

## **NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING May 9, 2005**

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

J. Blum – Vice president  
D. Sarpen – Councilman  
W. Burgess – Councilman (arrived 2020 hrs.)  
W. Cerkan - Councilman  
C. Herrmann – Councilman  
J. Joy - Mayor  
J. Ansman – Jr. Council Member  
S. Hovis - Solicitor  
T.L. Crawford -Borough Secretary

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Terrell noted the Public Works Fair is May 21 at The Marge Goodfellow Playground. The fair is from 1000 hrs. to 1400 hrs. President Terrell reminded Council of the public meeting to be held on May 12 at 1900 hrs. in Railroad Borough. The municipalities attending will be Shrewsbury Borough, Shrewsbury Township, Railroad Borough and New Freedom. The purpose of the meeting is to establish the number of outstanding EDU's, or capacity that exist outside of New Freedom Borough. Donnie Bortner reviewed information on the Public Works Fair, noting Council stations and vendor participants.

### **DISBURSEMENTS:**

GEN (001): Total \$ 185,269.47 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Cerkan to approve. Motion carried.  
WATER (006): Total \$ 32,268.93 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by J. Blum to approve. Motion carried.  
SEW (008): Total \$ 48,024.07 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by J. Blum to approve. Motion carried.  
REC (009): Total \$ 8,208.64 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.  
CC (099): Total \$ 4,147.36 Motion by C. Herrmann, seconded by J. Blum to approve. Motion carried.

### **MINUTES:**

Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by W. Burgess to approve the minutes of 4/11/05 with corrections as noted.. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS:**

Mayor – Mayor Joy read the April emergency services report. Mayor Joy also noted the Commission will be interviewing 6 applicants for the part time position of administrative assistant.

Water - D. Sarpen advised he has been following the recent regulations by DEP in conjunction with the Chesapeake Bay Commission. They are establishing new phosphorus limits when permits are renewed. The limits are a result of information contained in the Chapter 94 reports. Our plant has several years before this would directly affect it, however it would benefit the Borough to begin planning for the change now.

Web Site - W. Burgess noted the need for all information sent to Jesse to be in an electronic format.

Rec. – J. Blum noted the Rec. Council would meet next month at the Veterans Park pavilion. President Terrell advised the work on the memorial would begin after Kinsley installs the flagpole.

Youth – J. Ansman advised the school taxes would increase next year due to a decrease in state funding. He also noted the prom is May 14, and graduation is June 7.

Police – W. Cerkan advised Shrewsbury Borough is drafting an Ordinance for management of alarms, which has increased their man-hours for the police dept. The Commission is considering donating one of the old cruisers to the York County Tactic team. He also advised the County will be paying a portion of the new radio system when the time for installation of the new system is determined. The radar bill is being reintroduced with some modifications the next state house session. W. Cerkan noted the health insurance has increased 18%.

The Commission held an executive session last meeting to discuss personnel issues. The Commission has also approved a policy forbidding the hiring of relatives.

Solicitor – S. Hovis noted he has sent a letter to Shrewsbury Township’s attorney stating his opinion on the law concerning the sale of EDU’s. Solicitor Hovis noted some of these concerns should be addressed on Thursday evening.

**CITIZENS FORUM:**

Library – representative from the Library was present to review the upcoming programs, highlighting the Children’s summer sessions. There will also be some local authors present in the upcoming weeks for book signing. Tickets are available for a fundraiser on June 25 at the Naylor Winery. Ms. Devani also complimented Council on the new street banners. She reported this is her final meeting as liaison and she has enjoyed working with the Borough and the cooperation the library has received.

Phil Robinson – present to discuss the problem with EDU’s and planning modules for Shrewsbury Township. He acknowledged the problem the Borough is experiencing, however is able to supply some history on the EDU allocations. He explained the hardship the refusal to sign planning modules has caused the developers in the township. P. Robinson requested Council make an exception and sign for one EDU for a plan he submitted to the township earlier, prior to his knowledge of the plan modules being denied. Council discussed the problem and upcoming meeting, noting the Boroughs only intent is to ensure accuracy with all reports going to DEP. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to authorize the signing of the planning module for the one EDU, contingent upon Council’s satisfaction at the conclusion of Thursday’s meeting. Motion carried. D. Sarpen also noted a better method of tracking EDUs and capacity must be established in future.

Animal Rescue – Phil Saylor present to request authorization for a volunteer to enter the “Bull” property prior to demolition to remove any stray kittens. President Terrell explained the liability and questioned the destination of the kittens. P. Saylor advised they would be placed for adoption, and the group will sign a liability waiver for the Borough. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Cerkan to permit individuals from Animal Rescue to enter the building immediately prior to the demolition. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council convened to executive session at 1959 hrs. Council reconvened to the regular meeting at 2035 hrs.

**ADOURNMENT:**

Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by J. Blum to adjourn at 2038 hrs. Motion carried.