

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

February 12, 2007

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

J. Blum – Vice President
D. Sarpin – Councilman
W. Burgess – Councilman
C. Hermann – Councilman
G. Andrews – Councilman
J. Joy – Mayor
Emily – Jr. Councilperson
S. Hovis – Solicitor
T. Calaman – Borough Treasurer
W. Portner – Zoning Officer

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Terrell noted Valentine's Day is Wednesday.

DISBURSEMENTS:

GEN (001) Total \$190,451.66 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpin to approve. Motion carried.
WAT (006): Total \$54,169.29 Motion by D. Sarpin, seconded by W. Burgess to approve. Motion carried.
SEW(008): Total \$39,570.65 Motion by W. Burgess, seconded by D. Sarpin to approve. Motion carried.
REC(009): Total \$998.21 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Burgess to approve. Motion carried.
CC(099): Total \$2,560.75 Motion by C. Herman, seconded by J. Blum to approve with recommendation to research the increase in recent costs. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpin to approve the minutes of 1/8/07. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Mayor – Mayor Joy read the emergency services reports for Dec 2006 and Jan. 2007. Noting recent rise in theft from unlocked vehicles. Advised residents to lock vehicles at all times. Extended thanks to D. Sarpin and J. Blum for attendance at annual Fire Co. Banquet at which time they presented Rose Fire Co. with the deed to their property. Also noted the Borough received a standing ovation. No update on playground vandalism.

Police – W. Burgess advised increased patrol time in NFB and contract talks are going to arbitration. J. Blum requested Mayor Joy review cost of arbitration to municipalities.

Solicitor – York County Solid Waste Contract – The county is looking to amend current agreement. Solicitor feels the contract needs to be amended. He has contacted the County authority and is awaiting response.

Youth – Emily reported there will be community open basketball tournament in March. They recently sold daffodils and roses for Cancer Society.

CITIZENS FORUM:

Linda Gerety present to request relief from refuse bill discount due date. Solicitor explained due dates are set by Ordinance and therefore cannot be randomly changed.

New Freedom Heritage – Sue Myers present to announce three years since conception of Group. There are currently 15 active members in organization. They plan to continue this year with the movie series and festivals. They are also considering a second mural at New Freedom Business Park at building located at corner of High St. and Front St.

New Freedom Gardeners – Sue Myers discussed the probability of placing a Rain Garden to the North side of the Municipal parking lot. The Gardeners will present sketch plan proposal for review.

BUSINESS:

Tax Warrant 2007 in the amount \$221,692.33 motion by J. Blum, seconded by G. Andrews. All in favor.

Zoning Permit Ordinance review – tabled until March 2007.

Main St., Water Line Replacement bid advertisement authorization - Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen with the recommendation for Buchart Horn to provide larger size maps to review possible uniform sidewalk replacement within the area of proposed project. C. Hermann suggests review of possibility of owner reimbursement to Borough for complete sidewalk replacement within scope of proposed project.

Rhino Lining estimate – WWTP requests approval to have two utility trucks coated with Rhino Lining to prevent rust and deterioration of beds. At a total cost for two vehicles of \$1,250.00. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by G. Andrews. All in favor.

OTHER:

Community Center – Quote from Golenco to replace one set of entrance double doors and hardware at a cost of \$3,685.00. Motion by C. Herrmann seconded by J. Blum. Motion carried.

York Water Proposal – Pres. Terrell received correspondence from York Water Co. to purchase water works for 2.2M.

Freedom Ave. Improvements - D. Sarpen discussed the scope of proposed paving project for Freedom Ave. Current sketch plan exhibits the right-of-way at the island will not change however, yards and driveways of adjoining properties will be extended. Council recommends a meeting be set up with affected property owners to explain the proposal before proceeding.

W. Burgess request permission for St. John Lutheran Church, New Freedom and Zion Lutheran Church, Glen Rock to accept donation at a designated location within the Borough on 2/24/07 for two hours. A Non-Profit Solicitors Permit will be filed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by G. Andrews to adjourn at 20:40 hrs. Motion carried.