

MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

September 24, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Hoover, Herbert Baker, and Ted Nadobny

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian L. Sweitzer, Supt. of Public Works; Jeffrey L. Rehmeyer, II; David Lipinski, P.E.; Phil Robinson; Spencer Kreiss

A regular meeting of the Municipal Authority convened at 7:00 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Borough Municipal Building, 35 West Railroad Avenue, with Vice Chairman Nadobny presiding.

NOMINATION OF CHAIRMAN

J. Hoover moved to nominate Ted Nadobny as the new Chairman.

H. Baker seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

NOMINATION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

H. Baker moved to nominate Dennis Wertz as the Vice Chairman.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the August 27, 2014, meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Spencer Kreiss, of 52 Lisburn, was present to ask the Authority to reconsider cutting the evergreen tree down that he feels was damaged due to sewer work about five years ago. Supt. Sweitzer stated the Public Works Department had to trim some limbs in order to gain access to the sewer line in the right-of-way. The Authority decided last month to not remove the tree. Mr. Kreiss considers the tree to be his property. After some more discussion, Mr. Kreiss asked if the Authority could just fell the tree and that he could hire someone to cut and clean it up. Mr. Kreiss was told to come back with a plan to coordinate the felling of the tree by the Public Works Department and the cutting and cleaning up of the tree by Mr. Kreiss's contractor, or perhaps his contractor would do the felling and clean up in which case, the Authority is not a party to the tree removal. A short agreement would be necessary if the Public Works

Department would be involved to fell the tree. Depending upon what information Mr. Kreiss proposes, the Authority may reconsider its decision from August at a later date.

EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTS

H. Baker moved to approve the revised July expenditures and report of accounts.

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

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H. Baker seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Messina Highlands Shopping Center

As discussed last month, Phil Robinson stated the Township issued building permits without the developer paying the Authority for the system collection fees. The developer believed that since the sewer system is going to be private, that the Authority did not need to be involved with inspections. Phil admitted that the Public Works Department should have been involved in the plan reviews, inspections of the main, laterals, and grease traps. C. S. Davidson performed the inspections and inspection sheets were provided. The sewer system was televised last week and the sewer lines are in adequate condition according to the Public Works' inspection. However, Supt. Sweitzer noted some deficiencies or additional requirements:

- 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.

J. Hoover moved to grant the sewer permits subject to the above conditions, which must be addressed in a timely and proper manner, and any other issues resulting from additional inspections or construction being completed before use and occupancy and/or sewer flows being discharged into the system.

H. Baker seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Baron Matthews Sewer Planning Module

The revised sewer planning module has not been submitted to Eng. Lipinski as yet and there are outstanding engineering fees of almost \$800.00. This is for a parcel along Constitution Avenue that was subdivided and recorded prior to approval by DEP of the sewer module. Shrewsbury Township sent a letter to Baron that it will not issue permits until this is resolved. This item will be removed from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Vacancy on Municipal Authority

Former employee, Ronald Rohrbaugh, submitted his letter of interest for the vacant position.

H. Baker moved to recommend to Borough Council that Ronald Rohrbaugh be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Michael Smelgus.

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

Forest Lakes Spillway

Conewago Contractors removed the current concrete spillway and the sewer line under the spillway is being inspected by Supt. Sweitzer.

Southern Farms Phase II Sewer Lining

This phase will start on September 30 and the pre-video was done. It will take three days to cut the roots out of lines.

Tolna Junction Sewer Line Replacement

About 400 feet of sewer line at Windy Hill Road and Tolna Junction Lane is being replaced; work started October 1.

359 Tolna Road Corner of Tolna Road and Mount Airy Road

This development is for a total of five lots and four of the sewer EDUs will be coming from EDUs purchased by Phil Robinson for Chestnut Commerce Center. Supt. Sweitzer provided comments to the Township for the staff review meeting. Eng. Lipinski stated the sewer line should not be in the backyards of the homes as trees, fences, sheds, etc. may be placed over the line. The line should be in the road right-

of-way. There is a large stormwater seepage pit under the private roadway. Placement of the sewer line will be resolved by Supt. Sweitzer and Eng. Lipinski.

J. Hoover moved that the placement of the sewer line and other comments be resolved between Supt. Sweitzer and Eng. Lipinski.

H. Baker seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

J. Hoover moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the capacity letter for the sewer planning module per Supt. Sweitzer and Eng. Lipinski's approval.

H. Baker seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Technical Fabrication Sewer Lateral Leak

Tech Fab at 15842 Elm Drive had a sewer leak on their portion of the lateral. Supt. Sweitzer reported the lateral was repaired and was televised and it is satisfactory.

Problem with Seals in Motor

Two seals froze up in a motor and it appears to be an adhesive may have been dumped into the sewer system. Supt. Sweitzer sent letters out to businesses on Elm Drive to see if anyone has done anything recently and Strategic Packaging called to say that about every three months, they dump a solution into the sewer that New Freedom was aware of but it could be causing a problem in the sewer pump motor. Supt. Sweitzer has the MSDS sheet and the business will call Supt. Sweitzer the next time they dump so he can check when this occurs to pinpoint if this is what is causing the problem in the pump station. The cost of labor and a new seal is around \$1,000.00.

New Home on Lakeside Drive

The builder did not have the necessary supplies for the sewer line connection and did not seem familiar with how to do some of the work. The builder told the Public Works Department to purchase the supplies and do some of the manpower and the home owner is disputing the invoice. The Township is withholding the U & O until the fees for the Public Works Department are paid in full.

ADJOURNMENT

J. Hoover moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

H. Baker seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.