

MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

SPECIAL YEAR-END MEETING

DECEMBER 28, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Schnabel, Fred Arbogast, Richard Buchanan,  
Michael Sharkey, Stanton Walters, and Diane Kraatz

OTHERS

PRESENT: Supt. of Public Works, Brian Sweitzer; John-Paul Whitmore; Mark  
Ayres of the Public Works Department

The special year-end meeting of the Borough Council convened at 7:04 p.m. in the  
Borough Municipal Building, 35 West Railroad Avenue, with President Buchanan  
presiding.

**YEAR-END BUSINESS**

2017 Budget

F. Arbogast moved to adopt the 2017 budget as presented.  
M. Sharkey seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Ordinance #2016-4 Establishing Rate of Tax on Real Estate at 1.7 mills and the  
fire tax at .42 mills for the Year 2017

M. Sharkey moved to adopt ordinance #2016-4.  
S. Walters seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Ordinance #2016-5 Re-enacts and Continues the Realty Transfer Tax and Earned  
Income Tax for the Year 2017

S. Walters moved to adopt ordinance #2016-5.  
F. Arbogast seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Ordinance #2016-6 Authorizing Tax Collector to Charge a Fee for Issuance of Tax  
Certifications, Duplicate Tax Bills Duplicate Tax Receipts and Returned Checks

D. Kraatz moved to adopt ordinance #2016-6.

F. Arbogast seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Sewage Treatment Plant**

The plant is permitted for 2.25 MGD and currently can only treat about 1.4 MGD due to strict limits from DEP in regards to Phosphorus, Nitrogen, and sediment. On a normal day, the plant treats about .950 MGD. New Freedom Borough is addressing what additional aeration will be necessary to satisfy the DEP requirements and how to regain the permitted 2.25 MGD. This could be a three-year process. If the Agreements are re-opened for discussion regarding the transferring of any extra capacity requested by Phil Robinson, we will ask for a better budget to be provided by a certain date. A copy of the sewer budget expenses was requested and when it was received, there was no description in the line items, just account numbers and an amount.

### **Extra Capacity**

A letter was received yesterday from Gary Stewart, Jr. asking for 60 EDUs if any become available for undeveloped land in the Stonebridge development (Hopewell Township).

## **ADJOURNMENT**

S. Walters moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

D. Kraatz seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Submitted by,  
Cindy L. Bosley, Secretary