

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
March 2, 2009

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

D. Sarpen – Councilman
E. Paules – Councilman
G. Andrews – Councilman
E. Molinsky – Councilman
E. Myers - Councilman
J. Joy – Mayor
T.L. Crawford -Borough Administrator

Also Present: (see attached list).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Terrell reminded Council the SRPC awards presentation is Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

DISBURSEMENTS:

General \$ 76,500.35 – Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Molinsky to approve. Motion carried.

Water \$ 24,652.23 – Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.

Sewer \$ 65,248.67 – Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Molinsky to approve. Motion carried.

Rec. \$ 556.77 – Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by E. Paules to approve. Motion carried.

Comm. Ctr. \$ 6,504.71 – Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by G. Andrews to approve. Motion carried.

E. Myers requested copies of professional invoices, such as Buchart Horn, James Holley & Assoc. & Stock & Leader. He noted he would prefer to read the invoice as opposed to the disbursement code or description.

MINUTES:

Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve the meeting minutes of 2/9/08, with one correction for spelling. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Mayor – Mayor Joy read the fire report for Feb. He also noted the regular SRPC meeting will be 3/18/09.

Planning Commission – E. Myers noted land development plan was reviewed for Crescent Industries, and approval was recommended. A variance request was also reviewed, and the recommendation was for the variance to be denied. He advised Council they are continuing to make progress on the Comprehensive Plan review and upon completion will forward to Council. E. Paules inquired into the status of the Z.O. amendments. T.L. Crawford advised T. Ruby has forwarded this past week the updated list, with the PC recommendations. There are 1 or 2 issues outstanding such as windmills, outdoor furnaces, geo-thermal wells etc. T.L. Crawford the list of recommendations can be forwarded to Council and YCP for review, as Council waits for further amendments.

Water – D. Sarpen advised there will be new notifications procedures for serious incidents for public water systems. The procedures are not yet defined, nor in effect but will be forthcoming. Council discussed different methods of notification, and the possibility of utilizing the County's system. Council will wait until the procedures become effective, to determine what methods are required and what is feasible for the Borough.

Web Page- E. Paules noted he will provide a link on the web site to allow users to connect to the County Assessment web site. This will permit residents to compare tax rates within York County.

Rec. – E. Molinsky advised the Rec. Council meets on 3/5/09, so no report is available. He also advised the same as Mayor Joy did last month, that SRPC may suspend the DARE program for lack of funding unless the school takes over the costs for the program.

Sewer – G. Andrews reported that the wwtp has been in compliance, and more televising lines has been accomplished. He commended John Smith and the staff at the plant.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Terrell noted at last months meeting, some Council members explained they were unfamiliar with the Borough employees, policies, job descriptions etc. The majority of the Borough employees attended the meeting and was introduced by President Terrell. Each employee gave a brief explanation of their job title and duties.

BUSINESS:

Crescent Industries LDP – E. Paules presented his plan and explained the building is being leased; however it needed to meet the UCC. The building is located at the industrial Park on High St. The following waivers were requested: Section 422.5 Natural features, Section 424 Soil Erosion, and Section 4.24.6 Environmental Impact. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Myers to grant the waivers as requested. Motion carried, with Paules abstaining. Motion by E. Myers, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve the plan as presented. Motion carried, with Paules abstaining.

OTHER:

D. Sarpen requested the SRPC representatives provide a copy of the SRPC actual vs. budget, disbursements and minutes each month. He noted the Borough needs to be cognizant of all expenses, since this service is the largest expenditure in the general fund budget.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by G. Andrews to adjourn at 2228 hrs. Motion carried