

MINUTES

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 13, 2002

PRESENT: Mayor James W. Reedy, Richard R. Buchanan, Salvatore A. DiPaula, Jr., Michael W. Ridgely, Peter W. Schnabel, Christopher M. Skoglund and Eric W. Stoley

OTHERS

PRESENT: Jeffrey L. Rehmeyer, II, Esq.; James R. Holley, P.E.; Brian L. Sweitzer, Supt. of Public Works; Michael Heuter, Scott Wagner, Ken Zampier, Gary LaBarre, Jeff Keating, Zoning Officer; Terri Reuter of The York Daily Record; Barb Krebs of The York Dispatch; Monica Love; Tom Klaum of PSAB; Randy Wright; Dennis Sarpen, P.E.; Irvin Rappoldt, Building Inspector; Ken Zampier, Scout Master and approximately 15 Boy Scouts

The regular meeting of the Borough Council convened at 7:32 p.m. in the Borough Municipal Building, 35 West Railroad Avenue with President Schnabel presiding.

KEN ZAMPIER, Scout Master of Troop 90 and approximately 15 Boy Scouts were present to present the Borough with a plaque to thank the Borough for being a good friend of the Scouts. Ken also informed Council the Scouts are replacing some dry rot in the ceiling at the Scout House and they will be dry walling the ceiling, tiling a floor and installing linoleum. Council thanked the Scout Leaders present for their work with the Scouts.

MICHAEL HEUTER and TOM KLAUM of PSAB were present to give an overview of the shared inspector program in connection with the new Statewide Building Code. The cost of the program would be \$1.00 per capita and retainer of the building permit fees. There would be one inspector per approximately 10,000 people. PSAB is offering both zoning and inspector programs. The Borough would lose the face-to-face contact and the applicants would need to make two trips to the Borough – one to pick up an application and one to pick up the permit.

E. Stoley entered the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

SCOTT WAGNER of Penn Waste warned that when the Borough bids for a contract next year the price will go up considerably because of increased costs.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

John Stevens of 10 North Main Street pays a commercial sewer rate for the business/residence and he completed an application for reduction in sewer rates. It was the opinion that there is a special exception for this property for a commercial business and the commercial sewer rate will stand.

Dennis Sarpen, P.E. was present representing the water and sewer committee from New Freedom Borough to let Council know of the stricter requirements DEP is putting on the treatment plant for compliance. Dennis could not give Council figures but it appears sewer rates will need to be increased in 2003 and possibly 2004. Ron Miller will be asked to get involved.

Gary LaBarre stated the work for the EOC this year is almost finished. Three antennae remain to be erected and five are already installed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C. Skoglund moved to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2002 meeting. M. Ridgely seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTS

M. Ridgely moved to approve the expenditures and report of accounts for September.

S. DiPaula seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

BILLS

- James R. Holley & Associates new well at Giant and booster pump \$1,326.45; general engineering \$2,988.27; Shrewsbury Commons meter

\$170.00; sanitary sewer line repairs \$467.84; shop drawing review scout house roof replacement \$394.48; garage design/build bid \$85.00; roof replacement Borough building \$85.00

- Trinity Excavating, Inc. final, additional work on sanitary sewer line repairs \$4,875.00
- Codes Enforcement inspection time to inspect the new Giant store: 48.75 hours @ \$48.00/hour \$2,340.00; North/South building Kinsley job: 24 hours @ \$48.00/hour \$1,152.00
- S & A Custom Built Homes 50% of the 5% completion of work on the North end sewage pump station change order #11 is for \$89,359.00 at 5% \$4,467.95 x 50% \$2,233.98
- S & A Custom Built Homes 50% of bill by Abel Construction to install and wire alarm indicator light \$145.00
- Velda Nickell bookkeeping services for October 26.50 hours \$530.00
- Harry L. McNeal, Jr., Esq. Shrewsbury Center zoning hearing \$4,500.00; Stephanie Lee zoning hearing \$864.00

S. DiPaula moved to approve the above invoices.

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

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

Covington Ridge, Phase II #2002-6 Revision to Subdivision Plan #2001-5

The revised plan proposes to disconnect Asbury Lane from where it connects to Devonshire Drive. Because of the steep slope, the developer would like to install a cul-de-sac in place of a thru street. The number of lots will remain the same. A rail will be installed in the rear of lots 40 and 41 and the homeowner will be responsible for maintaining the slope in the rear of these lots.

R. Buchanan moved to approve the final revised subdivision plan #2002-6.

C. Skoglund seconded.

R. Buchanan moved to amend the motion to include final approval contingent on comments from James R. Holley, P.E. dated November 13 that require changes to sheets 5, 6 and 8 and posting of financial security in the amount of \$413,150.00.

C. Skoglund seconded the amended motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Zoning Officer/BOCA Inspector

Lights behind The Factory, 39 E. Forrest Ave.

M. Ridgely stated it appears the lights were raised again as they are shining in windows or maybe the leaves were blocking the light.

Shrewsbury Center Signs

Correspondence was received asking for clarification for signage on the fronts of the stores. The ordinance states 32 square feet per sign per store on the front of the building. Giant would like a much larger sign.

A response will be given that the signs on the front of the building must comply with the ordinance or a variance will need to be requested.

25 West Clearview Drive – auto storage

The Planning Commission raised the issue it appears there are junked vehicles being stored in open space at this property. Jeff said the owner buys cars from dealers and then resells them at auto auctions. Jeff was asked to check into the outdoor storage that is not allowed at this property since the previous non-conforming use was all enclosed.

Parked Vehicle at 2 South Main Street

E. Stoley said he received another e-mail about the remaining one vehicle parked in the rear of this lot.

Sign Size Calculations – Shrewsbury Center

Information was received from Tom Simmons regarding not including framework as part of the sign size calculations. Council members were reluctant to change the ordinance but after looking at the decorative signs Jeff Rehmeyer was asked to gather wording from other municipalities for further review. The Planning Commission was not in favor of amending the ordinance as they felt it would prompt commercial establishments to erect larger signs.

This matter is still under evaluation.

OTHER REPORTS

Water & Sewer – Richard R. Buchanan

Deduct Meter Request

Shrewsbury Commons had written a letter through the Township asking for a deduct meter for the garden section at WalMart. This matter was referred to the Water and Sewer Committee to meet to come up with stipulations to regulate when the meters will be allowed and for what purpose. Strict enforcement will be a requirement as well as strict penalties.

The committee will meet on November 20 to discuss the request. The Secretary was directed to send the application a copy of the section of the ordinance where it states an application is required before consideration.

Sewer Flows

Sewer flows have increased with the rain in the last month. Brian presented the flows for October showing the flow volume nearly doubling after three inches of rain the previous day. A review of the pump station hours showed the Brookview sewer station hours more than doubled and televising showed one manhole was leaking about a gallon a minute and several areas with smashed pipe. The manhole was grouted and the sections of smashed pipe will have to be excavated. Several other sections of smashed pipe will need to be replaced and can be bid out next year.

Section B Southern Farms

The remaining section of this development, Crosswind and Brandywine Drives, were televised and there are several spots with root problems. Certain areas of main pipe will need to be replaced but most will be laterals. This work will be done next year.

Water Levels

The water levels have increased with the rain and the County has been downgraded from a drought emergency to a warning.

Spare Booster Pump

DEP rejected Eng. Holley's request for an exemption from requiring a spare booster pump to be kept on our shelves. The price of a pump is \$1,500.00. Eng. Holley will try one more attempt to have the Borough exempted from this requirement.

Sewer EDUs

The consumption of the 30+ residential customers who were using more than one EDU for the quarter ending June 30 will be checked to see if consumption decreased during the third quarter.

Miniature Antique Fire Hydrant

The old, small hydrant south of the square was hit in a traffic accident. It's undecided where the hydrant will be displayed.

Public Roads & Lighting – Christopher M. Skoglund

Abandonment of Deer Creek Road

M. Ridgely moved to adopt the ordinance to abandon Deer Creek Road.
C. Skoglund seconded. Roll call vote:

Buchanan	yes, in favor
DiPaula	yes, in favor
Ridgely	yes, in favor
Schnabel	yes, in favor
Skoglund	yes, in favor
Stoley	yes, in favor

Map of Storm Drains

Brian is preparing a system-wide storm drain map to show each individual inlet, an identification number and where the storm water exits the system.

Public Lands & Buildings and Finance- Michael W. Ridgely

Garage at Whitcraft Lane

The amount budgeted was \$72,000 and the actual price will be closer to \$80,000 due to site work and electric. Discussions will be held with a neighboring property owner to possibly purchase land near the municipal building for a garage.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Code Enforcement

Mike Lee asked if the Borough could pick up his inspectors on the Borough's errors and omissions policy. The Borough's insurance agent and E. Stoley and C. Skoglund preferred Mike to issue the Borough a certificate of insurance rather than go on our policy, but the price was about \$6,300.00. It will cost approximately \$100 for the Borough to add Mike and his two employees as alternate commercial inspectors for this job only and work in the Borough only.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Grim's Glass

Sol. Rehmeyer said the appeal process is ongoing.

1972 Bond Refinancing

The settlement took place with Community Banks with no problems.

Key Lock Box Ordinance #2002-8

This ordinance will be adopted next month.

Unauthorized Signs

A sample ordinance was distributed for comments.

Extension of Refuse Disposal Contract

Sol. Rehmeyer prepared and sent to Penn Waste the one-year extension agreement. The consumer price index figure is 3%.

Open Records Law Policy

Sol. Rehmeyer distributed a sample policy for adoption at a later date.

Public Safety, Welfare and Personnel – Salvatore A. DiPaula, Jr.

Hemler, ACS Contract

S. DiPaula moved to approve Hemler's contract for 2003 with minor rate increases.

M. Ridgely seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Burn Ban

John Fornadel, fire chief, agreed to lift the burn ban as long as the ground and the weather stay wet.

E. Stoley moved to lift the burn ban for now and to re-evaluate the situation next April.

S. DiPaula seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Fifth Public Works Employee

The person who was to start last month has backed out on the offer. It was decided to wait until spring to hire the fifth employee. An ad will be placed in February.

Secretary's Report – Cindy L. Bosley

Holiday Trash Schedule

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, trash will not be collected on Friday, but will be collected on Saturday.

York Area Earned Income Tax Bureau

Recreation Board/Regional Recreation Board

Resignation

Mike Sharkey's resignation due to time constraints as the Citizen Representative was received. The reporters were asked to place a news item in the paper.

Planning Commission/Regional Planning Commission – Eric W. Stoley

Traffic Study

The final transportation study is on the website.

Southern Regional Police – Richard R. Buchanan

Buck reviewed the report for October.

The Secretary was asked to send a letter to the fire police thanking them for helping out during trick or treat.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

45 East Tolna Road

The builder has not removed a piece of metal that was obstructing the water curb box. A letter will be sent to the homeowner that if the work is not completed in three weeks, the Borough will do the work and bill the homeowner.

Bush Obstruction at Choice, East Forrest Avenue

The Secretary was asked to send a letter asking the bushes be trimmed to give clear sight distance.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS

Council Vacancy

A letter of resignation was received from Joe Leshko of his resignation from Council. One resume was received, from Mike Caum, and the reporters were asked to place an item in the papers.

ADJOURNMENT

C. Skoglund moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 p.m.
E. Stoley seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Submitted by,

Cindy L. Bosley, Secretary