

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

January 14, 2008

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

J. Blum – Vice President
E. Paules – Councilman
E. Myers - Councilman
E. Molinsky – Councilman
W. Cerkan – Councilman
J. Joy - Mayor
T.L. Crawford -Borough Secretary
S. Ansman – Student Rep.

Also Present: (see attached list).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Terrell noted the Ethics Statements are due in the office by 5/1/08. He also introduced the new junior council member, Spenser Ansman. Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by J. Blum to appoint Spenser Ansman as the junior council member for 2008. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion by E. Myers, seconded by E. Paules to approve the minutes of 1/7/08. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Mayor – Mayor Joy read the emergency services reports for Dec. and the annual 2007 report. He also noted the increase again this year in ambulance and fire calls. Mayor Joy also advised the fire dept. has a new web site, it is ROSEFIRECO.com.

Rec. – J. Blum requested the office notify public works that the Goodfellow playground will need mulch in the spring.

Police – No officer present.

Youth – S. Ansman reported on the canned food drive, Snow King and some upcoming tournaments in March. S. Ansman also explained the new criteria that may be implemented by the Commonwealth prior to graduation. The plan is a standard type test that insures a certain level of education has been obtained prior to graduation.

President Terrell noted he will schedule a tour of the wwtp and water facilities for any Council member interested.

BUSINESS:

Stewartstown Agreement – President Terrell explained the intergovernmental agreement for NF and Stewartstown for Building & Zoning Services. The services began 1/1/08 and continue until either party chooses to withdraw. An inquiry has now come in from Glen Rock for the same type of intergovernmental service agreement. The office also received an inquiry from the Glen Rock Sewer Authority for a NF employee to handle their utility billing/collection on an as needed basis. J. Blum expressed concern that Wade can handle this work load, and that NF is his priority. President Terrell explained that additional staff would assist Wade as needed, noting other employees are working towards additional code certification. President Terrell advised the office has explained to Glen Rock Council Members the steps necessary for them to enter into such an agreement for inspections services. He noted if all steps are followed he earliest the service could begin would most likely be June 08. The office will investigate the GR Authority request and develop a proposal for their consideration.

Refuse Bid Advertisement – Motion J. Blum, seconded by E. Myers to authorize the advertisement of the refuse bid. Motion carried.

COG (Capital Region) – President Terrell explained the request received for the COG, and their intent to challenge DEP on the "Bay Strategy". Council discussed the unrealistic approach DEP has taken on the bay strategy, noting point sources are the smallest contributors of nitrogen and phosphorus, and the removal of this small amount will not have a large beneficial impact on the bay. This is another unfunded mandate by DEP that places the cost of the entire state compliance onto the ratepayers of wwtps, rather than those responsible, or equally shared by the Commonwealth's residents. Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by J. Blum to authorize the signing of the participation form and the payment of \$ 1000. Motion carried.

CITIZENS FORUM:

E. Molinsky inquired into the concept of a "Volunteer Day Recruiting Day". He suggested it be held at the community center, and include groups such as the Lions Club, Rose Fire Co, NF Ambulance, NF Heritage, HOPE etc. It would allow new residents to meet members of the organization, obtain information on their services and determine if they are interested in joining any organization. Council supported the idea, and President Terrell advised E. Molinsky to check with the office on availability of the community center. E. Myers and S. Ansman will work with E. Molinsky on this concept. Brain Koop, of NF Heritage also advised Council he would work with the committee on this concept, since it would also include his group.

Brain Kopp inquired about speed enforcement and police activity in the Borough. He expressed his concern over a lack of police presence, traffic enforcement and the increase in incidents, such as the robbery/assault that he read in the newspaper. President Terrell advised B. Kopp he should attend the SRPC meeting to have these issues addressed. The Borough does not direct the police dept.; however the office will request the speed be monitored on Main St. and High St. in the near future.

E. Myers inquired as to why some parking spaces were removed from Main St. when the paving project was completed. T.L. Crawford advised the Borough was not notified of any of the criteria or plans since it is a Penn Dot road, however will contact Penn Dot and inquire as to why this was done.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by E. Myers to adjourn at 1958 hrs. Motion carried