

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
August 13, 2007

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

J. Blum – Vice President
D. Sarpen – Councilman
G. Andrews – Councilman
W. Burgess – Councilman
W. Cerkan - Councilman
J. Joy – Mayor
T.L. Crawford -Borough Secretary
D. Jones - Solicitor

Also Present: others (see attached list).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Terrell read a letter from Stewartstown Borough expressing their appreciation for the recent residential plumbing code class hosted by NF. President Terrell also reminded Council of the next downtown outdoor movie night.

DISBURSEMENTS:

GEN (001): Total \$ 34,250.19 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.

WAT (006): Total \$ 111,372.88 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by W. Burgess to approve. Motion carried.

SEW (008): Total \$ 52,976.20 Motion by W. Burgess, seconded by J. Blum to approve. Motion carried.

REC (009): Total \$ 561.85 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.

CC (099): Total \$ 1,650.50 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve the July 07 minutes. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Mayor – Mayor Joy read the emergency services reports for July, police report for June. He also noted the addition to the fire department is nearing completion, and the driveway issue was remedied with Penn Dot. He advised Council the new fire engine is ahead of schedule, and may be received earlier than anticipated.

Police – W. Burgess supplied a spread sheet noting police calls and costs and call time utilized. He explained the need to change the budget year time frame, to enable the municipalities to have better numbers for their municipal budgets. He noted the budget increase is estimated at 8%, but hopefully will be less. Glen Rock has advised they can only afford a \$5000-\$6000. increase. Council noted limits can not be placed on the budget by any one municipality, all municipalities must agree. Council discussed Glen Rocks standing and the possibility of them withdrawing from the regional police. Council noted NF decisions will be based on what best suits NF residents. Motion by W. Burgess, seconded by W. Cerkan to change the budget year as Aug. 1 thru July 31 beginning in 07. Motion discussed in length. Motion by W. Burgess, seconded by W. Cerkan to withdraw the motion. Motion to rescind passed unanimously. Council discussed the need for another officer to insure adequate coverage for NF. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Cerkan to have the SRPC buget and hire an additional office no later than 4/1/08. Motion carried.

Sewer – D. Sarpen requested the wwtp employees be reminded more televising is needed during night time hours to find leaks; the water and sewer numbers indicate do not coincide.

Rec. – J. Blum noted the quote received from Brockmeyer of \$ 800-\$900 for motion lights does not appear to be vandal proof. He requested Brockmeyer research and quotes the lights with a vandal proof box or cage.

Solicitor – D. Jones noted settlement on the water tank property will be the end of the week, and Buchart Horn has been notified and will move forward with the testing at the tank site.

BUSINESS:

Freedom Ave. Road Bids – Bids read as follows; Stewart & Tate, Inc. \$ 370,044.80 and Kinsley Construction

\$ 397,992. Council discussed the bids, noting too large a sum of money for a secondary use road, noting the bids are 38% higher than estimated by the engineer. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by J. Andrews to reject all bids. Motion carried. Council requested other professionals be contacted for different methods of repair for roads, as opposed to such extensive storm water renovations for review. The project would be bid later for award in the spring of 08.

Buchart Horn proposal reviewed for the Bio-solids contract. Their proposal is NTE \$ 7000. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to accept the proposal. Motion carried. EDU/Flow report discussion tabled based on the report being received today.

Shrewsbury Twp. Letter – Council reviewed the letter requesting a joint financial reward be offered for vandalism to street signs. Council noted the Borough has had a \$ 1000. reward in place since 2006 for vandalism to Borough property. Council declined to join the regional effort, and requested the office send a letter stating such.

Delinquent Utilities – D. Jones explained the need to amend the Ordinances to address the new fees and procedures to collect delinquent utilities, he also noted a Resolution will need to be adopted to establish a fee for the services not outlined by the Ordinance. Motion by G. Andrews, seconded by J. Blum to authorize the amendments to the Ordinances, and the Resolution and the advertising for adoption on Sept. 17, 2007. Motion carried.

CITIZENS FORUM:

Mindy Smith of the NF Lioness Club requested the use of the CC auditorium as their annual free rental on Feb. 10, 2008. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Cerkan to grant the request. Motion carried. She also requested Councils input on a "run" through the Borough. Council explained public streets can not be closed without flaggers etc in place, and that the Borough has no control over state owned roadways. They also noted a special event permit would be needed. Mayor Joy suggested they consider the "Rail Trail", or come back to Council with more detail of the proposed event.

Mitch Britton of Revere Drive requested permission to have a neighborhood "block party" and close the cul-de-sac on Revere Drive. He explained no thru streets would be impacted, and all property owners on the cul-de-sac are participating. Motion by G. Andrews, seconded by J. Blum to authorize the cul-de-sac be temporarily closed, and noted all pertinent information be put in written form for emergency services. Motion carried.

Heritage – Brain Kopp reviewed the plans for the Freedom Fest, and noted the road closures and detours. He requested a letter from the Borough authorizing the use of the property for the event, and invited the Borough to participate. The police, fire and ambulance personnel will be notified of the event. He also requested if the construction on Main St. could be tabled that day due to traffic and pedestrian problems. The office will contact Kinsley Construction with the request. Council

will dedicate the park at 1000 hrs. that day as part of the celebration. The office will send a letter authorizing the event and use of the property.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by D. Sarpin, seconded by G. Andrews to adjourn at 2129 hrs, noting the next meeting will be Sept. at 1800 hrs for budget and 1900 hrs. For the regular Council meeting. Motion carried.