

**NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
December 11, 2006**

Meeting called to order by President Terrell at 1906 hrs. Present were:

J. Blum – Vice President
D. Sarpén – Councilman
G. Andrews – Councilman
C. Herrmann - Councilman
W. Burgess – Councilman
W. Cerkan – Councilman (1935 hr)
J. Joy – Mayor
T.L. Crawford -Borough Secretary
D. Jones - Solicitor

Also present: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Terrell announced municipal office will be closed Dec. 25, Dec. 26 and Jan. 1.

DISBURSEMENTS:

GEN (001): Total \$ 23,680.57 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpén to approve. Motion carried.

WAT (006): Total \$ 13,551.24 Motion by D. Sarpén, seconded by J. Blum to approve. Motion carried.

SEW (008): Total \$ 34,973.90 Motion by W. Burgess, seconded by D. Sarpén to approve. Motion carried.

REC (009): Total \$ 280.96 Motion by W. Blum, seconded by W. Burgess to approve. Motion carried.

CC (099): Total \$ 1,431.73 Motion by C. Herrmann, seconded by D. Sarpén to approve. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpén to approve the November minutes as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Mayor – Mayor Joy read the emergency services reports for Nov. He also noted the Rose Fire Co. banquet is Jan. 20, 2007. Mayor Joy read a Proclamation for the Lions Club Blood Drive on Jan. 4, 2007.

Solicitor – D. Jones advised Council he has drafted the agreement for Keystone Homes, and it is ready for signature with Council's approval. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Burgess to approve the agreement upon all terms being met and final approval by the Solicitor. Motion carried.

Sewer – D. Sarpén noted the current public works reports indicate the need for televising of the sewer lines for infiltration. T. L. Crawford advised interviews will be held between now and year end for the position at the WWTP, with the hiring to be in Jan. 2007.

Police – W. Burgess noted the final scheduled meeting for police negotiations is this week. President Terrell requested copies on the budget in line item format. Council briefly noted a letter was received from Glen Rock requesting a meeting to discuss the payment formula. Council tabled discussion on the issue until Jan. 2007.

Rec. Council - J. Blum reported the New York City trip was a success and will be scheduled for 2007.

BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2006-10 (water rates) – President Terrell read the preamble noting the minor increase to the base rate. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

Year End Disbursements – Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to authorize the office to process year end disbursements as necessary. Motion carried.

Municipal Office Paint Proposal – Pres. Terrell reviewed the memo outlining the 3 quotes received, noting the amounts are under the amount that would require bidding. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Burgess to contract with Golenco for the painting for the office. Motion carried.

CITIZENS FORUM:

Mr. Weaver of Orwig Rd. was present to discuss a letter he received concerning his placement of a stone mailbox in the ROW. Council explained the problem with the placement of the structure and the Ordinance violation. He was advised of the liability issues and the hazard for snow plows and vehicles. President Terrell also advised him of the Borough's right to work or remove any obstacle in the ROW. Council will have public works investigate the location of all utilities in the area and table any further discussion or action until Jan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council convened to executive session at 1950 hrs. for discussion concerning litigation of a zoning issue. Council reconvened to a regular meeting at 2011 hrs.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to adjourn at 2027 hrs. Motion carried.