

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

July 14, 2008

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

E. Myers – Councilman (arrived 7:13pm)

E. Molinsky – Councilman

D. Sarpen – Councilman

E. Paules – Councilman

J. Joy - Mayor

T.L. Crawford - Borough Secretary

C. Geary – Police Sergeant

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Terrell commended P. Herrmann on the parade, noting the only issue was the weather did not cooperate.

DISBURSEMENTS:

General Fund - \$ 302,149.31. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by E. Molinsky to approve. Motion carried.

Water Fund - \$ 49,096.39. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Molinsky to approve. Motion carried.

Sewer Fund - \$ 130,645.30. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Paules to approve. Motion carried.

Rec. Fund - \$ 774.66 Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.

Com. Ctr. - \$ 2,427.77. Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.

Liquid Fuels - \$ 711.25. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Molinsky to approve. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion by E. Paules, seconded by E. Molinsky to approve the minutes of 6/9/08. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Police – Sergeant Geary provided an overview of the department. He explained the dept. employs 11 full time and 1 part time officer, as well as 2 full time clerical staff. The dept. utilizes 2 bike patrols, 1 canine and 1 motorcycle, in conjunction with regular patrol. The dept. also handles warrants, fingerprint service and various other services associated with law enforcement. Sgt. Geary explained the Borough has seen an increase in thefts, vandalism, skate board infractions and domestics. He explained the skateboard issue has perpetuated into vandalism. The youth of the area do not have respect for the property owners, which has resulted in damage. He explained there should be some avenues explored that would give the youth of the area other alternatives.

Mayor – Mayor Joy read the emergency services report, noting he the police report will be available after the 7/16 meeting.

Planning Commission – E. Myers advised they met and have begun reviewing the Z.O. change recommendations. They will submit their recommendations after the next PC meeting.

Water – D. Sarpen advised he met with DEP and Bucharth Horn concerning new well locations. DEP requested the wetlands be delineated on the plan, which BH will do. The cost to drill an additional test well is approximately \$ 7000., which he believes is excessive since the equipment is already on the site. He will seek another quote, and will report back to Council. D. Sarpen also reminded Council of the York Water Co. increase, which will impact the Borough. He advised he has met with the water dept. and Paul Gross to discuss the pressure reducing valves, individual and on the main. The cost for individual valves is estimated to be \$ 31,000. The drawback of the reducer on the main line prevents the system from being totally looped, which was the original intent. E. Myers questioned the plans for the old tank. President Terrell and D. Sarpen advised it would be removed as was recommended in the original water system report of 1996.

Rec. – E. Molinsky reported the Rec. Council did meet. J. Davis noted the group will be doing another assessment of the parks, and a walk in Ernst Park to identify trees and birds. She also advised they have 2 bus trips scheduled, and requested the info. posted on the web site. E. Paules inquired if the Rec. Council has addressed the problems with the cost of the tennis program. J. Davis advised they will stop and observe the program, but did not address the costs. J. Davis also noted they have an intern to volunteer to do some programs for the Rec Council. T.L. Crawford inquired if a back round check has been done as required to work with juveniles. C. Itzoe advised they did, and requested the office do the necessary check. E. Molinsky advised Council he believes the Rec Council should meet in the Council chambers at the Borough office, not in the meeting room built for them at Veterans Park. Council did not respond to the request.

Parade – P. Herrmann provided a recap of the parade, and extended her thanks to all who assisted with the event. President Terrell commended her on a good job, noting the rain was the only event that could have been eliminated.

Sewer – D. Sarpen noted the recent funding that is to be made available for water and sewer projects by the state. He will advise Council when details and criteria become available. President Terrell noted the lines televised this past month on the WWTP report.

CITIZENS FORUM:

New Freedom Scout Troop #24 present to observe the meeting as part of their program for a community citizenship badge.

Southern Library – President Terrell read the request from the Library. The Library is doing a loan modification and requires signatures of the municipalities that were on the original loan. The modification will permit the loan to be extended 2 years and to allow time for additional fund raising. Shrewsbury Borough and Shrewsbury Township have already signed the agreement. Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by E. Myers to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

Joseph Dean – 165 E. Main St. present to request Council modify the easements on his property. His property has 3 easements, and he states the storm water swale has created 2 puddle problems on his property. T.L. Crawford advised the easements were part of the development, and the responsibility of the property owner. She also explained the Borough did work on the storm water drainage in the area 4 years ago, and did attempt to enhance the swale on his property. T.L. Crawford reminded Council the issue of maintenance of a private easement is the property owner. President Terrell advised J. Dean someone from the Borough would take another look at the property.

Former Lauer/Mann Property – President Terrell advised Council the property at 22 Railroad Ave. is now the Boroughs, settlement was 2 weeks ago. He also advised the Borough is having the locks changed and a key has been given to Brian Kopp of the NF Heritage. B. Kopp was also provided with a draft of an agreement for use of the facility as a museum, and their meeting facility. B. Kopp will respond back to Council concerning the agreement.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by D. Sarpen to adjourn at 2048 hrs. Motion carried