

# **NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

## **Oct. 15, 2007**

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

J. Blum – Vice President  
D. Sarpen – Councilman  
G. Andrews – Councilman  
C. Herrmann – Councilman  
J. Joy - Mayor  
T.L. Crawford -Borough Secretary  
S. Hovis - Solicitor  
Also Present: others (see attached list).

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Terrell reminded the public that Oct 31, 6-8pm is Trick or Treat.

### **DISBURSEMENTS:**

GEN (001): Total \$ 341,208.67 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve.  
Motion carried.

WAT (006): Total \$ 45,786.11 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by J. Blum to approve. Motion carried.

SEW (008): Total \$ 54,927.03 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by J. Blum to approve.  
Motion carried.

REC (009): Total \$ 266.09 Motion by J. Blum by, seconded by G. Andrews to approve.  
Motion carried.

CC (099): Total \$ 5,001.41 Motion by C. Herrmann, seconded by J. Blum to approve.  
Motion carried.

### **MINUTES:**

Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by G. Andrews to approve the Aug. 07 minutes. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS:**

Police – Chief Childs reviewed the traffic study the dept. had completed for N. Front St. The study was a result of a complaint. Chief Childs explained the study, and the common misconceptions with vehicle's speed. He also explained the "speed/traffic trailer" was the result of a grant program, and noted other equipment obtained via grants, such as the Homeland Security Program. He advised Glen Rock Ambulance recently donated their former ambulance to the police dept. to be modified into a mobile command center. Chief Childs gave a presentation on identify theft, and increase of incidents in the last year. He provided methods for citizens to help prevent this type crime, such as shed receipts, credit report, not give banking numbers to anyone via telephone, e-mail etc. He reminded residents any unusual activity should be reported to the police immediately. Chief Childs advised Council of the recent arrests of 4 juveniles vandalizing park property and sidewalks.

Mayor – Mayor Joy read the emergency services reports. Mayor Joy introduced Chief Kurt Holloway of Rose Fire Co. Chief Holloway presented a packet of information on "Knox boxes" and explained the need for such a policy for commercial, industrial and

multi-family buildings. The cost is approximately \$ 600. to install the box and this is the same system Shrewsbury is operating under. An Ordinance is required for the "Knox boxes" and requested Council considers passing an Ordinance to require the installation of the boxes. Solicitor Hovis advised he is familiar with such an Ordinance. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to authorize S. Hovis to draft an Ordinance requiring the boxes as requested by Rose Fire Dept. Motion carried.

Water – D. Sarpen noted any Council member interested in going to see a style of elevated water tank, let him know as soon as possible. He is scheduling a trip with a tank representative that handles elevated tanks.

Sewer – D. Sarpen advised Council there may be some costly upgrades required at the wwtp in the near future to be able to meet the new permit requirements.

Rec. – J. Blum reported there is a bus trip scheduled for the first week in Dec. to New York City. Anyone interested should contact Joan Davis or the Borough office.

### **CITIZENS FORUM:**

NF Heritage – Brian Kopp was present to update Council on the 07 Freedom Fest. He reported attendance was over 4000, and more vendors participated also. He expressed appreciation for the park dedication done that morning, noting it boosted community spirit. He advised the mural on the wall of the former Summers Cannery is complete. Brian extended Heritage's appreciation for the purchase of the "Freedom Green" property, and presented a check for \$ 5000. to Council towards the purchase. Council thanked Brian and complimented his organization on the excellent job they did hosting Freedom Fest.

John Romey – of 27 McCurly requested Council abate a portion of his sewer bill. He had a sprinkler installed and the timer was set incorrectly, and while he was out of town it ran 24 hours for several days. Council advised him of the policy of paying for water, regardless of use. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to authorize the office to abate the current sewer bill, and re-bill at his highest usage. Motion carried.

Les Mickens – a resident of the Wethersfield development was present to discuss low water pressure in the development. K. Dickmyer was present and advised there may have been a problem one Sunday morning, due to him being later then normal turning on the booster pump. He also explained the history of the water system, noting the 2 pressure zones. K. will meet with the telemetry programmer about pressure problems.

Al Smith – present to read a letter of complaint concerning the NF ambulance. He expressed concern that the ambulance was not available on a particular date for a call in Shrewsbury Twp. A representative from the ambulance was present to explain in great detail the events concerning the call. He noted an EMT and paramedic went directly to the scene within 12 minutes, Medic 97 was on the scene and would have transported if life was threatened, which a gall bladder attack was not, and that upon arrival the person was standing at the end of the driveway with a suitcase as if calling a taxi. The President of the fire dept. and Mayor Joy noted all depts. have response problems when multiple calls occur at the same time, and all depts. cover for each other as a way to deal with this problem. Council advised A. Smith there is no perfect remedy.

**BUSINESS:**

Ordinance 2007-6 (Front St. Extension). Motion by J. Blum, seconded by G. Andrews to adopt Ordinance 2007-6 designating Front St. extension as a Borough street. Motion carried.

Resolution 07-07 – (County Hazard Mitigation Plan). Motion by J. Blum, second by D. Sarpen to adopt Resolution 07-07 as read. Motion carried.

Refuse Bid Documents – Solicitor Hovis reviewed the documents, noting the terms are the same as the current contract. Council authorized S. Hovis to put the contract out for bid

Bio-Solids Bid Results – T.L. Crawford reviewed the bid results as submitted by Buchart Horn as follows:

WeCare Organics \$ 136,660. annually and Synagro \$ 99,800. annually. Buchart Horn and S. Hovis will review the bids for compliance and report back with a recommendation at the Nov. meeting.

Trailview LOC Request - Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to authorize the reduction of the LOC to \$ 10,950. and the road bond is posted in the amount of \$ 8,141.40 as recommended by the office memo. Motion carried.

Summer Glen LOC Request. -- Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to authorize the reduction of the LOC to \$ 239,514. as recommended by the office memo. Motion carried.

HOPE Request – Motion by J. Blum, seconded by C. Herrmann to waive the fee for the Lions Club room for a party for their patients. Motion carried.

Veterans Park – Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to ratify the buyout of the park building. Motion carried.

EDU's – Council requested Buchart Horn research the status of the units, since Shrewsbury Twp. Is selling units at \$ 20,000. per unit, and has never provided an exact number of remaining units.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by G. Andrews, seconded by J. Blum to adjourn at 2057 hrs. Motion carried.