

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING Nov. 13, 2006

Meeting called to order by President Terrell at 1908 hrs. Present were:

J. Blum – Vice President
D. Sarpen – Councilman
G. Andrews – Councilman
C. Herrmann – Councilman
W. Cerkan – Councilman
W. Burgess - Councilman
J. Joy – Mayor
Emily – Jr. Councilmember
T.L. Crawford -Borough Administrator
S. Hovis - Solicitor

Also Present: others (see attached list).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Terrell reminded Council the Christmas Tree Lighting is Nov. 25 at 1800 hrs.

DISBURSEMENTS:

GEN (001): Total \$ 220,713.28 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Burgess to approve. Motion carried.

WAT (006): Total \$ 61,694.15 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by J. Blum to approve. Motion carried.

SEW (008): Total \$ 189,113.32 Motion by W. Burgess, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.

REC (009): Total \$ 4,646.93 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.

CC (099): Total \$ 6,374.51 Motion by C. Herrmann, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

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

REPORTS:

Mayor – Mayor Joy read the emergency services reports for Oct., noting the police report is for Sept. He also noted the contract negotiations are continuing. Mayor Joy noted he will be making a proclamation for the Lions blood drive in Jan.

Solicitor – S. Hovis reviewed Resolution 2006-4 establishing the UCC Appeals Board, and appointments and the length of their terms. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to adopt Resolution 2006-4 as presented. Motion carried. S. Hovis noted he has not been successful in contacting Betty Mitchell concerning the Rutledge Road apartments. Council requested the Police Dept. deliver a copy of the letter to Ms. Mitchell.

Rec – J. Blum noted the alarm for Veterans Park was received on a Sat. afternoon and he responded to find the alarm was activated by a member of the ball team that was using the facility. He arrived before the police and is not comfortable with any non law enforcement individual arriving before the police; he does not believe it is safe. In the future Rec Board members will not respond on alarms unless police action is taken. The office will notify the alarm co. to remove Rec. members as emergency listings.

Sewer – D. Sarpen noted the need to fill the position at the plant that has been budgeted in 2006. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by J. Blum to advertise for a labor position at the WWTP. Motion carried.

Youth – Emily reported winter sports have started.

Web – W. Burgess noted Adelphia has switched over to Comcast and their has been a few problems for residents with the internet; however the web site is functioning with no problems.

Business Attraction – C. Herrmann introduced Brain Kopp of the Heritage Group. B. Kopp provided a video presentation on the Freedom Fest. B. Kopp updated Council on recent actions concerning the parcel known as Freedom Green. Members of Heritage Group met with NF Rec Council concerning the purchase of the property as a Borough Park since the recent round of grant approvals did not result in receiving the grant. The Borough is submitting 2 more applications for the park under different programs. The owner has signed a contract with another individual for sale of the property, he has chosen not to wait for any grant or action by Heritage Group or the Borough, and failed to notify anyone of this action. Heritage Group did receive approval from Rec Council to assist in the funding of purchase of the parcel on the condition that the Borough and Heritage Group also assist in the funding. Council discussed the possibility of purchasing the parcel and requests the office schedule a meeting with the owner and a representative from Council and S. Hovis for discussion.

BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2006-7 Sewer Rates – President Terrell reviewed the proposed Ordinance noting the minimal increase to the rates. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to adopt Ordinance 2006-7 as presented. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2006-8 Real Estate Tax Rate 2007 – President Terrell reviewed the proposed Ordinance noting the rate for 2007 will be .70 mils, a slight increase from .66 mil. President Terrell noted these additional funds will be used for road repairs in 2007, noting the liquid fuels allotment is not adequate for the amount of road work needed in the upcoming years. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen adopts Ordinance 2006- 8 as presented. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2006-9 Realty Transfer Tax Amendment – Solicitor Hovis reviewed the Amendment to the Ordinance, noting this was done at the request of York County to insure all Ordinances are in compliance with the laws and uniform in nature. This Ordinance does not change the method of tax collection or distribution. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by C. Herrmann to adopt Ordinance 2006-9 as presented. Motion carried.

Linda Reed ROW Agreement – S. Hovis reviewed the proposed agreement for the wall constructed in the street ROW that was discussed at the Oct. meeting. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Burgess to send the agreement to Linda Reed for signature and subsequent recording. Motion carried.

Penn Waste Refuse Contract Extension – Solicitor Hovis explained the extension clause and review the cost, noting the increase of 271 residences since the contract was awarded. Cost will be a monthly fee of \$ 35,395.80. Council noted the residents and Council are satisfied with Penn Waste and the service. Motion by C. Herrmann, seconded by D. Sarpen to extend the contract at the price for the new residences included. Motion carried.

SRPC Invoice – Council discussed the e-mail requesting payment for the entire 2006 year membership. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to pay \$ 175. for membership beginning Jan. 06 and ending July 06. Motion carried.

Carmen Sewer Bill – T.L. Crawford explained the letter received from Ms. Carmen concerning a water leak in her garage. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Cerkan to charge the full amount of water and reduce the sewer to the average use of 8000 gals, noting the leak did not result in the water going into the sewer. Motion carried.

Municipal Building Painting – Council review the quotes obtain from Golenco for painting the interior of the building. Council requested 2 other quotes be obtained and reviewed in Dec. The office will obtain 2 additional quotes for the Dec. meeting.

Kohler Point Letter – Mark Cummings present to review the terms of the letter submitted concerning the contribution for the water tank. Solicitor questioned the time frame for the monetary contribution for the water tank, and requested it be made upon the signing of the agreement. M. Cummings noted the time frame can be established by the Borough. M. Cummings explained the easement agreement for the water tank lot can be drafted by S. Hovis and Keystone will pay the fees for the agreement. The agreement outlines the lot will be donated to the Borough and the road and water line constructed by Keystone subcontractors. Council discussed the concern of elevations for water service and issuing permits. T.L. Crawford advised Buchar Horn is continuing to monitor water pressure and is moving forward with the steps for the design of the water tank. Council noted if the building remains on the same schedule as 2006 the tank construction should be in the same time frame as the permits at the top of the development. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Burgess to have Solicitor Hovis draft an agreement based on these issues with the elimination of item 3C and the time frame. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to adjourn at 2119 hrs. Motion carried.