

MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 11, 2009

PRESENT: Mayor James W. Reedy, Richard R. Buchanan, Michael R. Caum, Thomas D. Metz, Michael W. Ridgely, Peter W. Schnabel, Christopher M. Skoglund 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; Trudy Rutzel; Leaders and Scouts from Troop 90; Nate Kirschman; Susan Fox; Cynthia Taylor; Matthew Allen; Rob Gothier

The regular meeting of the Borough Council convened at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Municipal Building, 35 West Railroad Avenue, with President Schnabel presiding.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Trudy Rutzel, of 119 Raypaula Dr., asked if Council would consider adding more wooden play equipment at the playground. She stated there is a company that gets involved in seeking donations from the community and the work is done using volunteers from the community. The Borough had looked into placing more swings at the playground but there was not enough flat ground. Mrs. Rutzel will come back next month with more information.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E. Stoley moved to approve the minutes of the February meeting.

R. Buchanan seconded. The motion carried with T. Metz abstaining as he was not at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTS

M. Ridgely moved to approve the expenditures and report of accounts for December. The motion carried with all in favor.

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

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

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

BILL LIST

The bill list for February was presented. General account: check numbers 9392 thru 9436; Water account: check numbers 4142 thru 4155; Sewer account: check numbers 3991 thru 4008; Highway Aid: check numbers 785 and 786.

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

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

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

CVS Final Land Development Plan #2008-2 Corner of Constitution Avenue and Main Street

Matthew Allen of Bohler Engineering and Rob Gothier of J. C. Barr Properties were present. The buildings that housed the Getty gas station and Grace's Florist will be demolished to make way for the new CVS store. Ground water recharge is not allowed at the site because of past contamination from the fuel tanks. There is a note on the plan that restricts the height of the bushes to 36" and is the responsibility of the store manager to oversee maintenance. Snow removal will be in the rear so the sight view will not be blocked.

Eng. Holley recommended approval of the final land development plan contingent on the following comments:

- 1) Approval letter from the Shrewsbury Vol. Fire Chief
- 2) PA DOT's highway occupancy permit for driveways, water and sewer connections
- 3) Notarized signature of owner
- 4) Payment of all fees
- 5) Approval from Met Ed to use Met Ed right-of-way

E. Stoley moved to approve the final land development plan contingent on the above five conditions being met.

C. Skoglund seconded. Roll call vote:

Buchanan	yes, in favor
Caum	yes, in favor
Metz	yes, in favor
Ridgely	yes, in favor
Skoglund	yes, in favor
Stoley	yes, in favor
Schnabel	yes, in favor

When asked, Mr. Allen and Mr. Gothier accepted the conditions for final approval.

Southern Regional Police Department – Richard R. Buchanan

Buck stated the D.A.R.E. program has been cut due to funding being eliminated and the member municipalities in the Southern Regional Police Commission all agreeing not to fund the program. Glen Rock Borough may be sending a letter asking to limit its expenditures to a certain dollar amount for 2010. They may become a customer rather than a voting member.

Codes Enforcement – E. Michael Lee

An enforcement notice was sent to 34 South Main Street for accumulation of junk and abandoned vehicles. The pole at 436 South Main Street is in the process of being repaired with new signs being permitted.

Inspections

Mike said all inspections will be done by Commonwealth Inspections but his office will still handle the permits and zoning work. Mike will be a back-up inspector.

Water & Sewer – Richard R. Buchanan

Kirschner Road Sewer Repair

The Public Works Department repaired a sewer leak last month to eliminate ten thousand gallons per day of infiltration. Infiltration is a constant battle.

Grease Problem

Another incident occurred at the Mason Dixon Restaurant and the property owner agreed to pay the cost to open the lines in the amount of \$1,360.00. The owner has agreed to increase their maintenance with their own contractor and receive no fine.

R. Buchanan moved to accept payment by the shopping center of the cost of \$1,360.00 to open the lines with no fine, providing the grease trap contractor comes in on an as-needed basis.

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

Public Roads & Lighting – Christopher M. Skoglund

Crack Sealing

B. Sweitzer will investigate renting a crack sealing machine to do more crack sealing this year.

Street Sweeping

Ross Industries will sweep the streets this year using one sweeper between April 6 and April 14.

Widen Intersection at North Main Street and West Clearview Drive

In exchange for the right-of-way, the property owner is asking for curbing and sidewalk from Main Street to the end of his property. He is allowing the right-of-way to be behind the large rock and the pole will not need to be moved. Eng. Holley will do the highway occupancy permit application and obtain the permit. T. Metz stated the DCED grants have been eliminated until the economy improves.

Public Lands & Buildings and Finance – Michael W. Ridgely

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Cost Sharing Report

Eng. Holley and B. Sweitzer met with New Freedom Borough officials to review the 2008 proportionate sharing report. The plant was very close to an enforcement action by DEP/EPA; the non-compliance of the WWTP in 2007 was the reason large sums of capital expenses were incurred in 2008. The New Freedom plant is considered a major discharger and is subject to a higher level of scrutiny by the Federal and State regulators. The Borough was not aware of it's share of those expenses until after the 2009 budget was adopted. New Freedom Borough will send quarterly updates.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

To be discussed later.

Public Safety, Welfare and Personnel – Michael R. Caum

Water Licenses

William Murphy, Carey Waugh and Rob Seidenstricker are scheduled to take the Water Operator's License test on April 2 and if they pass, they will each receive a \$1.00/hour raise.

Secretary's Report – Cindy L. Bosley

York County Boroughs Association Meeting

The next meeting is March 26. M. Ridgely and P. Schnabel will attend.

Township's Referral of Stray Cat Problem

Three weeks ago, a Township resident came to the office and stated he was referred to the Borough by the Township office with the hope that we would solve his stray cat problem. He had borrowed a trap from the S.P.C.A. and when he took the trapped cat back to the S.P.C.A., he was told that the Township does not have a contract and they could not take the cat. He came to our office to ask if the

Borough's animal control officer would take the cat up for him. The office told him he needs to attend a Supervisor's meeting.

York Area Tax Bureau – Thomas D. Metz

T. Metz is concerned our earned income revenue may be short due to the state of the economy.

Subdivision, Land Development and Zoning – Eric W. Stoley

Planning Commission/Regional Planning Commission – Eric W. Stoley

Regional Comprehensive Plan

E. Stoley attended the regional planning commission meeting last week. The statement that the Township wants no part of the regional police is not appropriate to be included in the plan. Copies will be provided either by paper or by disk to the Planning Commission, Council and Sol. Rehmeyer. After the review is finished, the Borough will schedule a public hearing to adopt the plan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS

Fire Company Annual Appreciation Banquet

The annual banquet is Saturday, March 28. Please R.S.V.P. by March 21.

Economic Development Work Sessions

Everyone received a copy of the upcoming work session schedule.

New Radio System Update

The Department of Emergency Services sent a letter updating the status of the new radio system.

Boy Scout Troop 90

Jere Sechrist and other leaders were present with Scouts earning the Citizenship in the Community merit badge. Jere thanked Council for past support and asked if someone could attend a Monday night meeting to explain the duties of a Councilperson.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was called at 8:55 p.m. to discuss threatened legal issues. The meeting was resumed at 9:38 p.m.

1999 Pick Up Truck

Since the truck is no longer operable, the tags should be turned in and it should be removed from the insurance. We will advertise for bids to sell the truck.

Appreciation Dinner

The Secretary asked if Council wanted to forego the appreciation dinner this year due to the economy. Money from the sale of the pick up truck will be used for the dinner.

ADJOURNMENT

C. Skoglund moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

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

Submitted by,

Cindy L. Bosley, Secretary