

## NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING February 11, 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  
G. Andrews - Councilman  
J. Joy – Mayor (arrived 1940 hrs.)  
T.L. Crawford -Borough Secretary  
D. Jones - Solicitor  
S. Ansman – Student Rep.

Also Present: (see attached list).

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Terrell noted the upcoming seminars being sponsored by PSAB. He advised any Council member interested should advise the office.

### **DISBURSEMENTS:**

General Fund - \$ 159,284.43. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by E. Molinsky to approve, noting the first quarter payment to SRPC is included. Motion carried.

Water Fund - \$ 33,497.58. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by E. Paules to approve. Motion carried.

Sewer Fund - \$ 74,394.71. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by J. Blum to approve. Motion carried.

Rec. Fund - \$ 122.72 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by E. Molinsky to approve. Motion carried.

Com. Ctr. - \$ 2965.00. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by E. Molinsky to approve. Motion carried.

### **MINUTES:**

Motion by E. Myers, seconded by E. Molinsky to approve the minutes of 1/14/08. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS:**

Solicitor - D. Jones explained the reason for the trash bid deadline being extended until 2/19/08 at 1400 hrs. He received a call from a contractor for clarification, and subsequently had to issue an addendum. To allow adequate time for all interested parties to address the addendum, the deadline was moved so as not force any time restrictions on any contractor. He noted Council will need to continue the meeting tonight to a date and time after 2/19/08 at 1400 hrs. Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by J. Blum to extended the trash bid deadline until 2/19/08 at 1400 hrs. Motion carried.

Police – Chief Childs presented several crime related issues and safety tips. He explained the increase in thefts from unlocked vehicles. The vehicles were unlocked, most in driveways, items stolen included, money, gps units, cds' etc. He reminded all vehicle owners to secure the vehicles, regardless of where it is parked and remove all items of value. He also noted the number of vehicles he has observed unoccupied and running, mostly at Rutters and the Post Office. He reminded the public one vehicle was stolen in 2006 from Rutters in New Freedom, one was stolen in 2007 from Rutters in another jurisdiction. All vehicles should be secured when unoccupied, it takes less then 3 minutes to steal an unsecured running vehicle. He explained York County Crime Stoppers is featuring the Peoples Bank robbers. He advised when entering a bank people need to be observant and cautious. E. Myers questioned the lights at the tennis courts. Chief Childs explained the numerous acts of vandalism, and the Ordinance for Park facilities. E. Myers noted the lights being out at night prohibit anyone from playing, so everyone is punished not just a few. President Terrell explained the type, seriousness and cost of the vandalism on the park property, as well as the insurance with so many claims. J. Blum noted since the Ordinance is followed and the lights go off, vandalism has not occurred at the park facility. T.L. Crawford advised she had addressed the change with the instructor and she was able to work with the slight change with the lights by utilizing Saturdays or Sundays.

Chief Childs also advised the police dept. will be conducting a traffic study on Main St. and several other location of concern. Chief Childs also commended the public works dept. for assisting with the recent storm conditions on the Main St.

E. Molinsky read the Dec. police report. He also advised 1 officer has given his 2 week notice, and another officer is on an extended sick leave. E. Molinsky explained the dept. will be hiring as part of the York County Police Consortium.

Planning Commission – President Terrell appointed E. Myers to the Planning Commission to fill a vacancy.

Sewer – E. Paules advised he visited the wwtp and was happy to see the progression being made under the new Director.

**BUSINESS:**

Refuse – President Terrell explained the rebate program. He noted 847 residents took advantage of the program. A few residents were upset with the office due to them missing the deadline and that the office would not make exceptions and violate the Ordinance. President Terrell explained the Ordinance has been in effect since 1989 and is applied uniformly and consistently, no exceptions.

Kearny Plan – James Holley present to review the minor land development plan for an accounting office. All comments by YCPC and Buchar Horn have been addressed. J. Holley requested a waiver for SLDO 4.24.6 (environmental impact). NF Planning Commission recommends the waiver be granted and the plan approved. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by W. Cerkan to waive SLDO 4.24.6 as requested. Motion carried. E. Paules questioned if the parking is in character with the surrounding area. D. Jones advised Council the parking requirement is in the ZO and cannot be waived by Council. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by J. Blum to approve the plan as presented. Motion carried.

Cameron Matthews – C. Matthews was present to request a waiver for a full scale land development plan as noted in the Ordinance. The Borough Ordinance requires a full scale LD for any expansion of a business. C. Matthews wants to put a shed at his garage. He has met with the BCO and a permit would be required. T.L. Crawford advised Council the PA MPC Section 503 (1.) notes an accessory building on a lot subordinate to an existing principle building is excluded from the definition of a land development plan. It appears NF Ordinance goes beyond the MPC. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by E. Molinsky to waive the requirement for a land development plan, and C. Matthews work with the BCO on all permit procedures and regulations. Motion carried.

Ed Myers – provided a handout on crosswalk guidelines and criteria on a Penn Dot roadway. Council discussed the criteria for a study prior to obtaining the equipment from Penn Dot. President Terrell noted the study can be conducted during the day by the public works dept. E. Myers stated he may be able to get some volunteers to conduct the night study. Council noted the study should wait for spring weather since the study results will determine if the crosswalk would be justified. Motion by E. Myers, seconded by E. Molinsky to authorize the study to begin the feasibility for a crosswalk designation on Main St. during nice weather. Motion carried.

Tax Collector Appointment – President Terrell no qualified resident had submitted for the position, pursuant to the Borough Code Council must appoint a tax collector. Motion by W. Cerkan, seconded by G. Andrews to appoint Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Tara Calaman as Tax Collector for New Freedom Borough. Motion carried.

Civil Service – Motion by E. Myers, seconded by E. Molinsky to appoint Wayne Burgess to the Civil Service Commission representing New Freedom Borough. Motion carried.

**CITIZENS FORUM:**

B. Kopp representing NF Heritage noted their annual meeting will be on 2/20/08 at the Paul Smith Library. He also advised Council the movie nights will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. in June, July and Aug. of 2008. He also advised Council he will request a representative from the SRPD attend their April 2008 meeting and explain the block watch program. President Terrell inquired if there has been a decision on the clock donation from the NF Lioness at the Freedom Green location. B. Kopp explained there is a slight problem since another individual has offered to donate a clock. President Terrell requested B. Kopp contact the representative of the NF Lioness Club and discuss the issue. B. Kopp advised he would make the contact in the next few days.

**CONTINUATION:**

Motion by E. Myers, seconded by E. Paules to continue the meeting until February 20 at 0700 hrs. Motion carried