

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
August 18, 2008

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

E. Myers – Councilman
E. Molinsky – Councilman
D. Sarpen – Councilman
G. Andrews- Councilman
E. Paules – Councilman
J. Joy - Mayor
T.L. Crawford -Borough Secretary
J. Childs – Police Chief

Also Present: (see attached list).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Terrell advised there will be York County Economic Development Forum held on 8/26/08 at the Paul Smith Library, elected officials are encouraged to attend.

DISBURSEMENTS:

General Fund - \$ 68,665.60. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Myers to approve. Motion carried.
Water Fund - \$ 25,918.36. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Paules to approve. Motion carried.
Sewer Fund - \$ 171,359.01. Motion by E. Myers, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.
Rec. Fund - \$ 486.92 Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by E. Myers to approve. Motion carried.
Com. Ctr. - \$ 1,133.38. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Molinsky to approve. Motion carried.
Liq. Fuels - \$ 931.75. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by E. Molinsky to approve. Motion carried, D. Sarpen abstained.

MINUTES:

Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Molinsky to approve the minutes of July 2008 with correction as noted. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Mayor – Mayor Joy read the emergency services report. He advised Council the SRPC budget meetings will be held the third Wednesday of each month. E. Molinsky noted the police had 86 hours of overtime in July for the Carnival & parade.

Police – Chief Childs provided an overview of items of concern for the Borough, and the dept. He elaborated on the thefts from vehicles that have occurred in NF and other municipalities. He noted several of the vehicles were not locked and valuables were in plain view. He reminded residents they need to secure their belongings and property, as well as call 911 when witnessing unusual behavior. He explained the results of the recent traffic study performed on Singer Road as a result of complaints for vehicles exceeding the speed limit. The study indicates speeding is not a problem on Singer Road, however will be monitored in the future. Chief Childs distributed a brochure on the Southern Regional Police Dept. and Crime In America that was produced by a company soliciting advertising from businesses in the area. They brochures will be available in the lobby. Chief Childs explained his request for an emergency phone outside the police facility, noting another dept. in York County has a similar unit that only dials 911. E. Molinsky advised the cost is approximately \$ 3500. and the SRPC has agreed to pay half, and requested NF pay the remaining half. Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve the request for the balance of the 911 only phone, in an amount NTE \$ 1800. Motion carried. President Terrell advised Council of the vandalism and theft of flags at Veterans Park, noting they climbed the pole over 7 feet to be able to get to the flags. Information will be put in the newsletter again reminding residents to report unusual behavior to 911.

Planning Commission – E. Myers inquired about the status of the pedestrian crossing on Main St. T.L. Crawford advised she will contact Penn Dot to schedule the necessary meeting outlined in the application, and advise him of the date.

Water – D. Sarpen advised he has been reading about the grants for renewable energy, and believes this concept should be investigated for Borough facilities. D. Sarpen and the office staff will continue to investigate any opportunities or programs that may assist the Borough in funding or addressing the energy needs. D. Sarpen has obtained another quote for an additional sample well to be drilled on the school property at a cost of \$ 3845., as opposed to the BH cost of \$ 6000.–

\$ 8000. He will forward the quote to Paul Gross for review and discussion. D. Sarpen also advised he spoke with P. Gross and DEP has not yet approved the drilling plan, which is required. When DEP has given the final approval and a schedule has been established the township will be notified as requested by the school board.

Roads _ E. Paules inquired into a start date for the work on Freedom Ave. D. Sarpen advised it should be within the next 2 weeks. T.L. Crawford noted she had requested a meeting with the contractor prior to the start of the work, and will notify E. Paules when the meeting is scheduled. E. Paules advised Council a meeting was held with Don Kress of Codorus Creek Railway, D. Sarpen and Codes Officer W. Portner. D. Kress requested the meeting to review his plans for a rail road company and address some concerns of Council members. E. Paules advised not all of the information provided by D. Kress adequately addressed the Borough Council concerns, and many questions remain unanswered. E. Paules requested a letter be sent to D. Kress outlining the concerns, and copies of all correspondence previously sent to the County.

Rec. – E. Molinsky reported the Rec. Council is meeting on a regular basis, and the volunteer intern has started. He also reported the minutes from their meetings are not yet available. D. Royer of the Rec. Council advised they will have a representative at each Council meeting to supply Council with updates on programs. D. Royer inquired if Council would authorize an "owl walk" in Ernst park at the end of August. The walk would be in conjunction with the Audubon Society. T.L. Crawford requested a liability waiver be utilized for the walk since the park is not regularly maintained by the public works dept. T.L. Crawford will contact the Solicitor for a waiver form to forward to D. Royer. D. Royer & M. Royer discussed the plans for the Rec. Council to become more active, and offer a variety of programs. They will also submit a 09 budget draft.

CITIZENS FORUM:

None

BUSINESS:

Cornerstone/Franklin Center Plan– J. Holley was present to request a 1 year extension for the land development plan. He provided a brief history noting the plan will be 5 years on 9/25/08, and lose the protection for zoning changes. Cornerstone has an interested buyer for the property. The perspective buyer is interested in another type of use for the property, but would like the assurance of an approved plan. He explained the buyer is aware the plan can not be recorded until the system development fees and rec. fees are paid, and he is willing to pay the fees upon purchase to allow the plan to be recorded. President Terrell briefly explained the meeting with the perspective buyer, noting the buyer had concerns on the original plan, as well as any possible upcoming zoning changes. Motion by E. Myers, seconded by E. Molinsky to grant a 1 year extension as requested. Motion carried, with D. Sarpen abstaining.

Comcast Lease – T.L. Crawford advised Council a meeting was held with a representative of Comcast and Solicitor Hovis concerning the lease of a portion of property at the wwtp. Comcast is considering expanding the building or relocating to another parcel of property owned by the Borough. They were inquiring if the Borough would be interested in amending the lease and increasing the payment. They will investigate the issue of expansion of the current location or relocation and contact the Borough with their intent. T.L. Crawford advised Council they are an ideal tenant, they pay according to the lease and do a good job of maintenance of the property. Solicitor Hovis also noted during the meeting with Comcast they have adhered to everything in the lease, and he believes the lease is a benefit to both parties.

Former Lauer/Mann Property – President Terrell advised Council the new air conditioners have been installed in the building, and keys have been provided to B. Kopp, President of NF Heritage.

ZO Amendments – P.C. Chairman T. Ruby addressed Council on the ZO amendments as requested. She reviewed the list submitted to the PC in June and provided Council a written copy of their recommendations. The majority of the recommended changes were acceptable, however some issues that need further research are as follows; Kitchen definition, in-law quarters, land development for commercial and Zoning Officer determination, parking calculations etc. T. Ruby noted a meeting with the Zoning Officer is necessary to adequately his concerns and problems. T.L. Crawford will have the Zoning Officer contact her about a meeting with her or his attendance at a PC meeting.

Community Center Memo – T. L. Crawford provided a memo noting the need for an increase in the rental fees for the community center facilities. The fees have been in place for 9 years, with no increase. Council reviewed the recommendations, and the ytd utility expenses for the center. Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by E. Myers to increase the fees as recommended, effective Sept. 1, 2008. Motion carried.

Office Carpet Memo – T.L. Crawford submitted a request and quote for replacing the carpet in the municipal offices. The quote from North Hills Improvement Center is \$ 2209.61, noting the contractor will work around the office schedule. The time frame for the installation is the end of Sept. or early Oct. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to accept the proposal at a cost NTE \$ 2225. Motion carried.

Freedom Green Park – E. Molinsky inquired on the governing entity of the park, NF Rec. Council or NF Heritage. President Terrell advised the governing entity is the Borough Council since it is Borough property. Rec. Council is concerned if the park is to be managed by them, since capital improvement funds were a portion of the payment for the

property. Council determined the two groups need to work together, and forward their ideas etc. to Council for approval. President Terrell noted the museum is to be managed by the NF Heritage as previously agreed prior to purchase.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by E. Myers, seconded by E. Paules to adjourn at 2118 hrs. Motion carried