

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

January 11, 2004

Meeting called to order by Vice President Blum at 1900 hrs. Present were:

D. Sarpen – Councilman
W. Burgess - Councilman
G. Andrews – Councilman
J. Joy - Mayor
T.L. Crawford -Borough Secretary

Also Present: Reporter Krebs, James Holley, K. Dickmyer and others (see attached list).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Vice President Blum noted Christmas tree pickup is ongoing, and runs the 2nd & 3rd weeks of January. He also read a letter of commendation form the Human Society of the United States. The letter commended the Council on the handling of the Tomey dog case. This case was followed by national animal rights groups. Vice President Blum noted Council is convicted in the belief that this matter was handled properly, and has finally been resolved.

DISBURSEMENTS:

GEN (001): Total \$ 62,269.86 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by W. Burgess to approve. Motion carried.
WAT (006): Total \$ 35,042.81 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by W. Burgess to approve. Motion carried.
SEW (008): Total \$ 510,040.06 Motion by W. Burgess, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.
REC (009): Total \$ 15,794.34 Motion by W. Burgess, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.
CC (099): Total \$ 2,098.77 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by W. Burgess to approve. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion by G. Andrews, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve the minutes of 12/13/04. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Mayor – Mayor Joy read the emergency services reports for Dec., noting the fire dept. has handled the most calls ever. He also noted the fire department will celebrate it's 100 year anniversary in May of 2005. Mayor Joy read the police report for Nov. & Dec.

Sewer - D. Sarpen advised the Federal government is establishing guidelines for nutrients in the Chesapeake Bay watershed area that will impact NPDES permits. He noted this is an issue the Borough will have to watch to determine what, if any impact on the WWTP.

Web Site - W. Burgess noted information is being gathered and the site should be finished soon.

Rec. – J. Blum noted the Veterans Park project is moving along and is nearing completion. The Lions Club has formed a committee and is assisting with the memorial to be done at the park around the flagpole. J. Blum also advised a basketball clinic is being considered, similar to the tennis clinics.

BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2005-1 (Tax Collectors Compensation) – Vice President Blum reviewed the draft of the Ordinance. He explained the window to change compensation occurs 1 time every 4 years, or during a vacancy in office. The rate is currently 1.5% of collected taxes, and will be amended to .75% of taxes collected. The Ordinance is being advertised and will be adopted in Feb 2005.

CITIZENS FORUM:

James Holley present to request Council's input on a possible expansion of the Methodist Church on Franklin St. The Church is considering an expansion of 2500 sq. ft. This expansion may result in the need for 2 variances. The expansion may exceed the building coverage of 40% by 6%, yet will not exceed the lot coverage. Council advised they have no problem with this variance request, noting the lot coverage permitted does not seem correct. J. Holley will check to be sure the 40% is correct. The other problem would be parking. They have no on site parking currently, and utilize the Crescent Industries property, Hartenstein Property and

the County property, as well as on street parking. The Church will try to document 75 available parking spaces prior to the formal plan being submitted.

James Holley also advised the water tank case went before the Shrewsbury Twp. ZHB, and the decision will be forthcoming. He also questioned if Keystone could build in phases. Vice President Blum advised building in phases if permitted, however the preliminary plan must be approved in its entirety.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by G. Andrews to adjourn at 1943 hrs.