

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
June 12, 2006

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

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

Also Present: others (see attached list).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Terrell advised Council of a Proclamation received from York County APWA Chapter and the County of York for the assistance the Borough provided to the public service agencies damaged by Katrina.

DISBURSEMENTS:

GEN (001): Total \$ 67,065.42 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpin to approve. Motion carried.
WAT (006): Total \$ 28,945.29 Motion by D. Sarpin, seconded by W. Burgess to approve. Motion carried.
SEW (008): Total \$ 46,271.87 Motion by W. Burgess, seconded by D. Sarpin to approve. Motion carried.
REC (009): Total \$ 1,258.30 Motion by W. Blum, seconded by C. Herrmann to approve. Motion carried.
CC (099): Total \$ 2,848.59 Motion by C. Herrmann, seconded by W. Cerkan to approve. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion by D. Sarpin, seconded by J. Blum to approve the May. 06 minutes. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Mayor – Mayor Joy read the emergency services reports for May. He also noted a “Good Humor” ice cream truck may be coming into the Borough.

Solicitor – D. Jones he has items for discussion in executives session concerning litigation.

Streets – J. Blum inquired about the roadway repairs at the top of High St. Pres. Terrell advised these repairs will be done in house and are not part of the 06 road contracts. Request the intersection of High & Singer be checked for clear sight.

Water – D. Sarpin noted the memo on the water increase and advised Council the office is preparing a spreadsheet of customer use for the past year. He noted there are some high usages for some residents and a tiered charge may entice residents to conserve water. He will report back in July.

Rec. – J. Blum noted the Rec. Council will not be having a “Summer Play” program this year. They were not able to hire a Director and the College could not provide an intern. They traveled to Spring Grove Borough and met with the Manager and full-time Recreation Director. The Rec. Council will be drafting a plan to present to Council within the next few months concerning a similar type of program as is being done in Spring Grove. J. Blum also advised the Police Chief approached him about vehicles driving onto Marge Goodfellow Park and request the office and public works dept. propose a remedy such as a barricade and signs etc.

Police – W. Burgess noted the Police dept. will be utilizing Freedom Armory for firearms training.

Web Page – W. Burgess advised Council he submitted a proposal from Jesse Funk concerning some changes to the web page including moving the web page to his domain from NFDC. Council briefly discussed the proposal noting the annual cost for to NFDC is \$ 25. Council will review the proposal for the July meeting.

Parade – W. Cerkan noted help is need and Council members planning on attending should contact him.

Freedom Heritage – C. Herrmann noted the movie night had an estimated 75 in attendance. He also inquired if the Borough had a place to dump the concrete that was removed from the Crescent property, and was advised they do not.

Planning Commission - G. Andrews reported he attended a meeting at Railroad Borough concerning Historical properties. The speaker was from Lancaster County and provided insight on the methods and criteria for historical preservation. Solicitor Jones advised there are numerous methods that can be utilize, but there are also restrictions put on the property owners of such the properties. Council requested D. Jones provided additional information on this issue.

BUSINESS:

Shentel Cell Tower – Mike Knotwell reviewed the plan presented to Council previously. He advised they have completed all studies and have followed Council request to relocate the tower in the area of the “old smoke stack”. He explained the area would be fenced and meets all Ordinance requirements. He is submitting the LOC and Bond requirements to Stock and Leader for approval. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Burgess to approve the plan upon Solicitors approval of all financial requirements and securities. Motion carried.

Ernst/Yancoskie Subdivision – J. Holley reviewed the plan noting all the conditions have been met with the exception of the sidewalk along Constitution Ave. J. Holley requested a waiver for the sidewalk and curb along Constitution Ave. noting the physical circumstances of the property and that the roadway is a Penn Dot highway. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Burgess to grant the waiver for a sidewalk and curb as requested. Motion carried with D. Sarpen abstaining. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. W. Burgess to approve the plan as submitted contingent upon payment of all fees. Motion carried, with D. Sarpen abstaining. D. Jones noted a concern with the variance being granted 7 month ago and the Ordinance establishes the time frame at 6 months to utilize a variance. T.L. Crawford will consult with the Zoning Officer and follow through D. Jones and J. Holley on this issue.

Trinity Church - J. Holley reviewed the LDP noting a variance has been granted and all conditions met except an approved E & S plan. J. Holley noted they will be utilizing a seepage pit for storm water and he will have a letter from the County granting approval submitted to the Borough. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Burgess to approve the plan contingent upon receipt of a letter of a satisfactory E & S plan. Motion carried, with Sarpen abstaining.

Office Memo – Pres. Terrell reviewed the memo on the July meeting and the suggestion of moving the meeting to July 17. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Burgess to move the meeting from July 10 to July 17. Motion carried.

LSC Proposal – T.L. Crawford reviewed the LSC proposal for \$ 7900. for bid documents for the maintenance addition. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Burgess to accept the proposal. Motion carried.

PLCM – T.L. Crawford request Council appoint her as voting delegate at the annual convention. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by J. Blum to appoint T.L. Crawford as NF voting delegate. Motion carried.

Weis Plan – T. L. Crawford advised all conditions have been met and the sidewalk has been completed, noting the plan needs signed. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Cerkan to sign the plan. Motion carried with D. Sarpen abstaining.

Mann & Parker Rezoning Request – Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Cerkan to reject the request based on the date of the cover letter is outdate and could lead to a time frame problem, request they resubmit with a current date. Motion carried with Sarpen abstaining.

CITIZENS FORUM:

Phil Robinson present to request Council consider working with him and/or Railroad on sewer connections for the property known as the “Old Furniture Factory” in Railroad Borough. He will need more EDUs than Railroad has available. He noted he is willing to be a NF customer if that would be a possibility. D. Jones advised this could be handled several ways and could involve amending the intermunicipal agreements. Council requested the office schedule a meeting with Phil to discuss this issue and request James Holley and Paul Gross be invited, D. Sarpen will also attend the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council convened to executive session at 2110 hrs. to discuss litigation of a zoning issue. Council reconvened to a regular meeting at 2127 hrs.

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Burgess to appeal the ZHB decision for the Hodel variance. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to adjourn at 2131 hrs. Motion carried.