

C. Skoglund moved to approve the December bill list.

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

PAYROLL REGISTER

C. Skoglund moved to approve the December 13 and 27 payroll registers.

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

Water & Sewer – Richard R. Buchanan

Sprinkler Service Arrangement

The International Residential Code, adopted by Pennsylvania on December 31, 2009, requires the installation of sprinkler systems in newly-constructed one and two-family homes beginning in 2011. If commercial or industrial uses are remodeled, sprinklers must be installed, but currently not for a residential remodel.

B. Sweitzer recommended the Borough implement Arrangement #1 of the options prepared by James R. Holley & Associates that meters the sprinkler system and domestic service line with one water line and meter entering the property. The service line would be increased to one inch with a dual check valve installation on the fire line and the domestic line. Language will be added on delinquent notices warning of the safety issue if water is terminated for non-payment.

E. Stoley moved to adopt arrangement #1 requiring one meter subject to the adoption of final specifications.

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

Wellhead Protection Special Exception Form

J. Traband prepared a draft application to be used by applicants. The form will be forwarded to Sol. Rehmeyer.

DEP Press Release

DEP had issued a press release that most sewage treatment plants were safe from further effluent limit reductions. The New Freedom plant is not operating at full

capacity and some changes in processing were done which keeps the plant below the allowable limits at this time.

Township EDU Presentation

The Township has an EDU presentation scheduled for February 9 at 7:00 p.m.

The Secretary was asked to find out information about the presentation.

Public Roads & Lighting – Eric W. Stoley

West Clearview Drive Storm Sewer Problem

The Heathcote Glen developer is responsible for some stormwater improvements entering the pipe under West Clearview Drive but the pipe needs to be increased to at least 24” and a swale improved on the Eyster property. The pipe and swale do not handle the water during a substantial storm and leads to icing during winter rains. The Soil Conservation District had instructed the developer to by-pass the detention pond and the water is spreading out and down to the pipe. The cost without the Public Works Department’s equipment and labor time is roughly \$5,000.00.

E. Stoley moved to authorize Eng. Holley’s office to intervene and speak with the Soil Conservation District to work toward a resolution.

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

North Sunset Drive Street Lighting

The resident at 165 North Sunset Drive complained about the brightness of the new street light bulb replaced by Met-Ed.

There is no ordinance that regulates brightness of street lights. The new sodium vapor bulbs being used by Met-Ed appear to be whiter and brighter.

The Secretary was asked to check with Met-Ed to see what wattage bulbs are being used for replacement.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

21 South Hill Street

An informal meeting was held on January 11 with the neighbors of the former Grim's Glass and Plastics property, taken in foreclosure by the bank, to hear their concerns. There have been many unfavorable zoning decisions and the buildings have been sitting empty for a long time. The latest application was for a gymnastics business. An appeal was filed and it may be in the best interests of the neighbors to negotiate compromises and form an agreement for the use of the property as a gymnastics studio with restrictions: limit hours of operation to 9:00 p.m.; remove the 50 x 60 foot pole building and use area for parking; require a land development plan showing changes and parking; limit class size and occupancy; no outside operations; agreement that tournaments/recitals be held off-site; note how trash will be handled; require a buffer; no additional exterior lighting except for safety; no lighted sign; no street drop-offs or pick-ups, place a sign; no use of the apartment. If the loading dock is removed, traffic could enter on one side of the property and exit on the other side. This would eliminate the need to ask for a traffic study to eliminate parking on the east side of the street.

Sol. Rehmeyer was asked to draft a letter to the joint applicants' attorney with review by E. Stoley before mailing.

Southern Regional Police Report – Richard R. Buchanan

Buck highlighted the calls and hours in the November report. The swearing-in ceremony for Chief Boddington was well-attended. The Committee will compare the data received from the Southwestern Police Department.

Codes Enforcement – E. Michael Lee

Wall along North Highland Drive

The property owner was given names of three contractors for pricing to repair the wall in the first block of North Highland Drive.

Stewartstown Railroad Train Station

A letter was received from the Railroad that they will be meeting at the train station on February 22 for a detailed inspection. The roof needs to be repaired. Mike Lee will follow up with the president.

Public Lands & Buildings and Finance – Christopher M. Skoglund**Traffic Studies**

Because of budgetary concerns, C. Skoglund reminded Council the traffic studies performed by the County are no longer free of charge.

ENGINEER'S REPORT**Phase II of the Curb and Sidewalk Block Grant**

The County announced funds became available and asked if the Borough wanted to proceed with Phase 2 of the curb and sidewalk block grant request. Phase 2 is from Pine Street north to the Assembly of God church and on the east side starting at Hillcrest Avenue to East Clearview Drive. Eng. Holley stated the intersection widening at North Main Street and West Clearview Drive can be included in the project if the income survey results are successful.

The next step is for the income surveys to be mailed.

H2O Grant

The results won't be made public until March.

ADA Rules

Eng. Holley stated the new rules and manual are on-line and go into effect March 15.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT**Resolution Establishing the Wellhead Protection Committee**

E. Stoley moved to adopt Resolution #2011-1 which establishes the wellhead protection committee.

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

Curfew Ordinance

Sol. Rehmeier is waiting on comments from Council for the revision.

Public Safety, Welfare and Personnel

Secretary's Report – Cindy L. Bosley

York Area Tax Bureau

Subdivision, Land Development and Zoning – Eric W. Stoley

Growth Area Map

E. Stoley stated the map prepared by the York County Planning Commission shows a new commercial growth area to the south of the Borough in the Township where neither public water nor sewer capacity being available for the growth. He may recommend next month that a letter be sent that the Borough is opposed to the increased growth area.

Planning Commission/Regional Planning Commission

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The issue control sheet was reviewed and updated.

NEW BUSINESS

Re-appointments

C. Skoglund moved to re-appoint George Smith to the Municipal Authority with a term to expire 1/1/2016 and Thomas L. Milstead, Jr. to the Zoning Hearing Board with a term to expire 1/1/2014.

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

Knox Boxes for Residential Homes

C. Skoglund suggested an item be placed in the next newsletter letting residents know that Knox boxes can be purchased and installed that would allow emergency personnel to enter the house if the resident was not able to answer the door in the event of an emergency.

COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

C. Skoglund moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

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

Submitted by,
Cindy L. Bosley, Sec.