

## MINUTES

## SHREWSBURY BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

January 28, 2015

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian L. Sweitzer, Supt. of Public Works; Jeffrey L. Rehmeyer,  
II; David Lipinski, P.E.; Tom Conley of LCS  
Design; Councilman Christopher M. Skoglund; Spencer Kreis;  
Stanley Hill; Martin Virga of Gunpowder Brewery

A regular meeting of the Municipal Authority convened at 7:02 p.m. at the  
Shrewsbury Borough Municipal Building, 35 West Railroad Avenue, with Chairman  
Nadobny presiding.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

H. Baker moved to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2014, meeting.  
J. Hoover seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

Martin Virga of Gunpowder Brewery, was present to discuss discharge sampling  
violations for pH, copper, and zinc. The building formerly had a well and is now  
connected to the York Water Company. He stated the building had pre-existing  
equipment and piping that he is replacing. Supt. Sweitzer stated Mr. Virga has been  
cooperative and asked if he should reimburse the Authority the cost of the testing  
which is \$312.00 and two hours of Public Works' time at \$45.00/hour. The Authority  
appreciated Mr. Virga's cooperation but felt he should reimburse the Authority for the  
costs.

R. Rohrbaugh moved that Mr. Virga be required to reimburse the Authority the  
amount of \$402.00 payable at \$50.00 per month, per Mr. Virga's request.  
D. Wertz seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Spencer Kreis, 52 Lisburn Avenue, was present regarding the tree that he feels died as  
a result of limb trimming during work in the right-of-way. It's unclear if the trunk of  
the tree is in the right-of-way, but the limbs were. Mr. Kreis was at the September

meeting and the agreement was that the Public Works Department would cut the tree down and Mr. Kreis would pay for the removal and clean-up. Mr. Kreis submitted an invoice in the amount of \$400.00 for cutting the tree down and for removal and disposal of debris. The Authority is concerned about setting a precedent if it reimburses a home owner for tree damage that is on or partially on or over a right-of-way. Mr. Kreis was asked to attend the next meeting at which time the Authority will render a decision in his case and confirm its position regarding trees in right-of-ways.

## **EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTS**

D. Wertz moved to approve the October, November, and December expenditures and report of accounts.

H. Baker and R. Rohrbaugh seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

## **BUSINESS**

Stanley Hill, 16951 Mt. Airy Road, was present at the request of the Authority to discuss the placement of a trailer on a vacant parcel that previously had a trailer connected to the sewer. Mr. Hill did obtain a building permit through the Township, didn't have the connection inspected, and moved in without a use and occupancy permit. He believes electric was connected in December of 2013. A meter was installed in early November, 2014. He has not received a sewer bill, and a bill will be issued for the first, second, and third quarters of 2014 after the March, 2015 reading is obtained, which will be for a full quarter, to provide information about actual usage. Supt. Sweitzer will need to look at the trap and see if he can televise the connection. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

### Proportionate Sharing Report

The total amount budgeted for 2015 by the Borough and Authority is \$600,00.00, based on New Freedom's recommendation. The bill for the 2015 system collection is \$724,000.00. Councilman Skoglund stated the Borough will take the lead in this discussion with New Freedom Borough.

### Johnson Controls

Tom Conley, of LCS Design, was present regarding the signing of the easement and access agreement. An overall utility plan dated 4/25/2014 was attached showing a 20 foot access drive off of Route 851 which will be the point of connection to the sewer. The line will be bored under Deer Creek and a new manhole will be added. An access

agreement will be required so the Public Works Department can gain access to the monitoring manhole and sewer mains.

J. Hoover moved to authorize the signing of the agreement, conditioned upon final approval of the exhibit plan for the agreement by Supt. Sweitzer, Eng. Lipinski, and Sol. Rehmeier.

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

### Re-organization

D. Wertz moved to nominate Ronald Rohrbaugh as Secretary and to keep the other officers the same.

J. Hoover seconded. The motion carried with all in favor. The officers are as follows:

Chairman	Ted Nadobny
Vice Chairman	Dennis Wertz
Secretary	Ronald Rohrbaugh
Treasurer	John Hoover
Asst.Sec./Treas.	Herbert Baker

### Sewer Rate Increase

As discussed previously, the residential fixed charge is increasing from \$40.00 to \$45.00 a quarter and the commercial, industrial and public fixed charge is increasing from \$60.00 to \$70.00 a quarter.

J. Hoover moved to adopt Resolution #2015-1 to increase the fixed charges.

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

### Deer Creek Sewer Force Main Leak

A sewer force main was temporarily repaired by the Public Works Department on December 20 and was then permanently repaired by Kinsley Construction on January 7. There were two spills and the Department of Environmental Protection was notified.

### 1270 East Tolna Road Sewer Overflow

The gravity line at this address clogged and overflowed on January 9. The blockage was flushed and televised. The pipe collapsed and the Public Works Department repaired the line on January 15. The Department of Environmental Protection was notified about this problem as well.

### Southern Farms Phase II Sewer Relining

12 Strassburg Circle was not lined during the project and was listed as part of the contract. The sewer lateral at 9 Brandywine Drive was cut during the main lining and soil and stone is visible. The line was not properly cleaned before the main lining from manhole 9-4 to manhole 9-3 and a lump is under the liner. Another video will be provided where the first video was poorly televised. Eng. Lipinski submitted a recommendation of payment pending approval of the work by his office and Supt. Sweitzer. Since the Authority may not meet for two months, contingent approval was given tonight.

D. Wertz moved to pay Video Pipe Services, Inc. the Authority's share of \$131,948.06 pending approval by Eng. Lipinski and Supt. Sweitzer.

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

### Messina Highlands Shopping Center

The sewer lines at Messina Highlands are in compliance. The Authority had set the following conditions:

- 1) Acceptable as-built drawings must be submitted to the Authority;
- 2) MH1 – MH2 needs air tested, or, if that was already done, such test results should be provided, to confirm acceptability;
- 3) The pipe penetrations into the manholes need grouted;
- 4) The manholes need vacuum tested after the paving is in place;
- 5) Since there are not any traps after the sewage exits the building (with only cleanouts and not the required air vent and cleanout), the traps (including vents and related facilities) shall be installed in accordance with the Authority's specifications;
- 6) The excess ram neck needs to be removed in between manhole joints.

The Public Works Department will televise the sewer mains again after the buildings are occupied.

### Forest Lakes Spillway

Eng. Lipinski said the work is finished and was inspected by Supt. Sweitzer.

### Tolna Junction

Some funds are still being held against DeTraglia Excavating pending completion.

Right-of-Way Policy

One thought toward a policy could be that if a tree is in or obstructing a right-of-way, the property owner cleans it up or we clean it up and we are not responsible for the tree. The right-of-ways run vertically.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Prepared by Cindy L. Bosley, Recording Secretary