

# NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

## June 11, 2007

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

J. Blum – Vice President  
D. Sarpen – Councilman  
W. Cerkan - Councilman  
G. Andrews – Councilman  
C. Herrmann – Councilman  
T.L. Crawford -Borough Secretary  
S. Hovis - Solicitor

Also Present: others (see attached list).

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Terrell reminded the public of the upcoming carnival. He also read a thank you card received from Elmer Wolf in appreciation of Council acknowledgment of his mothers passing. President Terrell also extended his gratitude to Council and Borough employees concerning his wife's passing. He also reminded Council of the upcoming York County E.C.R.I.N. meeting. J. Blum commended Residential Glass for their generosity in supporting the troops in overseas that was noted on the evening news this past week.

### **DISBURSEMENTS:**

GEN (001): Total \$ 59,764.05 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.  
WAT (006): Total \$ 18,359.54 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by J. Blum to approve. Motion carried.  
SEW (008): Total \$ 30,215.43 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by J. Blum to approve. Motion carried.  
REC (009): Total \$ 75,434.64 Motion by J. Blum by, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve, noting \$ 75,000. for the purchase of the park property on Main St. Motion carried.  
CC (099): Total \$ 2,888.73 Motion by C. Herrmann, seconded by J. Blum to approve. Motion carried.

### **MINUTES:**

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve the May 2007 minutes. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS:**

Mayor – Mayor Joy read the emergency services reports for May. Mayor Joy extended his appreciation for the support he received in the County Commissioner race. He also noted the Rose Fire Co. will be approaching Council concerning a "Knox-Box" Ordinance in the future. He noted the County Hazard Mitigation Plan will be reviewed at a public meeting hosted by the County, and the plan does adequately address New Freedom Borough. Solicitor Hovis commented on the plan and the need for municipalities to adopt the County plan, or write and adopted their own plan. Mayor Joy also requested Solicitor Hovis review the County "signal booster policy". Solicitor Hovis will review the policy and report back at a later meeting.

Water – D. Sarpen noted he will have a proposal from Buchart Horn on the well study in July

Parade – W. Cerkan noted applications are being received and volunteers are still needed.

### **CITIZENS FORUM:**

Summit Grove Campground – P. LeBlanc was present to discuss the water leak they experienced several weeks ago. He explained they had a large leak on their water main, which was discovered when the meter was read. He commended the public works dept. for assisting him in finding the leak, noting they also located 2 smaller leaks. The bills exceeded \$ 7000. they paid the sewer bill, but have submitted an insurance claim for the water bill. The insurance agent advised them it should be handled, however may not be paid by the due date. He is requesting the 10% penalty be waived if the insurance check is not received by the due date. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Cerkan to abate the penalty on the water bill if not paid by the due date. Motion carried. P. LeBlanc also explained the status of the campground sewer/water connections. All connections have been made pursuant to the schedule. The next 2 phases are for fall 07 and fall 08. He has met with the public works dept. and office staff to discuss the project. He is requesting Council permit phases, 07 & 08 to be done jointly in 08. This would allow the campground to get a better price from the contractor, and the public works

dept. believes it would be an easier project if combined. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Cerkan to permit the phases to be completed in 08. Motion carried. P. LeBlanc commended The Borough staff, noting they worked professionally with the campground on numerous issues.

NF Heritage – B. Kopp submitted the group's mission statement and list of goals for their organization. Council explained the policy on annual audits, noting they will need to have one completed and submitted to the Borough. Council advised they may be able to have an audit done for 06 & 07 in early 08, and then start an annual schedule. B. Kopp requested the time frame that they will need to submit their funds towards the property purchase for the park. Council advised they can remit their funds after the Freedom Fest, this will allow them some working capital, and sufficient funding for the audit. They inquired if there has been a recent professional survey of the park property, and were advised there has not been. They may be able to have a survey done with no fee by Shaw Surveying.

**OTHER:**

Resolution 07-03 – (Zoning Permit Fee) Solicitor S. Hovis explained the purpose of the Resolution is to establish a fee for zoning permits and zoning permit applications. Motion by J. Blum, second by D. Sarpen to adopt Resolution 07-03 as read. Motion carried.

Gregory Contractors Payment Request – Payment request for \$ 54,888.15 was reviewed by Buchart Horn and the water dept., both recommend payment. This is the first request for payment on the water main replacement project. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to authorize payment in the amount of \$ 54,888.15 as requested. Motion carried.

Gate Opener – J. Blum reviewed the quote received from Security Fence, noting the quote does not cover electrical work. T.L. Crawford advised that Chief Childs reviewed the quote and does not support spending that amount. J. Blum advised he will table any further action at the park until activity is tracked for several months without the lights. T.L. Crawford will request Chief Childs submit a report monthly of any activity at the park. seconded by D. Sarpen to authorize T.L. Crawford to hire an individual to fill the vacancy in the office. Motion carried.

Sensus Meter Reader – T. L. Crawford provided a quote from Sensus Tech.Inc. for an additional handheld meter reader. T.L. Crawford explained the recent problems when the unit is broken, meters can not be read or billed per schedule. She advised in the past Shrewsbury Borough has provided us their backup unit, however if they are using it none can be provided. Council reviewed the quote, noting the original was purchased in 1992, and has been updated with new programs twice. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by G. Andrews to authorize the purchase of the unit as quoted. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council convened to executive session for personnel issues at 2027 hrs. Council reconvened to the regular Meeting at 2040 hrs.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by G. Andrews, seconded by C. Herrmann to adjourn at 2057 hrs. Motion carried.