

# NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

## February 13, 2006

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  
W. Cerkan – Councilman  
C. Herrmann - Councilman  
J. Joy – Mayor  
C. Marstallar – Jr. Councilmember  
T.L. Crawford -Borough Secretary  
S. Hovis - Solicitor

Also Present: others (see attached list).

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Terrell reminded Council the SRPC will be holding their annual award ceremony on Wed. 2//15/06 at 1900 hrs. prior to their regular meeting.

### **DISBURSEMENTS:**

GEN (001): Total \$ 203,940.98 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.  
WAT (006): Total \$ 23,994.46 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by J. Burgess to approve. Motion carried.  
SEW (008): Total \$ 55,576.58 Motion by W. Burgess, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.  
REC (009): Total \$ 282.99 Motion by W. Blum, seconded by W. Burgess to approve. Motion carried.  
CC (099): Total \$ 2,286.67 Motion by C. Herrmann, seconded by W. Burgess to approve. Motion carried.

### **MINUTES:**

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Cerkan to approve the January 06 minutes. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS:**

Mayor – Mayor Joy read the emergency services reports for Jan., noting the police report is not available yet. He also reviewed the year end report for fire and ambulance.

Solicitor – S. Hovis noted the Shentel (cell tower) plan is tabled at the request of their legal council.

Web Site – W. Burgess noted he will place the Rec. Council vacancies on the web site.

Streets – J. Blum noted the street proposals are being worked on and recommendations will be forthcoming.

Water – D. Sarpen noted the water use has increased in Jan. and request the water dept. check for any problems. He also noted the Southern School District has withdrawn from the SYCRPC. The SYCRP is considering updating the regional comprehensive plan if grant funds are available. The plan was done in 2000.

Youth – C. Marstallar noted the snow king competition is going on, and reported on the various sports.

Parade – W. Cerkan noted the invitations will be mailed by approximately 3/1/06.

Rec. – J. Blum noted with the recent resignations letters he has received there are 4 vacancies on the Board. B. Terrell advised the office has made a contact with York College concerning their internship program. They are able to provide an intern for each semester. They have a recreation B.S. program that requires 120 hrs. per intern. This person could run programs, do scheduling, promotions etc. The intern would work at the direction of the Borough. J. Blum will advise the Rec. Council of this offer, and the office will forward information also.

**BUSINESS:**

James Hartenstein Resignation – President Terrell read the resignation letter received, noting the Authority has very little activity since the WWTP upgrade is complete. The office will send a letter of appreciation for the years of service. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Burgess to accept the resignation of J. Hartenstein from the Borough Authority. Motion carried.

Thomas Throckmorton Resignation – President Terrell noted the resignation was received with the key for the Veterans Park facility. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to accept the resignation. Motion carried. The office will send a letter of appreciation.

Marge Goodfellow Resignation – President Terrell read the letter of resignation from M. Goodfellow. President Terrell noted this individual has been the “rock” of the Rec. Board. J. Blum noted she has successfully run various programs with limited assistance, as well as worked with Community Services workers for the Borough. The office will send a letter of appreciation. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Cerkan to accept M. Goodfellow's resignation.

Keystone LOC Request – T.L. Crawford advised inspections were done, and the improvements are in place. The request is for \$ 503,000. The recommendation is for a reduction of \$ 500,000. based on outstanding invoices owed the Borough. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by C. Herrmann to reduce the LOC by \$ 500,000. Motion carried.

Library – Representative of the library was present to update Council on upcoming programs, events, and statistics. Their book drive for the Katrina victims was a great success. They received over 5000 donated books, and had a truck driver volunteer to deliver the books to Danny Hall of St. Tammany Parish for distribution. The library is hosting a “meet & greet” on 3/25 for the new Library Director. Their “wish” list was reviewed, which noted a need for additional funding in 06 and 07. The cost of hiring a part time employee would be estimated to be \$ 10,000. Council will consider this in the 07 budget workshops.

2006 Tax Warrant – President Terrell read the 2006 tax warrant for Borough real estate taxes in the amount of \$ 195,878.75. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to authorize Council President to sign the warrant as presented. Motion carried.

Security Cameras – T.L. Crawford distributed a memo concerning the problems with the current cameras, and information on an upgrade. T.L. Crawford requested Council schedule a presentation of the proposed upgrade of the system to insure it has the desired capabilities. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Burgess to continue this meeting until 2/27/06 at 1900 hrs. and have the presentation at that time. Motion carried.

Community Center Fee Waiver Requests – T. L. Crawford provided copies of 4 requests for fee waivers, and a memo concerning utility costs. Council discussed the rising cost of utilities and maintenance of the building, and the increasing frequency of waiver requests. Council will table these requests until 2/27/06. Council also requested the office provide a history of fees waived over the past 2 years.

Katrina Aid – T. L. Crawford advised Council the West Manchester PD is taking a trip the end of the month with donated equipment. The dept. requested if NF would still provide financial aid for rental trucks. There is approximately \$ 1600. remaining from the original \$ 10,000. donation. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Cerkan to assist West Manchester with the trip with the remaining fund. T. L. Crawford also requested the status of the 98 Ford Ranger from the WWTP. The vehicle was put out of service last year for transmission problems; this vehicle is on the second transmission. The Kelly blue book value is \$ 2100. in “good” condition. T.L. Crawford requested if Council is interested in donating the truck to a water dept. in Louisiana, or putting out on bid. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to donated to Louisiana. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council convened to executive session at 1955 hours to discuss a litigation matter. Council reconvened to the regular meeting at 2015 hours.

**CONTUATION:**