

MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

January 14, 2015

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

OTHERS

PRESENT: Brian L. Sweitzer, Supt. of Public Works; Jeffrey L. Rehmeyer, II, Esq.; David Lipinski, P.E.; Fire Chief Tony Myers; Larry Zimmerman; Nate Kirschman; Stan Walters; Keith Hunnings of South Penn Code Consultants; Jeffrey Smith; Zachary Smith

The regular meeting of the Borough Council convened at 7:05 p.m. in the Borough municipal building, 35 West Railroad Avenue, with President Ridgely presiding.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Jeffrey Smith and Zachary Smith, 111 Strassburg Circle, were present to ask Council to consider amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow tattoo shops in the Village zone with less restrictions. Mr. Jeffrey Smith feels that a tattoo shop may not be able to meet the requirements in the Commercial zone either. Both of them were told that Council does not typically change the Zoning Ordinance based upon a single request, and if Council were to make a change based upon their request in this instance, it could set a problematic precedent. Further, it was noted that that the Village zone is mostly residential with a limited number of small shops. Plus, amending the Zoning Ordinance is costly, and it is not necessarily in the best interests of all tax payers to spend the money. Council indicated that it would will take the request under advisement and potentially consider changes in the future, when other changes to the Zoning Ordinance might be under consideration.

Larry Zimmerman said the Village shops are sponsoring a pet photo contest and the winner will receive \$345.00 in gift cards.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 10 and 29 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 December.
E. Stoley seconded. The motion carried with all in favor. The December Municipal Authority report was included for informational purposes only.

BILL LIST

The bill list for December was presented: General account: check numbers 12560 thru 12611; Water account: check numbers 5284 thru 5295; Sewer account: check numbers 4924 thru 4934; Highway Aid account: check numbers 894 thru 896.

C. Skoglund moved to approve the bill list for December, 2014.
M. Sharkey seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL REGISTER

C. Skoglund moved to approve the December 8 and 22 payroll registers.
F. Arbogast seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

95 East Forrest Avenue Preliminary/Final Extension

The applicant's engineer submitted a letter withdrawing the plan.

E. Stoley moved to approve the request of the applicant to withdraw the plan.
R. Buchanan seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Thompson Subdivision Plan

This plan will be on the February 11 agenda.

Apple Tree Court Subdivision Plan

This plan will be on the February 11 agenda. If additional fill dirt is needed for this development, the fill must meet Borough testing requirements before it is moved to the site.

Codes Enforcement – Keith Hunnings

Three permits were issued in December. A complaint was received regarding a home that the Penn-Mar Organization owns at 75 Woodland Drive that is used as a group home for clients. Group homes are allowed under Federal case law in any residential zone despite any language in the Zoning Ordinance. Keith will follow up with the Penn-Mar Organization on the complaint that residents are trespassing on neighboring properties and that vehicles connected to the house are speeding on the street. Keith said he received another complaint about constant drumming at 117 South Main Street. His office investigated and spoke with the tenant who will try to soften the sound in some way. He is not playing the drums late at night.

Southern Regional Police Department – Richard R. Buchanan

An officer was hired in late December. Loganville Borough gave notice late in the year that it will no longer be using the Department's services. The policy will need to change for entities buying service with the need to give more notice. Liability insurance went up drastically.

National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

M. Sharkey moved that a letter of appreciation to formally recognize the Southern Regional Police Department be sent.

R. Buchanan seconded. E. Stoley suggested it be done in the form of a Resolution. The motion was amended to prepare and accept a Resolution of Appreciation. The Council President and solicitor were going to coordinate efforts to complete such a Resolution.

Water & Sewer – Richard R. Buchanan**Deer Creek Force Main Repair**

Kinsley Construction replaced the sewer force main next to the pump station on January 7. The force main was replaced with ductile iron pipe instead of the existing plastic. The 90° bends were eliminated and replaced with 45° bends.

Susquehanna River Basin Commission and Well Permitting

A letter was received that public comment on open projects will be on January 29 with a decision being made on our two applications on March 5.

PennDOT Pipe Replacement under I-83

PennDOT is preparing to bid the pipe replacement project out that is near the Pumphouse wells. The Borough is to listed as an additional insured and the contractor is required to submit documentation on how the wellhead area will be protected based on DEP requirements. PennDOT will send the Borough an emergency response plan. Supt. Sweitzer has the PennDOT contact information.

Grease Trap Issues

Supt. Sweitzer is having issues with a restaurant owner not following the proper procedures. Council gave its support to Supt. Sweitzer to pursue corrective issues including billing for time, materials, and a fine, if necessary. The owner of the shopping center may need to get involved.

Public Roads & Lighting – Michael G. Sharkey

Mount Airy Road Traffic Redesign

Gary Tipton of PennDOT will meet with Supt. Sweitzer on January 20 at the site.

Route 851 and I-83 Redesign/Exit 4 Meeting

An engineering firm submitted a diverging diamond drawing to Supt. Sweitzer and asked for utility markings. The meeting will be January 29 at 9:00 a.m. at the Shrewsbury Fire Hall. It appears that 120 feet of bridge will be replaced instead of the original 60 feet with a larger scope diverging diamond.

Public Lands, Buildings and Finance – Christopher M. Skoglund

2014 Year End Actual to 2015 Budget

C. Skoglund handed out the 2014 year end actual to 2015 budget comparison.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Southern Farms Phase II Sewer Lining

Video Pipe Services finished the lining project but there are numerous questions and concerns. When all issues are addressed, the entire project will be televised before final payment.

Johnson Controls

Eng. Lipinski received a traffic study from TRG for Route 851.

SOLICITOR'S REPORTAutoZone, 95 East Forrest Avenue

The developer stated AutoZone is concerned about the 13% grade. The developer was encouraged to work with AutoZone and to avoid further adjustments to grading, unless necessary, in which case further presentation to and approval from Council would have to be requested. Open items for the project continue to include wellhead issues and the appeal from the decision of the Zoning Hearing Board about them.

Dangerous Building Ordinance

The ordinance was revised to add language adding additional time for commencement or completion of work, upon good cause shown.

Sol. Rehmeyer was asked to advertise the ordinance for adoption.

Apple Tree Court Subdivision

Sol. Rehmeyer is working with the developer's attorney on the legal mechanics and maintenance of the storm water drainage area.

2015 Bid Threshold

Contracts or purchases greater than \$10,500.00 and less than \$19,400.00 require three telephonic quotations. Contracts or purchases greater than \$19,400.00 require a formal public bidding process.

Heathcote Glen – Township

Sol. Rehmeyer said Phil Robinson called him to say there may be two additional lots in this phase and he would like to connect them to the public water. Phil was told to submit the request to the Borough, with documentation in support of it.

Public Safety, Welfare and Personnel – Fred W. Arbogast

Secretary's Report – Cindy L. Bosley

York Adams Tax Bureau – Michael G. Sharkey

The next meeting will be January 26 and M. Sharkey will be out of town. He was re-nominated to the finance committee.

Subdivision, Land Development and Zoning – Eric W. Stoley

Planning Commission/Regional Planning Commission – Eric W. Stoley

E. Stoley stated the Regional Planning Commission may be meeting next month.

M. Skarkey stated he forwarded an e-mail from the York County Planning Commission with a short stormwater survey attached.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Issue Control Sheet

The sheet was updated accordingly.

COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

C. Munch moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

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

Submitted by Cindy L. Bosley, Sec.