

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
April 9, 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
T.L. Crawford – Borough Administrator

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Terrell noted the upcoming award banquet honoring Robert A. Kinsley, and advised any Council member attending must notify the office by the end of this week. W. Cerkan advised Council of an upcoming seminar on estate planning being sponsored by H.O.P.E.

DISBURSEMENTS:

GEN (001) Total \$24,315.74 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.
WAT (006): Total \$11,453.25 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by J. Blum to approve. Motion carried.
SEW(008): Total \$27,131.19 Motion by W. Burgess, seconded by J. Blum to approve. Motion carried.
REC(009): Total \$263.73 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by C. Herrmann to approve. Motion carried.
CC(099): Total \$1,767.91 Motion by C. Herrmann, seconded by J. Blum to approve. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Cerkan to approve the minutes of 3/12/07 & 3/26/07. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Police – W. Burgess read the Feb. police report. President Terrell noted the meeting with Glen Rock and Shrewsbury on 4/19/07 at 1930 hrs. to discuss police costs. The representatives for NF are J. Blum, D. Sarpen and B. Terrell. Council briefly discussed the intergovernmental agreement and the service provided to each municipality. W. Burgess briefed Council on the annual awards ceremony and the excellent turnout. The police dept. has received a new "speed trailer" on a grant and would like to donate the old trailer to Southwestern Regional Police Dept. The Commission requests authorization from Shrewsbury and NF to proceed with the donation. The Boroughs funded a portion of the original cost of the old trailer. Council advised they are agreeable to the donation of the speed trailer; however they requested to see the new speed trailer in the Borough more frequently. Council briefly questioned the criteria used by the police to determine when and where the trailer is used. W. Burgess will check with the Chief and report back to Council.

Roads – D. Sarpen noted the increase per mile for Commonwealth of Pennsylvania funding of liquid fuels.

Water – D. Sarpen advised he was in contact with the Southern School Board and they will discuss the requested well testing at their upcoming meeting and report back their decision. D. Sarpen briefly noted the concern of the changes in well #7.

Parade – W. Cerkan noted he will be getting the notices out within the next week.

CITIZENS FORUM:

New Freedom Heritage –B. Kopp present to report the success of the stream/street cleanup. He also advised they are working on another mural for the former cannery facility. He requested if the Borough can supply water from a hydrant prior to the mural project for cleaning the exterior wall of the building to be painted. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by C. Herrmann to approve the use of water from a hydrant contingent upon a satisfactory agreement and schedule being worked out with the water dept. Motion carried. B. Kopp inquired about the possibility of crosswalks being installed at Rt. 851 and Main St. Council advised him the roads in questions are state owned and maintained highways, and the Borough can not alter or place any traffic control devices on the roadways. President Terrell briefly advised the Borough will be purchasing the property

owned by Foster Mann, aka Freedom Green, and the small parcel and building which presently is utilized as Mann Insurance. The vacant parcel will be purchased in the near future and the improved parcel within a year. President Terrell briefly discussed the intent to utilize the small building as a museum for the Borough of NF, and the possibility of staffing and operation by the Heritage Group.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council convened to an executive session to discuss a real estate purchase at 2005 hrs. Council reconvened to the regular meeting at 2016 hrs.

OTHER:

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Burgess to purchase the vacant parcel and the improved parcel owned by Foster Mann for \$175,000. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen adjourn at 2023 hrs. Motion carried.