

MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2007

PRESENT: Mayor James W. Reedy, Richard R. Buchanan, Thomas D. Metz,
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; Fire Chief Tony Myers; Mark Beran, Natalie Bento;
Phil Robinson

The regular meeting of the Borough Council convened at 7:33 p.m. in the Borough Municipal Building, 35 West Railroad Avenue with President Schnabel presiding.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Mark Beran, of 18 Tree Hollow Drive, stated he is putting some plans together to give Cornerstone Development as far as the retaining wall and easement issues. Mark was told to continue to pursue a settlement with Cornerstone Development and to seek legal counsel for advice regarding the common easement liability question he raised. He was told the easement area could not be filled in. Mark or Cornerstone Development should let the Borough know what settlement the parties reach.

Tony Myers, Fire Chief, stated the new fire truck should arrive by the end of the month. He also stated the burn ban may be lifted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E. Stoley moved to approve the minutes of the August 8 meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTS

The July reports will be approved next month.

BILL LIST

The bill list was presented for August: General account: check numbers 8519 thru 8556; Water account: check numbers 3837 thru 3852; Sewer account: check numbers 3773 thru 3790; Highway aid account: none Water account from July: check numbers 3809 thru 3836.

C. Skoglund moved to approve the bill list for August and the Water list for July.
R. Buchanan seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

Southern Regional Police – Richard R. Buchanan

Fire Lanes at Shopping Centers

At the continuing requests of both Fire Chief Myers and Police Chief Childs, Council will require the owners of the Market Square Shopping Center and the Shrewsbury Square Shopping Center to install Fire Lanes which can be enforced by the police department.

Old Speed Trailer

A thank you letter was received from Chief Bean for the donation of the speed trailer to the Southern Western Police Department.

Water Theft from Hydrant

A truck has been drawing water from a hydrant on Culpepper Road, which we understand happened several times. Chief Childs has a report and the resident who reported the theft was sent a thank you letter. A letter will be sent to the trucking company that unless the amount of six loads of water is paid, the driver will face police charges and civil litigation for theft of services. This will be addressed in the spring newsletter.

July Police Report

Buck highlighted the report for July.

2008 Budget

The draft budget shows an almost 8% increase for Shrewsbury Borough, which is about a \$35,000 increase over last year.

Curfew Ordinance

Chief Childs stated to Buck awhile back he'd like to see our curfew ordinance changed. An article will be included in the next newsletter and it was suggested that Chief Childs should address the parent-teachers organization.

REPORTS

Codes Enforcement – E. Michael Lee

Small Expansion at the Lutheran Home

Mike said there is a donor who wishes to pay for a small expansion of the therapy room at the end of a wing at the Lutheran Home and time is a factor. The addition is less than 1,000 square feet and will replace some blacktop so water runoff will not be increased. It's not close to a property line. Mike spoke with Eng. Holley and they both feel a waiver can be granted from requiring a land development plan.

E. Stoley moved to grant a waiver from the requirement of a land development plan in this instance with a condition that a plan be submitted and reviewed by Mike Lee and Eng. Holley with an as-built plan being provided for the file when the project is completed. Applicable ordinances need to be followed.

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

Water & Sewer – Richard R. Buchanan

Water Service Project

Fifteen water services are finished and there are seven property owners who have not signed the agreement.

West Clearview Drive Water Main Extension

The water main needs to be extended about 70 feet in order for the last home on West Clearview Drive to be connected to the water system.

E. Stoley moved to approve the extension of the water main at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00.

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

Wellhead Protection Meeting

A wellhead protection meeting will be held on Thursday, October 11, in the evening. Resident Jason Treband is interested in becoming a member.

Market Square Grease Problem

Brian Sweitzer sent a letter to the owner of the shopping center that New China Restaurant needs to contract with a commercial grease hauler for maintenance.

Failed Copper Testing

Out of 20 samples, four property owners have copper limits that exceed the limit. DEP will now require 40 samples both this year and next year at a cost of \$2,000.00 each year. Caustic soda and a corrosion inhibitor are already being added.

Fluoride in Water

Sen. Waugh is supporting adding fluoride to public water systems. A reminder letter will be sent that the Borough is against adding fluoride.

Increasing Returned Check Fee

C. Skoglund moved to increase the returned check fee to \$40.00 for all returned checks, each occurrence.

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

Public Roads & Lighting – Christopher M. Skoglund

311 West Forrest Avenue Sight Triangle

Don Bubb, Traffic Engineer for York County, has not responded to the Secretary's e-mail and letter asking for a meeting to determine where the stop bar should be placed on Kratz Road.

The Secretary was directed to contact Felicia Dell, Mr. Bubb's supervisor, regarding the lack of a response.

Street Trees

The Bradford Pear trees planted several years ago are growing over the sidewalks and roadway. These trees are the property owner's responsibility. Ordinance #1994-1 will be sent to the properties where the trees are overgrown.

West Maple Avenue Repair

The alley is in need of repair especially near 3 West Maple Avenue

Public Lands, Buildings and Finance – Christopher M. Skoglund

2008 Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation

The amount of \$30,769 will be budgeted for the 2008 Pension MMO.

New Truck Price

A new truck under the State contract would be \$24,377. This will be deferred until next month.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Thirtieth Anniversary Reception

Eng. Holley reminded everyone of the reception to be held on September 21 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of James R. Holley & Assoc.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Grease Trap Ordinance

Sol. Rehmeyer will combine the ordinances into one for enforcement of grease traps. Council feels that after the second offense in a two year period, a commercial hauler needs to be contracted and after the third and subsequent offenses in a four year period, water and/or sewer will be shut off for up to two weeks.

Marvel Zoning Hearing 214 South Main Street

An addition in 2004 was over the property line by a small amount and the two property owners have now reached an agreement. Council will let the Zoning Hearing Board handle the hearing and will not intervene.

Executive Session

An executive session was called at 9:08 p.m. to discuss potential litigation. The meeting was reconvened at 9:21 p.m.

R. Buchanan moved to continue with the well exploration and to authorize Sol. Rehmeyer to expend \$5,000.00.

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

Public Safety, Welfare and Personnel – Eric W. Stoley

Lift the Burn Ban

E. Stoley moved to lift the burn ban.

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

Plumbing Code Certification

Brian Sweitzer passed the Commercial Plumbing Code certification and can perform plumbing inspections on residential and commercial structures.

Employee Handbook

Brian and Cindy met with the Personnel Committee and went over the proposed changes to the handbook. This will be before Council next month.

Second Week of Vacation

Because Ron Rohrbaugh was summer help for numerous years, the Committee felt it could elevate Ron to two weeks of vacation for next year.

E. Stoley moved to give Ronald Rohrbaugh two weeks of paid vacation time for 2008.

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

Secretary's Report – Cindy L. Bosley

Neighborhood Watch

A resident asked that something be put in the next newsletter regarding a formation of a neighborhood watch on his street.

Permission was granted.

York County Boroughs Association Meeting

The next meeting is September 27 in Wrightsville. P. Schnabel and R. Buchanan will attend.

York Adams Tax Bureau – Thomas D. Metz

The tax payer list was reviewed and 34 addresses can be added to the Borough's records.

Subdivision, Land Development and Zoning – Eric W. Stoley

Phil Robinson – Thoman Property Behind Heathcote Glen

Phil is developing this property in Shrewsbury Township which will have access through Ascot Drive. The sketch plan was reviewed for this property and the Russ Edie property. Some adjustments were suggested. Phil stated he will have

Township EDUs for the Thoman lots. His request to serve those lots with water from the Borough was denied. Ascot Drive will be extended and will be maintained by the Borough using Highway Aid funds from the Township.

Amendment to Buffer Zone in Zoning Ordinance

Comments from both the Borough's Planning Commission and the York County Planning Commission were received. Sections 306.3 and 306.4b will be amended to make it more clear what is "suitable" and "acceptable" to the Borough. The amendment will be sent back to the York County Planning Commission and Council hopes to adopt the amendment at the November meeting.

Amendment to Signs in the Zoning Ordinance

Comments from both the Borough's Planning Commission and the York County Planning Commission were received. A definition of "nits" will be added. There will be no distance restriction for the placement of animated signs at an uncontrolled intersection. Sol. Rehmeyer will amend the ordinance and submit it back to the York County Planning Commission with adoption at the October Council meeting.

Planning Commission

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Northbrook Lane Detention Pond

There was discussion whether Kinsley, the owner of the pond, should be notified to install drain tile to divert the spring water to keep the pond dry. The consensus of Council was to leave the pond alone and if Kinsley wants to, on it's own accord, divert the water, the Borough will have no objection. It was discussed the pond could be dammed up again and also if water stays in the pond, mosquitoes could breed.

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS**ADJOURNMENT**

C. Skoglind moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 p.m.
E. Stoley seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Submitted by,
Cindy L. Bosley, Secretary