

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
January 12, 2009

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

D. Sarpen – Councilman
E. Paules – Councilman
G. Andrews - Councilman
J. Joy – Mayor
S. Hovis - Solicitor
T.L. Crawford -Borough Administrator

Also Present: (see attached list).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Joy noted the Rose Fire Company banquet will be held Feb. 7, 2009, and all Council members are invited.

MINUTES:

Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve the budget and regular meeting minutes of 12/8/08. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Mayor – Mayor Joy read the Rose Fire Co. emergency services reports for Dec. and the annual 2008 report. He also introduced Kurt Holloway as the new Fire Chief, and John Wood as the new Deputy Chief. He advised Carol Childs resigned as the Asst. EMA for the Borough. He advised the NF Lions Club donated \$ 500. to the Community Center to be utilized towards the upkeep of the facility. Mayor Joy noted the request from QRT for \$ 500. was received too late for this year's budget process, and requested it be sent earlier next year. Mayor Joy also displayed the 911 phone the police are going to have installed outside their back door. President Terrell noted the electrical work will have to be done by Brockmyer.

Rec. – E. Paules noted SYC has changed officers. Tracey Kerr is the new president, and Andy Bobby is the liaison to the NF Rec. Council.

Police – Officer Miller present. President Terrell questioned the "other time" on the monthly report. He questioned what is charged to that category, such as fingerprinting, accident report retrieval, etc. President Terrell noted the "other time" hours are as high as the municipal times. Mayor Joy will request closer tracking be done.

NF Heritage – B. Kopp advised the group has adopted their 2009 budget, with \$ 4000. allocated for Freedom Green and special events.

President Terrell noted the one newspaper had the wrong real estate tax rate, the 2009 milage is .81.

Solicitor – S. Hovis advised Council the Court has rendered a decision on the Andrews land use case. The decision upheld the lower Court, the variance is denied, and the structure is in violation. G. Andrews noted he found the timing of the decision odd, since they have now filed with the PHR an ADA compliant. S. Hovis explained they are vastly different judicial systems, having no bearing or influence on each other. S. Hovis will discuss the issue in executive session.

BUSINESS:

President Terrell advised the Borough Administrator has prepared a grant application for improvements to the Community Center, and needs authorization for submittal. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Paules to submit the application. Motion carried.

Water Tank – D. Sarpen explained the H2O grant program, which could assist in funding the new tank. President Terrell noted the cost of the tank approximately 1.6 million, and any funding assistance is welcomed. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Paules to authorize submittal of a grant application for the project. Motion carried.

Water – D. Sarpen explained the test well procedures, and a new method named Enviroscan. The new method helps locate ground water, so the actual drilling can be based on technology. The bids received were; Echilberger \$ 5,108.48 and Reichart Brothers \$ 6,160. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by G. Andrews to award the bid to Echilberger in the amount of \$ 5,108.48. Motion carried. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to accept the quote from Enviroscan in the amount of \$ 5,050. Motion carried.

President Terrell advised Council an invitation is in their packet for a meeting at the Shrewsbury Borough building to discuss sewer capacity. The meeting has been requested by Shrewsbury Twp. President Terrell gave a brief history of the EDU's and municipalities involved.

Atkinson Appeal – S. Hovis advised Council Judge Reamer ruled against the Borough in the zoning case. He noted the defendant did admit the fence is on the neighbor's property; however they refuse to abide by the Ordinance. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Paules to appeal the case to Common Please Court. Motion carried.

OTHER:

SYC Lease – A. Bobby questioned the proposed lease for the facility at Veterans Park. He noted the organization can not afford to pay rent. President Terrell explained the costs in excess of \$ 65,000. to construct and equip the facility, and SYC is the only user of the facility, and still has problems taking care of it. He went on to explain no other group has been able to even rent the facility due to SYC use and utilization for storage. Council will review the terms for a lease, and a draft will be presented to the organization with a reasonable cost.

Rec – Motion by E. Paules, seconded by G. Andrews to appoint Maria Halopin to the Rec Council. Motion carried. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to accept the resignation of Kathi Itzoe from the Rec Council. Motion carried. D. Royer questioned a waiver form for the Board to utilize. S. Hovis will forward a waiver to be used for their programs. D. Royer requested to place tennis flyers in the municipal building lobby. D. Royer inquired into the placement of an advertising sign for special events. T.L. Crawford advised her to complete a permit application, but the fee can be waived. D. Royer will complete an application for review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council convened to executive session at 2010 hrs. for litigation discussion. Council reconvened to the regular meeting at 2030 hrs.

REGULAR MEETING:

Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Paules to authorize Stock & Leader to respond to the PHR complaint. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Paules to adjourn at 2038 hrs. Motion carried