

## MINUTES

## SHREWSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 8, 2009

PRESENT: Mayor James W. Reedy, Richard R. Buchanan, Michael R. Caum, Thomas D. Metz, Michael W. Ridgely, Peter W. Schnabel, 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; James Metz; Justin Shappell of United Environmental Services, Inc.; Jeff Moore

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.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

Jeff Moore, representing the Village merchants, stated the second Village Fall Fest will be on October 17 and they have spoken with Chief Childs about placing a few orange cones on Main Street to help slow traffic. The Fire Company will also be participating in the festivities.

James Metz, of 330 Cassidy Way, suggested that the streets not be plowed until the snow accumulates to four inches to save money and to cut back on the use of anti-skid stones except under icy conditions.

Mr. Metz was told that he is in the minority when it comes to having the streets cleared of ice and snow. Treatment varies depending on the amount of snow received and what is in the forecast. The Public Works Department uses very good judgment for winter road maintenance.

Mr. Metz also brought up the widespread use of illegal fireworks. An article will appear in the next newsletter that the police department has been asked to be more pro-active in the enforcement. The Borough also has a nuisance ordinance and the fine is \$500.00.

## Water & Sewer – Richard R. Buchanan

### Smith Bros. Monitoring Wells Required by DEP, 238 North Main Street

Justin Shappell, of United Environmental Services, Inc., Julia Urey and Dan Smith, of Smith Bros. Garage, were present to discuss the requirement of DEP for four monitoring wells to be put in place as a result of a fuel spill. One of the wells will be on the Smith Bros. property, two will be on the Assembly of God property next door and one needs to be on the east side of Smith Bros. The request to put a well in Northpoint Drive was not well-received. It was suggested that the fourth well be placed in the street right-of-way on the southeast corner property of the intersection of Northpoint Drive and North Main Street. It is believed the property owner will be receptive. The well would be level with the ground and would not interfere with use of the property. Sampling needs to be done quarterly for two years and then, if the samples are satisfactory, the well can be closed according to DEP standards.

The Borough will send a letter to the property owner asking for cooperation.

### Deer Creek Force Main

A test hole was dug on the Deer Creek force main for PennDOT to determine if the sewer line will interfere with the Windy Hill Road bridge replacement. The gravity line will need to be moved and a larger right-of-way obtained.

### Rutter's Farm Store Expansion

The owners of the Rutter's store at 249 North Main Street, built in 1992, would like to expand into the property next door at 241 North Main Street. They are proposing to remove, upgrade, relocate, and increase the number of gas tanks and pumps. The properties are in zones 2 and 3 of the Wellhead Protection Plan that do not allow "retail gas station and truck stop".

Rutter's representatives will be invited to the next meeting to discuss their plans. The wellhead protection ordinance may be amended to be very specific to limit what Rutter's can do.

### Township EDU Auction

The Township held their EDU auction this evening and there were no bids.

**Southern Regional Police Department** – Richard R. Buchanan

There were six arrests at the carnival. A letter of thanks for our donation was received from the York County Quick Response Team. Buck asked the Secretary to send a letter to the Response Team to ask for a list of the municipalities in York County that donate to the organization.

House Bill 1500 is being discussed which would require those municipalities without their own full-time or a part-time police department to begin paying a per capita amount to the State for State Police coverage. The Secretary was asked to send a letter of support of the Bill to Sen. Waugh and Rep. Miller. Buck stated the current per capita price for the Southern Regional Police Department is approximately \$139.00. T. Metz stated Rep. Miller has added two amendments to the bill which would base the per capita total on the 2008 estimated population from Penn State and to allow for annual increases.

Buck stated he met with the Glen Rock Borough Council president and dispelled rumors that were circulating. The communications are open as it gets closer to the time line that Glen Rock Borough needs to respond as to its intent and what hours it can afford at what price.

R. Buchanan left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

M. Ridgely moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting.

T. Metz seconded. The motion carried with all in favor. E. Stoley had arrived late but the citizen's comments appeared to be accurate. M. Caum was not at the June meeting.

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTS**

M. Ridgely moved to approve the expenditures and report of accounts for May.

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

## **BILL LIST**

The bill list for June was presented. General account: check numbers 9558 thru 9608; Water account: check numbers 4199 thru 4221; Sewer account: check numbers 4046 thru 4063; Highway Aid account: check numbers 800 and 801.

M. Ridgely moved to approve the June bill list.

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

## **APPROVAL OF PAYROLL REGISTER**

M. Ridgely moved to approve the June 13 and 20 payroll registers.

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

## **SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS**

### **Codes Enforcement** – E. Michael Lee

#### 117 South Main Street Business

Mike is investigating a business that is allegedly operating in the rear of the property.

#### Proposed Weed Ordinance

Mike said he reviewed the proposed weed ordinance that sets the height at six inches and feels the fee for re-occurrence needs to be higher.

#### Penn Mar Recycle, Onion Boulevard

Mike thought he had a settlement reached regarding the illegal outdoor stockpiling of metals, but last week there were trucks and a large pile of metals outside. Steel is the current high-price recycle item. The Zoning Hearing Board did not give approval for outdoor stockpiling. M. Caum said there was an outside fire there about two months ago involving an old fuel tank. Mike said he had proposed that they install a large pole building. Mike feels a letter needs to be sent from Sol. Rehmyer.

E. Stoley moved that Sol. Rehmeier work with Mike Lee to send a cease and desist order to Penn Mar Recycle regarding the outdoor stockpiling and any other violations of the zoning hearing decision or Zoning Ordinance.

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

#### Letter from York City Health Department Regarding Lead Poisoning

A letter was received from the York City Health Department that a child was exposed to lead poisoning at a property on South Main Street. Mike received a copy and it will be handled under the UCC. Council should consider if it wants to adopt an ordinance regulating such problems. Sol. Rehmeier will call Mike to discuss this situation.

#### **Public Roads & Lighting** - Brian L. Sweitzer

##### Northbrook Drive and South Highland Paving

The Public Works Department is completing base repair, curb replacement, and storm inlet repairs on Northbrook Lane.

##### Plank Road Stop Bar

The stop bar is finished but can be relocated, if necessary.

#### **Public Lands & Buildings and Finance** – Michael W. Ridgely

##### Scout House

The Scouts were provided a mapping of the scout house and grounds and are in the process of designing a building expansion. They should be at the August meeting. Grant money must be spent by June, 2010.

##### Fitness Course

The fitness course, located at the rear of the playground, is overcome with weeds and does not receive much use.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

### Sewer Budget

New Freedom Borough now sends a quarterly budget report to Eng. Holley to monitor the expenses. The capital projects line is about \$50,000.00 over budget due to some required improvements by DEP. The operator of the treatment plant stated the chemical budget line should be lower than budgeted.

### Taylor GeoServices, Inc. Proposal for Site Selection of Water Supply

A proposal was received from Taylor GeoServices, Inc. for assistance to select a site for a water supply. Phase I was approved last year; the price is \$5,700.00. This will be discussed next month when Buck is here. Aerial mapping is used to locate potential sites.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

### Resolution to Apply to Participate in the National Flood Insurance Program

E. Stoley moved to adopt Resolution #2009-3 to apply to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.

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

### Proposed Weed Ordinance

Sol. Rehmeyer presented a proposed weed ordinance that would lower the height limit from 12 inches to six. Council is to comment by next month so we can proceed with ordinance adoption. (Mike Lee suggested the fee for re-occurrence be higher.)

### Outdoor Furnaces

A memorandum was prepared by Sol. Rehmeyer on outdoor furnaces and Council should decide if it wants to regulate this use. A sample ordinance will be supplied and Fire Chief Myers will be asked for his opinion.

**Public Safety, Welfare and Personnel** – Michael R. CaumCurb and Sidewalk Block Grant Update

A third letter was sent to six residents to ask for their participation in the income questionnaire. As of now, the Borough does not qualify for the block grant funds. We need to decide what we want to do if we don't get the funds.

Fire Company

M. Caum said the Fire Company thanks Council for its support and for those who helped with Bingo during the carnival.

**Secretary's Report** – Cindy L. BosleySigns at Playground

Sgt. Geary said two more signs are needed at the playground that include the parking lot in the "no loitering" warning. B. Sweitzer will meet with Sgt. Geary to see about placement and wording. The cost of the signs will be paid from the recreation fund.

**York Area Tax Bureau** – Thomas D. Metz

Nothing new to report.

**Subdivision, Land Development and Zoning** – Eric W. Stoley

E. Stoley is still reviewing the regional comprehensive plan and needs Council's comments. The Secretary was asked to give an update to the Southern Regional Planning Commission and to Pam Shellenberger of the York County Planning Commission.

**Planning Commission/Regional Planning Commission** – Eric W. Stoley

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****NEW BUSINESS****Resignation from Council**

M. Caum stated he will be moving from the Borough and that August could be his last meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS****ADJOURNMENT**

E. Stoley moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m.  
T. Metz seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Submitted by,  
Cindy L. Bosley, Sec.