

## MINUTES

## SHREWSBURY BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

January 24, 2018

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian L. Sweitzer, Supt. of Public Works; Jeffrey L. Rehmeyer II, Esq.; Phil Robinson; Charles Nass; Nikolay Ratajczak; Jason Dunaja; Sam Juffe; and others who did not identify themselves

A regular meeting of the Municipal Authority convened at 7:03 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Borough Municipal Building, 35 West Railroad Avenue, with Chairman Nadobny presiding.

**REORGANIZATION**

R. Rohrbaugh moved to appoint the officers for 2018 to be the same as they were for 2017, as follows:

Chair	A. Theodore Nadobny
Vice Chair	Dennis Wertz
Secretary	Ronald Rohrbaugh
Treasurer	John Hoover
Asst.Sec/Treas.	Stephen Mayoryk

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

D. Wertz moved to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2017, meeting.

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

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

Jason Dunaja, 8 Devonshire Drive, was present to ask for six to ten EDUs for development along West Forrest Avenue in the Township. The cost of an EDU at the Township is \$8,000.00 and he would rather pay closer to \$3,000.00. Mr. Dunaja was told the Authority does not have any capacity to allocate. The Borough has tried to open a discussion with New Freedom Borough about the timeline and dollar amount involved with upgrading/expanding the plant back to its original capacity, or even greater. The Borough and the Authority have taken a proactive approach by purchasing two sewer flow meters to study capacity in the sewer lines and the study results will be presented at the February meeting. This is to study the capacity in the

lines, not at the plant. Mr. Dunaja was told his request will be noted in the minutes but there is no official waiting list.

Phil Robinson, 18147 Amanda Lane, New Freedom, was present again about the slow progress being made to try to negotiate with New Freedom Borough for any excess sewer capacity. He feels the Authority is to represent the property owners in the Township who can't develop their land because no sewer capacity is available. Phil also questioned why there isn't a Township representative on the Authority. Sol. Rehmyer stated the Borough formed the Authority in 1971 by Articles of Incorporation and it is solely a Borough Authority. Phil was reminded he had a chance to purchase 300 EDUs from New Freedom Borough but there were certain conditions attached to the transaction. Phil was reminded again that hearsay has it that the sewage treatment plant is not operating at its original capacity but only at 1.5 MGP. The Borough/Authority are allocated 1.3 MGP. There are plans by New Freedom Borough to upgrade the plant but the Authority is waiting for information to include the present and proposed capacity, timeline and dollar figure.

Sam Juffe stated he sent a letter about six to eight years ago asking for a return of unused capacity for his townhomes built at Presidential Heights since the average homeowner is using around 125 GPD, even though the EDUs were allocated at 350 GPD. He said that he did not receive a response to his letter. He agreed to resend the letter. He also felt that the Authority was stifling development because of no sewer capacity, and he stated his belief that it was in violation of the Fair Housing Act.

Phil stated that New Freedom Borough has sold Jason Dunaja 80 EDUs for development on Campbell Road which is adjacent to New Freedom Borough. Phil also said that Hopewell Township is meeting with New Freedom Borough to directly purchase some EDUs.

T. Nadobny stated the Authority is not trying to stifle development but rather trying to understand its collection system as well as plant issues involving capacity.

## **EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNT**

D. Wertz moved to approve the December report of accounts.

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

## **BUSINESS**

Formal Agreement between Borough and Authority

As numbers are better defined, an update to the Operational Assistance Agreement can be done. Sol. Rehmeyer needs flow numbers and how the cost sharing is more specifically done.

### Sewer Rate Increase

The minimum charge for the residential rate will increase by \$10.00 a quarter plus minor adjustments to the tiers for those using in excess of one EDU. The minimum for commercial/industrial/public will increase by \$21.00 a quarter plus adjustments to the tiers for those using in excess of one EDU.

J. Hoover moved to approve Resolution 2018-1 to approve the sewer rate increase effective the first quarter billing.

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

### Grease Trap Issues

There were problems at Domino's Pizza where no documentation could be produced for maintenance and employees were not aware of a maintenance program. Emerald Garden is to clean every two weeks; the greasetraps were clean but there was no documentation. The Echo Frezco, which opened about four months ago, managers did not know there was a greasetraps and they now understand what is required and promised to maintain and document.

R. Rohrbaugh moved to send a letter and to fine Domino's Pizza and Emerald Garden.

T. Nadobny seconded. The motion carried with all voting in favor.

It was mentioned that the fine money is to be sent to New Freedom Borough.

### Sussex Place Development

It was noted that a plan for a 70 unit was submitted for review of the sewer improvements by Supt. Sweitzer and Eng. Lipinski.

## **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

### Sewer Meters

The meters will be relocated after Eng. Lipinski provides the study results.

### SCADA

The project is finished at a final cost of \$9,112.00.

275 Windy Hill Road

The force main is broken and is spilling sewage onto the roadway. The customer was notified on January 4 of the problem and given a list of plumbers on January 5 and still has not been corrected. A letter will be sent to have it repaired within one week.

Executive Session

An executive session was called at 8:18 p.m. to discuss threatened litigation. The meeting was reconvened at 8:52 p.m.

Lutheran Home Wetland Crossing

Since the US Army Corps of Engineers has determined this site is jurisdictional wetlands, State and Federal permits will be required. Before any boring/construction estimates can be obtained, subsurface analysis is needed to be performed by a geotechnical engineer at a cost between \$6,000.00 – 8,000.00. Eng. Lipinski stated last month the price is within the estimate and he is reviewing the proposal to make sure it addresses all of his concerns.

J. Hoover moved that the geotechnical services be started.  
D. Wertz seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

Items were discussed earlier in the meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

D. Wertz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.  
R. Rohrbaugh seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Prepared by Cindy L. Bosley, Recording Secretary

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