

## **NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING January 8, 2007**

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

J. Blum – Vice President  
D. Sarpen – Councilman  
W. Burgess - Councilman  
C. Herrmann – Councilman  
W. Cerkan – Councilman  
J. Joy - Mayor  
T.L. Crawford -Borough Secretary

Also Present: (see attached list).

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Terrell noted the Christmas tree pickup schedule and reviewed the recycle report noting the 37.5% in collection since the larger bins are being utilized.

### **DISBURSEMENTS:**

GEN (001): Total \$ 155,417.49 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Burgess to approve. Motion carried.

WAT (006): Total \$ 44,033.99 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by C. Herrmann to approve. Motion carried.

SEW (008): Total \$ 612,254.26 Motion by W. Burgess, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.

REC (009): Total \$ 7,008.80 Motion by W. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.

CC (099): Total \$ 1,310.20 Motion by C. Herrmann, seconded by J. Blum to approve. Motion carried.

### **MINUTES:**

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve the minutes of 12/11/06. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS:**

Mayor – Mayor Joy read the emergency services reports for Dec. and 2006 year end. He also noted the increase in thefts from unlocked vehicles in the Borough. Mayor Joy also advised the fire dept. is reviewing the fire/amb. workers comp. issue and some changes are being instituted.

Rec. – J. Blum advised Council Meg & Mike Royer have not actually resigned, however will not be able to be involved in rec. issues on a regular basis. Due to the lack of active members the Rec. Board has decided to try to obtain an intern for 07 and the possibility of a part time director. J. Blum expressed concerns with Comcast

Cable co. D. Sarpen requested the office attempt to have a representative of Comcast attend a future meeting.

Police – W. Burgess advised Officer Shaffer was promoted to Detective with an increase in salary. He also advised Council the dept. will be going to arbitration on contract issues, estimate cost \$ 40,000. The department will be obtaining 3 in-car cameras on a grant in 2007. W. Burgess also noted the increase of juvenile crime in the Borough.

Youth – Report read by President Terrell noting the upcoming King of Hearts Competition, the canned food drive and the charity basketball tournament in March.

**BUSINESS:**

Ordinance 2007-1 PIRMA Insurance Pool – President Terrell read the preamble, and explained the reasons for joining the municipal pool. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Burgess to adopt Ordinance 2007-1 as presented. Motion carried. President Terrell explained the Fire/Amb. and municipal policies have been separated which should make a difference in the future. Council discussed the expansion project at the fire dept. noting since the ladder truck has been paid off, the funds used for the annual Borough donation can be utilized towards the cost of the expansion. Council requested a breakdown of costs that they could pay direct for the land development plan to be completed. The office will obtain a breakdown for costs such as, James Holley office, York County Planning, Buchart Horn, ZHB, Stock & Leader etc.

Regional Comp. Plan – Council reviewed the correspondence from Shrewsbury Borough and York County Planning. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by C. Herrmann not to participate in the regional comp. plan update, and note NF information is available upon request. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement Officers Truck – President Terrell noted the age of the truck and the blue book value of \$ 4500. State contract trucks are available for \$ 27,995. and the old truck may be utilized as a trade in. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Burgess to purchase a new truck under the state contract with the old truck as a trade in. Motion carried.

Municipal building repair – T. Crawford advised Council a service call is necessary to Kinsley Construction to repair ceiling damage in the executive meeting room. T. Crawford advised how the damage occurred. Council noted the upstairs is not suitable for storage, and only maintenance personnel should be on the cat walk in the attic. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by C. Herrmann to contact Kinsley for the repair and have all items removed from the upstairs by the end of Feb. Motion carried. Council requested a letter be sent to SRPC advising them of the time frame to remove items and that the invoice for the repair will be forwarded to them.

**CITIZENS FORUM:**

New Freedom Gardner's – Cathi Itzoe requested Council waive the fee for the Gardner's for rental of the Lions Club room on Feb. 22 for a seminar on water gardening. President Terrell advised the policy of waiving fees was terminated in 2005, and a reduced fee is granted 1 time a year for local non-profit groups. She requested Council to consider paying the fee as a co-sponsor of the seminar, which open to the public. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen for the Borough to pay the annual reduced rate for the Gardener's as a co-sponsor. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by W. Burgess, seconded by W. Cerkan to adjourn at 2058 hrs. Motion carried