

# NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

## August 22, 2005

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

J. Blum – Vice President  
D. Sarpen – Councilman  
W. Burgess - Councilman  
G. Andrews – Councilman  
C. Herrmann - Councilman  
J. Joy - Mayor  
T.L. Crawford -Borough Secretary

Also Present: (see attached list).

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Terrell noted the dedication for Veterans Park is Sept. 17, at 1:00 pm.

### DISBURSEMENTS:

GEN (001): Total \$ 63,008.17 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.  
WAT (006): Total \$ 22,364.35 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by W. Burgess to approve. Motion carried.  
SEW (008): Total \$ 181,834.39 Motion by W. Burgess, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.  
Noting \$ 122,478.78 bank loan (Bond).  
REC (009): Total \$ 30,287.68 Motion by W. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.  
Noting \$ 29,008.53 is capital projects.  
CC (099): Total \$ 2,328.56 Motion by C. Herrmann, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.

### MINUTES:

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve the minutes of 8/8/05. Motion carried.

### BUSINESS:

Kohler Pointe Final Plan – Mel Childo and Mark Harlacker present to review the final plan and the recommendations from PC. The PC comments were as follows:

- Sidewalk on Front St.
- Approved E & S Plan
- Copy of Traffic study sent to YCP
- Eliminate easement at tank location and number as lot #141
- Variance for lots # 19 & 20 for 75 ft. setback, due to double frontage lots.

M. Childo responded to the recommendations as follows:

- Sidewalk will be installed, & will work with Buchart Horn on placement.
- Awaiting approval on E & S plan
- Traffic study sent to YCP.
- Water tank lot labeled as # 141, no easement
- Application for variances will be submitted.

Council discussed some possible field changes such as Locust Alley, and other alleys that may be utilized as short cuts. Developer will work with the staff and Buchart Horn on all infrastructure issues, street transitions etc. as the developments progresses. M. Childo extended his gratitude to the staff for working through this difficult process in such a professional manner. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve the final plan with the following conditions: an approved E & S plan be obtained, variances applied for and sidewalks installed to the satisfaction of the Borough. Motion carried. T.L. Crawford noted the developer has paid all recreation and system fees last week.

### OTHER:

T.L. Crawford advised a call was received from Ernie Walters, the Met Ed Rep. In this area. He is concerned about a letter to the Builders Assoc. noting NF is reluctant to approve plans since we are uncertain of the capability for sufficient electricity to the area. He also received a call from Senator Waugh, and expressed his

displeasure that he was not sent a letter, prior to the Borough notifying other agencies. He is willing to meet in private with his engineers to ensure NF there is adequate electricity to continue to approve development. He did not want to discuss the recent loss of electric, nor will he attend a public meeting. Council is willing to have a meeting, but in the evening only. The office will contact Mr. Walters and report back.

D. Sarpen advised he received a call over the weekend from Paul Solomon (Shrewsbury Twp. Supervisor). His complaint was a tree on the Malone property (Shrewsbury Twp.), which is located at the intersection of Front St. & Smith Mill Rd. Mr. Solomon believes there is a sight distance problem, and the Borough should pay to remove the tree since the Borough permitted the development. T.L. Crawford advised Chief Childs has already looked into this complaint 3 weeks ago. Title 75 Pa. C.S. Section 6112, subsection (a) specifies the owner of the real property is responsible for removing any hazard on the property. Pursuant to the M.V. code, the tree is not a hazard, there is no obstruction, and caution must be utilized when approaching the intersection. The other complaint from P. Solomon was the detention basin outfall. D. Sarpen did investigate and noted it is operating as it should, and this is also in the Twp., and the detention basin is owned and maintained by the HOA, not the Borough. D. Sarpen expressed his dissatisfaction that the development existed in excess of 2 years, and now the Twp. has concerns. The office will send a letter to outline the facts to Shrewsbury Twp.

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Burgess to increase the hourly wage of Wade Portner by \$ 2.00 per hr., retroactive to 8/1/05. Motion carried.

**ADOURNMENT:**

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to adjourn at 1949 hrs. Motion carried.