

MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

December 16, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Hoover, Herbert Baker, Dennis Wertz, and Ronald Rohrbaugh

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian L. Sweitzer, Supt. of Public Works; Jeffrey L. Rehmeyer, II, Esq. and David Lipinski, P.E.

A regular meeting of the Municipal Authority convened at 7:04 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Borough Municipal Building, 35 West Railroad Avenue, with Vice Chairman Wertz presiding.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

J. Hoover moved to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2015, meeting.
H. Baker seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTS**

J. Hoover moved to approve the October and November expenditures and report of accounts.
R. Rohrbaugh seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS**Capacity Study and Purchase of Flow Meters**

Two flow meters were installed on October 20 by FloWAV as a pilot study to see how they function and whether the Authority/Borough want to purchase the meters. Eng. Lipinski arranged for a free demonstration of another type of meter for the first week of January. Eng. Lipinski stated the cost of the capacity study will be significantly less since the data from the meters comes in daily and it's very good data.

Stewartstown Railroad/Omega Rail Service

Sol. Rehmeyer had requested of Omega Rail Service how it determines the cost for the yearly rental. The Authority had paid \$222.00 a year for the license agreement for the crossing in

Tolna. After Omega Rail became involved, the fee went to \$1,200.00. There are 11 crossings and the requested application and processing fees were about \$7,000.00. The annual license rates were not even proposed yet. The question of what is the “going rate” for crossings was not answered, despite being asked repeatedly of Omega Rail representatives. Further, Omega Rail Service would not answer if other entities pay an annual fee for their crossings. The municipalities questioned in this area do not pay anything to either Omega Rail Service or to the railroad. This matter is on hold until Omega provides the information requested so the Authority can analyze the matter appropriately.

Southern Farms Phase 2 Sewer Lining

The Authority and the Borough had approved the third and final payment but after viewing the videos, it was discovered that some of the laterals are missing or the video is poor. The lining was stopped six to 18 inches short of the transition. Video Pipe Services stated it fulfilled the contract. Eng. Lipinski’s office will review the contract and then we will know how to respond.

Forest Lakes Dam Crossing

The Forest Lakes Water Association submitted a letter to Eng. Lipinski about the dam and spillway improvements where the 8 inch pipe prior to the spillway was replaced with ductile iron pipe. The letter is a reminder that DEP needs to be notified if any work needs to be done in this area.

Proportionate Sharing Report Meeting

Eng. Lipinski is still trying to schedule the meeting.

2016 Budget

D. Wertz stated he attended the joint budget meetings. There is a shortfall that is being made up by using the savings at PLGIT. There may be a sewer rate increase for 2017.

H. Baker moved to approve the 2016 budget for the Authority.

J. Hoover seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Essex Circle Drive

There is so much ground water in this area that the sewer line and road are both buckling. A geotechnical engineer was called in to suggest how the repairs should be made; the estimate is \$180,000.00.

Planning Module Sewer Availability Letter Heathcote Glen Phase IV

Phase IX is a subdivision of the property at 570 Calhoun Road where this existing home was connected to the sewer in 2007. Two additional lots are being created using Township EDUs.

R. Rohrbaugh moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the sewer capacity availability letter for the two additional Township EDUs at the plant.

J. Hoover seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Future Budgeted Work

D. Wertz stressed that budgeted work should be done so it can be paid for in that year's budget.

Year-End Note

Sol. Rehmeyer thanked the Authority for allowing his firm to continue to serve as solicitor.

ADJOURNMENT

H. Baker moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

J. Hoover seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Prepared by Cindy L. Bosley, Recording Secretary