

MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 11, 2009

PRESENT: Thomas D. Metz, Carl Munch, Michael W. Ridgely, Peter W. Schnabel, and Christopher M. Skoglund

OTHERS

PRESENT: Jeffrey L. Rehmeyer, II, Esq.; James R. Holley, P.E.; Brian L. Sweitzer; E. Michael Lee of Codes Enforcement; Tony Myers, Fire Chief; Bill Stoll and Brad Bennett

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

Brad Bennett and Bill Stoll were present regarding 64 East Forrest Avenue, Shrewsbury Township, which is located in a Zone 2 of the Wellhead Protection area. Mr. Bennett would like to open a garage-type business that would include oil changes. He would plan on heating with the used motor oil with a 275 gallon tank. Extra used oil would be picked up by a recycler. Mike Lee stated the type of oil burning furnace Mr. Bennett plans on using is a specially-designed unit that must be approved under the building code. The tank would be a double-wall, lined, steel container.

Mr. Bennett was advised to contact an attorney to see how he should proceed under the current wellhead protection ordinance. The property is in Shrewsbury Township, but the Borough's Zoning Hearing Board would hear the application. Mike Lee will work with Sol. Rehmeyer if Mr. Bennett decides to file a zoning hearing application.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

T. Metz moved to approve the minutes of the October 14 meeting.

C. Munch seconded. The motion carried with all in favor. C. Skoglund abstained as he was not at the October meeting.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTS

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

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

BILL LIST

The bill list for October was presented. General account: check numbers 9730 thru 9782; Water account: check numbers 4254 thru 4265; Sewer account: check numbers 4096 thru 4109; Highway Aid: check numbers 785 and 786.

M. Ridgely moved to approve the October bill list.

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

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL REGISTER

M. Ridgely moved to approve the October 5 and 19 payroll registers.

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

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

Southern Regional Police Department

P. Schnabel reported the police commission accepted the final 2010 budget and the police contract is still being negotiated.

Codes Enforcement – E. Michael Lee

14 North Main Street Decision was Appealed

John and Nancy Morrell have filed a third party appeal in the decision of the Zaldivar zoning hearing for a restaurant at 14 North Main Street.

The Borough will not take a position and will not intervene in the third party appeal. The applicant will need to defend the decision if he wishes.

The Subdivision, Land Development and Zoning Committee will be asked to look at the Zoning Ordinance at large regarding such uses.

Fire Suppression

Because of two incidents where the fire suppression systems in commercial uses were either removed or not working, Mike is suggesting an annual inspection be required as part of the use certificate for inspection of commercial and industrial alarms, fire and security and sprinkler systems. A fee would be charged to cover the annual inspection time and paperwork.

Sol. Rehmeier was asked to draft language for an ordinance amendment.

Water & Sewer

Autodialer for Emergencies

Tier 1 notification, which is loss of pressure, total coliform, nitrate, etc., forces water suppliers to notify their customers within 24 hours of the problem. Possible solutions are an autodialer system, hand delivery, or broadcast news to satisfy the new requirement. The annual cost of a system demonstrated was about \$1,700.00 a year for unlimited use.

Sewer Flow Chart Calibration

Our sewer flow charts at Kirschner Road, South and Crab Shack, North, are calibrated twice a year and New Freedom Borough expressed that the charts may not be accurate as the flows have significantly decreased compared to their flows. New Freedom Borough hired its own company to calibrate all the flow meters, including ours, and our charts' accuracies were verified and are well within the allowable error.

Geothermal Well Systems

The draft ordinance was briefly reviewed. No open systems are allowed in the Borough. Only horizontal closed loop systems shall be permitted in zones 2 and 3 and both horizontal and vertical closed loop systems will be allowed outside of any wellhead zones. There may be a few pre-existing nonconforming geothermal well systems in existence today. An item will be placed in an upcoming newsletter for residents to call to register.

Council will plan to adopt the ordinance at the year-end meeting or the January 4 meeting.

Wellhead Protection Ordinance Amendment

The draft ordinance was presented for review. The ordinance will now fall under the MPC. Council needs to decide if the Zoning Hearing Board, Borough Council or the Wellhead Protection Committee should meet to make decisions on proposed uses or changes. The ordinance addresses changing technology and non-conformities. The categories in the exhibit may need to be further defined or changed as well.

Public Roads & Lighting – Christopher M. Skoglund

Trucks Parking along Main Street and Plank Road at the Rutter's Store

Residents had complained about tractor trailers parking along Main Street and Plank Road when stopping at the Rutter's at 249 North Main Street that block the sight view. A vehicle is also quite often parked at 2 Plank Road, facing the wrong direction, that also blocks the sight view when pulling out of Rutter's.

The Secretary was asked to request a traffic study to place signs for no parking along Main Street from Plank Road south to Northpoint Drive and also on Plank Road from Main Street to east of 2 Plank Road.

Public Lands & Buildings and Finance – Michael W. Ridgely

Public Works Salary Breakdown

Based on the auditor's recommendation, B. Sweitzer was asked to track the Department's time to see if the one-third split is accurate. The breakdown is

general 25%; water 36%; sewer 30% and highway 10%, which is paid from the general account. The one-third split will continue to be used for 2010.

Year-end Meeting

The year-end meeting will be held on Monday, December 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Adoption of Budget

The tentative budget will be adopted on December 9 and the final budget will be adopted on December 28. Water rates will need to be raised to make up for the short-fall from the last water rate increase and to build capital accumulation for the future water line replacement project.

Eagle Scout Project

The pavilion has been painted using three coats of paint.

Employee Bonuses

The funds have been budgeted for the 2009 employee bonuses.

M. Ridgely moved to approve distribution of the bonuses based on the approved schedule.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Water Grant

August 4, 2010, is the deadline to apply for the H2O grant to help with the large water line replacement in Southern Farms. Eng. Holley was asked to start the grant process. We will also apply for a County block grant in two years since the Borough did not receive funds for Phase I of the curb and sidewalk project.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Taken earlier in the meeting.

Public Safety, Welfare and Personnel – Thomas D. Metz**Sidewalk Letter**

T. Metz and the Secretary will draft a letter to be sent to the residents with the worst sidewalk violations.

Secretary's Report – Cindy L. Bosley**Street Light Resolution**

A street light at 10 East Clearview Drive was replaced by Met-Ed and a resolution needs to be approved.

C. Skoglund moved to approve the resolution with Met-Ed for the replacement of a street light.

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

Re-organization Meeting

The first meeting in 2010 will be on Monday, January 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

The tree lighting will be on Sunday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m.

York Area Tax Bureau – Thomas D. Metz**Subdivision, Land Development and Zoning****Planning Commission/Regional Planning Commission**

The joint public hearing will be on either November 30 or December 1.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**NEW BUSINESS****COMMUNICATIONS****ADJOURNMENT**

C. Skoglund moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m.
T. Metz seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Submitted by,
Cindy L. Bosley, Sec.