

MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 9, 2007

PRESENT: Mayor James W. Reedy, 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; Keith Wills; Fire Chief Tony Myers; Carey Waugh

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

Keith Wills, representing the Valley View Grove HOA, stated the grass around the pond was cut but not behind the retaining wall. He also stated the pond is still not draining as it should.

Eng. Holley stated he spoke with John Huenke of Cornerstone Development, who said a hydrogeologist looked at the pond and John has arranged a contractor to excavate with a trackhoe to look at the area where the water is draining before the outlet. A clay barrier will be installed and backfilled with topsoil and then it will be reseeded. That work should begin next week and Eng. Holley's office will notify Keith before the work starts. The pond was installed per DEP's requirements, not the Borough's ordinance.

Mr. Huenke also stated he plans to meet with the property owners about the retaining wall and make a proposal.

The street light at the intersection of Kratz Road and Tree Hollow Drive should be installed within the next two weeks.

Eng. Holley told Keith the area behind the retaining wall can be accessed from either end of the swale at the bottom for mowing by the property owners.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E. Stoley moved to approve the minutes of the April 11 meeting.
M. Ridgely seconded. The motion carried with T. Metz and C. Skoglund abstaining as they were not at the April 11 meeting.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTS

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

BILL LIST

The bill list was presented for April. General account: check numbers 8309 thru 8373; Water account: check numbers 3770 thru 3782; Sewer account: check numbers 3718 thru 3732; Highway Aid: check numbers 750 thru 752.

E. Stoley moved to approve the bill list for April.
M. Ridgely seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

Valley View Grove Development

The letter of credit has been renewed for another year.

Southern Regional Police

The report for March was received.

M. Ridgely reported the joint meeting with representatives from Glen Rock, New Freedom and Shrewsbury Boroughs was productive. Other solutions need to be looked at beside the formula issue.

REPORTS

Codes Enforcement – E. Michael Lee

Laurence Wirtz, 46 Lexington Drive

Mr. Wirtz was held up because of the weather but will be made to continue work to conform to the Code.

Eagan Property, 380 North Main Street - Appeal

This will be discussed in an executive session.

Water & Sewer

Well Abandonment

All PennDOT highway occupancy permits have been obtained for the mandatory water connection customers. Several customers are ready to connect and Council must determine the Public Works' responsibility in the project and the deadline for connection.

The Borough will install the lateral from the curb box to the house, labor and pipe cost, up to \$1,000.00. The home owner will pay the expense over the \$1,000.00 which will include their plumber's fee to connect the water at the house. Eng. Holley's office will assist with the creek crossing permits. An access agreement will be prepared for signature by each property owner to include the clause that the Borough employees be allowed access to cap the old wells.

Another meeting needs to be held with the 32 property owners.

M. Ridgley resolved that we move forward with the mandatory water connection with the Public Works Department running the lateral and closing the old wells. C. Skoglund seconded adding the \$1,000.00 cap with an explanation in the access agreement what the \$1,000.00 covers or the home owner also has the option to use their private contractor.

We may want to have Sol. Rehmeyer present at the meeting to answer any legal questions.

Keeny Well – Possible Litigation

This will be discussed in an executive session.

Fire Hydrant Detail

Brian Sweitzer discussed the new hydrant specifications with Fire Chief Myers and he is in agreement if the locks and keys match Wal Mart's and the York Water Company's anti-theft devices.

E. Stoley moved to approve the change to the hydrant details.
T. Metz seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Fluoride Bill

HB 1588 passed the House on June 29 but died at the end of session.

Public Roads & Lighting – Christopher M. Skoglund

Road Inspection

Chris Skoglund and Brian Sweitzer toured the roads recently. Brian prepared a spreadsheet listing all of the roads in the Borough and when they were last repaved or repaired.

The local streets in developments should have a life of ten to 12 years; collector streets seven to ten years and roads like West Forrest Avenue and Clearview Drive (Borough maintained sections) should last around five years.

Street Paving Costs

Eng. Holley is supplying the cost of replacement for roads identified in the tour that will be replaced next year and beyond. No road replacement is scheduled for 2007.

Tree in Sight View at 311 West Forrest Avenue

Notices have been given with a deadline for trimming the tree to a height of five feet from the ground. Sol. Rehmeyer was asked to send a letter that they are violating the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and ask that the trimming be done within the next two weeks or the Borough will perform the trimming.

Execute Agreement with Met Ed for Banners

C. Skoglund moved to authorize the signing of the Agreement with Met Ed for placement of banners on their utility poles.

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

Public Lands & Buildings and Finance – Michael W. Ridgely

Skateboarding on Borough Property

Southern Community Services stated parents drop kids off to skateboard at 44 South Main Street and are skateboarding down the steps toward the road. There are also skateboarders using the Borough lot, sidewalk and steps as well.

Sol. Rehmeyer was asked to prepare a resolution to ban skateboarding and similar wheeled items from use at the Borough office/Public Works area and at property the Borough owns at 44 South Main Street.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Stonebridge

A bank, Tractor Supply store and a fireworks store will be built on a lot in Stonebridge. The Borough will see the profiles of the sewer line when the plan is prepared.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Executive Session

An executive session was called at 8:57 p.m. to discuss possible and existing litigation and a personnel issue.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

Deer Creek Buffer Zone

A meeting will be scheduled for late June to meet with the Fawn Drive and Cardinal Drive residents to discuss the agreement.

Buffer Ordinance

Sol. Rehmeyer's office prepared an amendment based on a sample provided by Eng. Holley. Council should consider minimum tree heights and ages and whether or not small or larger buffers should be considered.

Employment Manual

A draft of the manual was distributed to the Public Safety, Welfare and Personnel Committee and Retirement Committee for review and comment.

Public Safety, Welfare and Personnel – Michael R. Caum

Brian Sweitzer asked for a wage review for Rob Seidenstricker based on Rob's experience and he has taken on some of Hank's responsibilities.

M. Caum moved to increase Rob's hourly salary from \$13.78 to \$14.50 effective May 1.

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

Secretary's Report – Cindy L. Bosley

LGAC Full Committee Annual Dinner Meeting

Michael and Nancy Ridgely and Pete will attend the May 16 meeting.

York Adams Tax Bureau – Thomas D. Metz

Quotes were received for the new York Adams Tax Bureau's building and the old building will be demolished.

Subdivision, Land Development and Zoning – Eric W. Stoley

Buffer Zone

The meeting with the Cardinal Drive and Fawn Drive residents will be held in late June.

Outdoor Advertising

Information will be requested pertaining to the Highways and Bridges, Advertising Along Highways for review relating to the request for an LED sign at a business on South Main Street.

Planning Commission

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS

Pandemic Influenza Workshop will be held on May 16 in the evening.
A thank you note was received from Hank for the bird feeder and for his luncheon.

ADJOURNMENT

E. Stoley moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 p.m.
M. Ridgely seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Submitted by,

Cindy L. Bosley, Secretary