

**NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 17, 2006**

Meeting called to order by President Terrell at 1902 hrs. Present were:

J. Blum – Vice President  
D. Sarpen – 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 the upcoming Senior Center event on Aug. 12, 2006 at the Marge Goodfellow Park. Mayor Joy read a proclamation declaring Aug. 12, 2006 as Senior Citizens day in New Freedom Borough.

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

GEN (001): Total \$ 176,099.18 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by J. Blum to approve. Motion carried.  
WAT (006): Total \$ 19,502.35 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by J. Blum to approve. Motion carried.  
SEW (008): Total \$ 211,608.18 Motion by W. Burgess, seconded by J. Blum to approve. Motion carried.  
Bond Payment \$ 63,866.60 and Peoples Bank Loan \$ 103,527.21  
REC (009): Total \$ 3,954.97 Motion by W. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.  
CC (099): Total \$ 1,783.83 Motion by C. Herrmann, seconded by J. Blum to approve. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:**

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve the Jun. 06 minutes. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

Mayor – Mayor Joy read the emergency services reports for June.

Solicitor – D. Jones noted a copy of the Judges decision on the EDU action injunction has been provided for review. He also noted he received a draft of an agreement for EDU/sewer capacity for Phil Robinson in Railroad Borough. He will review the agreement and request Council determine if they are willing to enter into such an agreement till the Aug. meeting. He provided samples on historical overlay districts and Ordinances that will be placed in the office for Council members that are interested to review.

Water – D. Sarpen noted water use has leveled out this past month, and he is working on a spreadsheet for use and rates.

Streets – J. Blum requested the office contact Penn Dot again concerning the condition of Main St. again. He also noted the condition of the culvert in front of Marlins Service Center. The office will send a letter concerning repairing the culvert.

Web Page – W. Burgess submitted a detailed proposal for Wades review and comment.

Council Parade – W. Cerkan noted there were a few minor problems which can be remedied until next year. He also read a list of all parade winners. W. Cerkan advised Council he is not running for Council when his term expires and request Council authorize Phyllis Herrmann to work with him during the next 2 years on the parade. Council authorized him to utilize any personnel he chooses to take over as parade coordinator.

SYCRPC – D. Sarpen advised Council he is resigning from the regional planning commission. He noted the concept is not regional and he no longer wants to be involved in the organization. Council discussed the lack of regional cooperation and that the organization has no positive benefit to the residents of the Borough. Motion by J. Blum, seconded b G. Andrews to withdraw from the SYCRPC effective immediately. The office will send a letter of withdraw.

NIMS Proclamation – Mayor Joy explained the proclamation. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by G. Andrews to adopt the proclamation. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Public Hearing began at 1930 hrs. Hearing for a rezoning request for a parcel owned by Mann & Parker Lumber Co. The request is to rezone approximately 8 acres from LI to SF. J. Holley provided drawings and a history of the property. He explained the slope of the property would be difficult to use for an industrial expansion, but can be utilized for residential. He advised Council of a proposed development adjoining the property that needs another means of ingress/egress and this parcel would permit a seconded roadway. Council discussed the concerns of sewer capacity, traffic etc. J. Holley elaborated on the feasibility of industry relocating to NF is very slim due to the lack of rail service, large parcels or property and major transportation. The Borough is destined to be a bedroom community since Hurricane Agnes changed the southern part of York County. He also noted YCP recommended the rezoning. President Terrell expressed concerns over an adjoining parcel that remains LI and previously had a rezoning request denied. Council and J. Holley discussed the request in length, and tabled any decision until a later Council meeting. Public Hearing concluded at 2022 hrs.

## **BUSINESS:**

York County QRT Request – Pres. Terrell reviewed the letter from QRT requesting an annual donation of \$ 500. to help purchase equipment and training for the team. Council supported the concept, but questioned if their finances are audited. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Burgess to donate the \$ 500. Motion carried.

Shentel – Mike Knotwell present to inquire if Council had a preference on the removal of the smokestack at the former cannery complex. Council advised M. Knotwell the issue of the smokestack is a private property issue, and they had met all the conditions for the cell tower installation. M. Knotwell advised if Council has no objection the smokestack will be removed prior to construction of the cell tower.

Summit Grove Campground – Patrick LeBlanc present to review the utility connection schedule for the property. He advised they have retained Ken Greer Plumbing to do the connections. P. LeBlanc request Council extends the deadline for connection until 12/31/06, noting they will connect the 05 and 06 phases till that date. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Cerkan to establish 12/31/06 as the deadline for connection of the 05 and 06 phases of the property. Motion carried. T.L. Crawford advised P. LeBlanc a meeting will be scheduled to review the project and establish the criteria for inspections drawings etc. T.L. Crawford also advised P. LeBlanc of an incident that involved one of their vehicles driving onto the park grass. He submitted a letter of apology, noting it was young employee that did not use good judgment.

Miles Bortner was present to discuss the concept of starting a MOOSE Club in the area. He reviewed the benefits of the organization and the criteria that must be met to establish a new lodge. He explained he is in need of male members and a facility and funding. Council advised him of the previous attempt and the problems that occurred. M. Bortner advised he is attending meetings in the area trying to rally support. Council wished him well in his endeavor.

Ernst Park – T.L. Crawford advised Council the maintenance dept. is concerned about the gravel road connecting the 2 cul-de-sacs. They are uncertain on how much time, manpower and funds are to be spent cleaning up the area. Council advised maintenance to leave the area untouched until Council members have a chance to visit the park and determine what to do about the access road.

Resolution 2006-3 – T.L. Crawford explained the Resolution supports the Capital City Equipment Pac. This Pac was used to purchase the street sweeper and the vactor. The Resolution supports the concept of a purchasing pac. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Burgess to adopt resolution 2006-3. Motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpem to adjourn at 2209 hrs. Motion carried.