

MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 27, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Hoover, Harry Wolf, Michael Smelgus, Herbert Baker, and Ted Nadobny

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

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 Wolf presiding.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

H. Baker moved to approve the minutes from the November 28, 2012, meeting. J. Hoover seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

OLD BUSINESS

Russett Farms Pipe Problem

There is a problem with access to some sewer lines between Russett Farms and the Forest Lakes developments. Sol. Rehmeier sent the developers a letter indicating that if access is not gained, the Municipal Authority would do the work and bill the developers. B. Sweitzer and Eng. Lipinski came up with a solution at a cost of about \$4,500.00. The developer, Phil Robinson, e-mailed Sol. Rehmeier and said they would remove some top soil and install stones to try to solve the problem.

Southern Farms Sewer Project

The sewer main lining in the first block of Covington Drive was done late last year and SWERP has lined the laterals with the exception of nine that have so many

roots the lining won't go through. They will come back and complete the work at the same contracted price.

Sewer Line Mapping

There are between 100 and 150 manholes in the Authority's service area that cannot be located along with good locations for interceptors in Hopewell and Shrewsbury Townships and Railroad Borough. Borough Council deferred this to the Authority to decide if it wants to continue in order to finish the mapping for the entire sewer system. The cost to locate the manholes and lines would be around \$8,000.00.

H. Baker moved to authorize James R. Holley & Associates to locate the remaining 100 – 150 manholes and the interceptors at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00 in order to complete the mapping and GIS work.

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

Sewer Force Main Leak

A sewer force main leak was found on January 28 and occurred outside the Deer Creek sewer pumpstation on Windy Hill Road. The leak occurred because of faulty pipe work during the replacement in 1998 and then heavy vibrating equipment on the Windy Hill Bridge replacement last fall probably triggered the leak. A copy of the letter that was sent to DEP was enclosed in the meeting packet.

Drop Manhole Resolution

J. Hoover moved to adopt Resolution 2013-1.

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

Brookview Meadows Sewer Overflow

The Public Works Department was locating manholes for the GIS mapping system on February 18 and discovered manhole 715 was overflowing with sewage going into the detention pond that drains into Deer Creek. Stewartstown Borough was called to help remove sewage from the manhole. The solids could not be removed and Kline's Services was called to finish the work. The clog consisted of kitchen grease and solids. Some solids were also found in the detention pond. The Public Works Department flushed the manhole out each day to prevent overflow. Since some of the lines are 20 feet deep, B. Sweitzer called Kinsley Construction, owner

of the detention pond adjacent to the spill, and Kinsley could start the repair work on February 22. Kinsley Construction was given the go ahead to repair the roughly 385 feet of buckled line because of the emergency situation of keeping the manhole flushed and to prevent sewage from entering the detention pond again that drains into Deer Creek. The repair will cost around \$25,000.00. A copy of the letter that was sent to DEP was included in the meeting packet. The work will be on the right-of-way and also on Kinsley's property.

J. Hoover moved to approve/authorize Kinsley Construction to continue with the emergency repair of approximately 385 feet of pipe to prevent further leakage into the detention pond.

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

Municipal Authority Independence

A copy of the Borough's 2013 sewer budget was handed out to give the Authority members an idea of what the Authority's 2014 budget will be fashioned after. The Authority will have to build its own numbers based on income and expenses with a separate bank account and monies from the customers being deposited into that account. B. Sweitzer stated that starting in March, the time spent in the Authority's service area will be tracked. The Authority will need an Open Records Officer, which will most likely be the same as the Borough's.

The recording secretary was asked to provide the Authority members with a copy of a sample financial report the members will be approving starting in January, 2014 that includes a check detail that would be approved.

Sewer Rates

The Authority members reviewed sewer rates that were being implemented by the Borough. Those rates were considered in light of the Authority's present situation. The Authority members noted that the prior debt on the sewer system has been paid off recently. The members agreed that the rates as reviewed would be appropriate for adoption, effective the first quarter of 2013.

J. Hoover moved to adopt Resolution 2013-2 to adopt the sewer rates effective for the first quarter billing.

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

New Freedom Borough Selling Capacity

The consensus of the Borough and the Authority is that repairing I & I does not equate to finding additional sewer capacity.

2012 Cost Share Report

A copy of the 2012 cost sharing report was given to the members.

ADJOURNMENT

M. Smelgus moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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

Prepared by,
Cindy L. Bosley, Recording Secretary