

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
September 8, 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 of the upcoming educational opportunities; "Preserving Our Hometown" on Oct. 2 and Incident Commander being held at Rose Fire Co., anyone interested should enroll as soon possible. The Freedom Festival will be held on Sept. 20, at which time the museum will be dedicated at 1200 hrs.

DISBURSEMENTS:

General Fund - \$ 75,427.72. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.
Water Fund - \$ 25,598.31. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Molinsky to approve. Motion carried.
Sewer Fund - \$ 55,583.09. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Molinsky to approve. Motion carried.
Rec. Fund - \$ 1,662.96 Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by E. Paules to approve. Motion carried.
Com. Ctr. - \$ 1,302.74. Motion by E. Myers, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion by E. Paules, seconded by E. Molinsky to approve the minutes of Aug. 2008. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Mayor – Mayor Joy read the emergency services report. He advised Council a quote was received for the audible fire siren in the amount of \$ 2210. He explained the County will terminate the system 12/31/08, and the siren is the only backup means of alerting volunteers. Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by D. Sarpen to authorize the contract to be signed by the fire dept. in the amount NTE \$2250. Motion carried. Mayor Joy advised Council he has updated the EOC plan documents for the Borough, and will have a Resolution for adoption at the Oct. meeting. He also requested Council consider waiving the yard sale permit fee for the weekend of the Freedom Festival next year.

Police – Chief Childs provided an explanation of the traffic study performed in the area of 6 Main St. He explained the average speed was 23 mph, posted speed is 30 mph. He noted speeding does not appear to be regular problem, noting only 5% of vehicles were able to be given citations. The dept. will be conducting another speed study at other locations on Main St. in the near future. He also advised a recent speed detail on Second St. resulted in 14 citations in 2 hrs. Chief Childs also discussed "school bus laws", noting the dept. will become aggressive in enforcing these laws, as well as all traffic regulations in the areas of bus stops. He noted the 2009 budget is being worked on, and the dept. has decided not replace the dog that departed with Officer Staum. The dept. will have only 1 dog, which they feel is sufficient. President Terrell commended the Chief and the dept. on recognizing that 1 dog is adequate for the size of the dept., noting a dog also has an impact on the budget. President Terrell advised he would like to see another patrol officer in service, as has been noted in the past. Chief Childs reports he is still waiting for an update cost of the 911 phone outside the facility. He reported the price he had been given before was not accurate, and C. Herrmann is to be submitting an another quote

Planning Commission – E. Myers inquired about the status of the pedestrian crossing on Main St. T.L. Crawford advised she will contact Penn Dot. E. Myers advised PC will meet for a work session on 9/15/08 to review ZO amendments.

Web Page – E. Paules advised he has the draft of the web page complete, and can provide an address for any Council member to review prior to publishing. He also requested the office review and comment.

Sewer – G. Andrews reviewed the monthly report, noting the ongoing televising of lines. He also advised of the problem on Dickenson Court that will be investigated further, and a recommendation will follow for the 2009 budget.

Police - E. Molinsky provided a copy of the SRPC initial 2009 budget draft, noting the increase is 5%. The SRPC will continue to work on the budget and have a final draft to the members by Oct. He also provided a copy of the 2007 annual audit for the SRPC which will be on file in the Borough office.

Rec. – E. Paules reported the Rec. Council did meet at Veterans Park, and provided a brief summary of the meeting. He noted meeting at that location is a problem; the meeting room has become a storage area for SYC. He will put some recreation and contact information on the web page. J. Davis, D. Royer & C. Itzoe expressed their dissatisfaction with meeting at the facility, partially due the unsanitary conditions and broken furniture. Council will look into the problem at the facility and consider the relocation of the meetings and will advise the Rec. Board members. D. Royer advised the "owl prow" was a success, and they intend to have other Audubon related functions in the future. She noted they are considering a "bat walk" the end of Oct., and the board members will walk the trails prior to any event to remove any hazards. She also reported a draft of the meeting discussions has been provided, and she did receive a booklet the office sent concerning how minutes and meetings must be done. D. Royer questioned how to handle giving donations to speakers from the Audubon Society. Council advised they should encourage participants to donate directly, not through the Rec. Council and a method of solicitation.

CITIZENS FORUM:

Codorus Creek Railway- Don Kress and John Frantz were present and submitted copy of a letter outlining their plan, and addressing their dissatisfaction with the negative response from NF. D. Kress read the majority of the letter, and did answer of few questions form Council members. J. Frantz did state the trains will be stored in Shrewsbury Township in the area of the Glen Rock wwtp, which is in conflict to the information given to other municipalities. E. Paules questioned if the company will post a performance bond, as other developers do, and was told by D. Kress they will post no financial security and none can be required by the municipalities since they are dealing with the County only. President Terrell reviewed the past concerns with the proposed operation, and noted the Borough does not support the plan as it exists.

BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2008-2 (Adoption of Hunt Run & Glen Ray Ct.). President Terrell read the preamble of the Ordinance adopting the roads. Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by D. Sarpen to adopt Ordinance 2008-2 as presented. Motion carried.

Resolution 2008-1(Summers Glen Improvements) President Terrell read the preamble, noting this is in conjunction with the deed of dedication that will transfer the roads, lights and all infrastructures in the development to the Borough. Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by D. Sarpen to adopt resolution 2008-1 as presented. Motion carried.

Resolution 2008-2 (Met Ed/Summers Glen) President Terrell read the resolution and explained this authorizes met Ed to turn on the street lights and bill the Borough. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Paules to adopt resolution 2008-2 as presented. Motion carried.

2009 MMO – T. L. Crawford provided Council the criteria for the MMO, and explained the funding under the Commonwealths guidelines. The MMO for 2009 is \$ 67,348.59. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to adopt the MMO as prepared and presented. Motion carried.

Lennar LOC Request – T.L. Crawford advised Council all improvements have been finished and inspected. The 2 year maintenance bond has already been submitted. The request is to release the remaining portion of the LOC for the original development. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to release the LOC as requested. Motion carried.

Scout Request – President Terrell read the letter from Scout Leader Senft requesting a waiver of the burning Ordinance. The Scout troop is hosting an event at Goodfellow Park in the area of the "Scout house" and would like to toast marshmallows over a contained fire pit. T.L. Crawford explained it is the type of device sold at Wal Mart, a small self contained and screened fire vessel. They agree to have adult supervision and a fire extinguisher at the pit. Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by D. Sarpen to waive enforcement of the Ordinance for this event. Motion carried.

OTHER:

Hemler ACS – T.L. Crawford advised Council the contract for 2009 has an increase of \$ 2.50 per call. This is due to the increase in fuel for responding to animal issues. T.L. Crawford also advised the Borough receives excellent service, and the total annual cost is always below budget. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Molinsky to accept the 2009 contact with the increase. Motion carried.

Museum Alarm Quote – T.L. Crawford provided a copy of the quote for a basic fire and security alarm at the former Lauer/Mann building. The quote from Pro Tech is \$ 1480. which appears high based on the basic service and size of the facility. Council requested the office to obtain 2 other quotes, such as Choice or ADT.

Kearney Plan – T.L. Crawford advised Council of a possible change to the recorded LDP for the business. J. Holley requested Council consider a minor change to address ADA parking. Council noted the plan must follow the procedures set forth in the MPC and Borough Ordinances.

Freedom Fest 08 – B. Kopp provided Council with an artist rendering of the sign for the museum. The sign is being donated by Crescent Industries; the labor to design of the sign is being donated by Sal of Sal's Sign Shop. The museum

will be called the Heritage Museum of New Freedom. The dedication will be at noon on Sept. 20 at Freedom Fest. B. Kopp also noted the need for cones etc. to temporarily close roads for the festival. He will submit a map to the office tomorrow. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Paules to authorize the following roads to be closed for the festival; Railroad Ave. from Franklin to Main, N. Front from Paesano's to W. Penn, Franklin St. from Second to Railroad Ave. Alley from Front to Second. Motion carried. B. Kopp requested permission to do some minor repairs/improvements at the museum. He would like to caulk the windows, and have an electrical box replaced. T. L. Crawford requested he contact the office and the public works and code dept. will meet at the facility and review the requests.

Rec. Memo – President Terrell reviewed the memo from Doris & Mike Royer concerning recreation responsibilities. Council advised policies and procedures for the Rec. Council may come from within the organization as long as they are in accordance with the Borough Code. The authority to disburse funds is limited to the Borough Council, which takes recommendations from the Rec. Council. President Terrell advised the members upon reorganization, they should address policies dealing with the facilities and programs. D. Royer noted they have addressed the number of participants in the tennis programs, which was a problem in the past. D. Royer advised they will have a rep. from the Rec. Council at each Borough Council meeting in the future.

2009 Budget – President Terrell reminded members of the budget work session on Oct. 20, 2008 at 6:00 pm. He expressed concern over the upcoming 2009 budget, particularly the SRPC budget. President Terrell requested Council consider a "Peer to Peer" study be preformed by DCED. He noted the dept. has been in service for years, and this type study can be used as an evaluation tool. He explained the study is basically the same type of study that was used as a basis to create the dept., and it seems now would be the time to evaluate the dept. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Paules to have the NF members advise the SRPC that NF requests a "Peer to Peer" study be requested from DCED. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by E. Myers, seconded by E. Paules to adjourn at 2140 hrs. Motion carried