

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Nov. 12, 2007

Meeting called to order by President Terrell at 1908 hrs. Present were:

J. Blum – Vice President
D. Sarpen – Councilman
C. Herrmann – Councilman
W. Cerkan – Councilman
W. Burgess - Councilman
J. Joy – Mayor
T.L. Crawford -Borough Administrator
D. Jones - Solicitor

Also Present: others (see attached list).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Terrell reminded Council the Christmas Tree Lighting is Nov. 23 at 1800 hrs. Volunteers are needed.

DISBURSEMENTS:

GEN (001): Total \$ 18,894.37 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.

WAT (006): Total \$ 17,740.66 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by W. Burgess to approve. Motion carried.

SEW (008): Total \$ 33,349.03 Motion by W. Burgess, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.

REC (009): Total \$ 1,619.42 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Cerkan to approve. Motion carried.

CC (099): Total \$ 1,042.64 Motion by C. Herrmann, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Cerkan to approve the Oct. 07 minutes. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Mayor – Mayor Joy read the emergency services reports for Oct., noting the police report is for Sept. He also noted the fire station renovation is complete, and they moved in to the new building. Mayor Joy also advised the new fire truck has been purchased, and has been paid off. He also noted the 2008 SRPC (police) budget is a 13.84% increase. The 2008 budget must be approved by each municipality. Motion by W. Burgess, seconded by J. Blum to approve the 08 SRPC budget as presented. Motion carried.

Police Report – No police officer showed up.

Solicitor – D. Jones reviewed the situation with the Thompson utility connection, and request for an easement. D. Jones explained the plan for Kohler Point did not include utilities being addressed for the unimproved lot being retained by Thompson. Council discussed the decision must be based on what is best for the Borough long term. D. Jones will meet with Borough staff and engineer to review the matter. D. Jones also advised Council the refuse bids will be opened and awarded on Dec. 10, 2007.

Rec – J. Blum noted the bus trip to New York City is close to being sold out, anyone interested should contact the office.

Water – D. Sarpen advised Council of the trip to see a pedestal style of water tank. President Terrell and K. Dickmyer and D. Bortner also accompanied him on the trip. He explained the tank is a glass and concrete tank that is a low maintenance silo type design. The bottom of the pedestal is concrete and can be used for storage or an office. He reviewed details of the design, and the benefits of this type of tank. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Burgess to authorize Buchart Horn to begin design work on this type of water tank, and obtain DEP approval for the tank. Motion carried. D. Sarpen also explained Southern School has authorized a test well to be drilled on their property on Bowser School Rd. The school noted they want the twp. notified prior to the drilling.

Sewer – D. Sarpen expressed concern over the NPDES permit renewal and the possibility of the phosphorus and nitrogen levels being changed. If the limits are reduced the plant may be close to capacity. D. Sarpen noted the uncertainty of what actually occurs in Shrewsbury Twp. can lead to problems later for the wwtp.

CITIZENS FORUM:

Matt Shue of Front St requested abatement of the late fee on his utility bill; he noted the fee of \$ 25. is too harsh. He stated he paid late due to misplacing, forgetting or not receiving the bill. J. Blum explained the problem with delinquent utilities, noting the number of delinquent accounts is increasing. J. Blum also advised M. Shue Council approved the letter and fees, noting the previous reminders were ignored, and this notice meets all the legal criteria. President Terrell advised M. Shue the Ordinance applies to everyone in the Borough, and no exceptions are made. Council denied the request; the fees remain on his account. Matt Shue questioned the status of the parking on Front St., noting his neighbor has 4 vehicles and parks in front of the fire hydrant. T.L. Crawford advised the Borough just adopted the road as a public road this month, and traffic studies are being requested for the road; however she will advise the police to check the area. He was also advised to have the HOA remind residents of the parking regulations.

BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2007-7 Water Rates – President Terrell reviewed the proposed Ordinance noting the minimal increase to the rates. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Cerkan to adopt Ordinance 2007-7 as presented. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2007-8 Sewer Rates – President Terrell reviewed the proposed Ordinance noting the minimal increase to the rates. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to adopt Ordinance 2007-8 as presented. Motion carried.

Bio-Solids Contract/Award – Solicitor Jones explained the bids and all documents were reviewed by his office and Buchart Horn. All documents are correct and do meet the criteria of the bid specifications. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Cerkan to award the bid to the lowest bidder, Synagro Central, Inc. for \$ 99,800. annually. Motion carried.

SRPC Invoice – Council discussed the e-mail requesting payment for the entire 2006 year membership. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to pay \$ 175. for membership beginning Jan. 06 and ending July 06. Motion carried.

NF Heritage – Request from Cathie Itzoe to have the public works dept. excavates and place larger rocks on the rail trail. The rock are being given to the York County Rail Trail Authority from Shrewsbury Twp., however Tom Brandt of York County Parks advised he is not able to place them in the near future. Council discussed the liability of the Borough employees working on County property. Council declined any involvement in the project, and denied the request. Council noted the rocks can be store on the trail and placed in the spring of 08. T.L. Crawford will notify Cathi Itzoe.

Community Center parking Lot – W. Burgess expressed his dissatisfaction with the Senior Center having a bus trip on Election Day. It created a parking issue; it created a false impression with all the vehicles parked in the lot. Residents that drove passed the polls assumed they were busy, and a wait would be required to vote. He requested the Senior Center be notified that they should not schedule a trip again on Election Day.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to adjourn at 1930 hrs. Motion carried.