

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
May 11, 2009

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

D. Sarpen – Councilman
E. Paules – Councilman
W. Cerkan - Councilman
E. Myers - Councilman
J. Joy – Mayor
T.L. Crawford -Borough Administrator
D. Jones - Solicitor

Also Present: (see attached list).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Terrell reminded the public Election Day is May 19, voting is at the Community Center. President Terrell also reminded the public of the Lions Club Yard Sale on May 16, 0800 hrs – 1400 hrs. at the Goodfellow Playground.

2009 Road Bids – President Terrell read the bids that were opened at James Holley's office on May 8, 2009.

The bids were as follows:

<i>Womex, Inc.</i>	<i>Fitz & Smith, Inc.</i>	<i>Emory Peters Excavating & Paving</i>	<i>Stewart & Tate, Inc.</i>
\$ 103,220.00	\$ 126,027.80	\$ 129,120.00	\$ 143,334.40

Motion by E. Myers, seconded by W. Cerkan to award the bid to Womex, Inc. at a cost of \$ 103,220.00., contingent upon solicitor approval. Motion carried.

DISBURSEMENTS:

General \$ 171,434.45 – Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.

Water \$ 21,493.72 – Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Myers to approve. Motion carried.

Sewer \$ 62,864.72 – Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Myers to approve. Motion carried

Rec. \$ 599.46 – Motion by E. Paules, seconded by E. Myers to approve. Motion carried.

Comm. Ctr. \$ 2,238.13 – Motion by E. Myers, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion by W. Cerkan, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve the meeting minutes of April 2009. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Police – Chief Childs reminded residents to be cautious when approached by individuals for driveway repair, roof repair etc. Contractor scams increase this time of year. He also explained safeguards when dealing with door-to-door sales. He noted burglaries have increased in the Borough, and residents need to secure their buildings and vehicles, and contact 911 when witnessing unusual activity. Chief Childs also advised Council he will be the new President of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Assoc.

Mayor – Mayor Joy read the emergency services report for April. He also noted the contact negotiations with the police officers have begun. He advised the 911 call box has been installed outside the police department's side entrance, and a sign will be placed at the front indicating the location of the call box. He also reported one officer is working with the York County Drug Task force. They were successful in breaking a larger ring in southern York County, and made 5 arrests.

Planning Commission – E. Myers noted the group has 2 chapters to review in comprehensive plan prior to giving a recommendation to Council.

Water – D. Sarpen advised the well driller attempted to dig at the location on Bowser School Road, but could not due to the truck sinking into the ground. They also failed to provide sufficient notice to the Borough to allow Shrewsbury Township to be notified in writing, which is what the school requested be done when drilling. He has since contacted the school and requested the Board permit a stone driveway to be constructed to allow easier access for the truck. They will respond after their upcoming meeting. He also reported the state is delaying the award of the H2O grants until July, if not longer. It has been reported the state does not have their portion of the funding in place for the program. Council discussed the various options of securing a loan or requesting the contractor extends the bid for several months. T.L. Crawford will contact Buchart Horn in reference to a bid extension. D. Sarpen will contact our agent at the state to inquire about award of the prior to the determination of the grant status.

Parade – W. Cerkan advised the parade is July 4. Volunteers are needed to assist with the flag placement.

Solicitor – D. Jones advised he is working on the Flood Plain Ordinance to meet the new criteria established by FEMA.

D. Jones explained Act 32 and the need for a Resolution to appoint an individual to the tax collection committee. He elaborated on the new state requirements, noting it has little impact in York County since there was already a central collection point established for earned income tax. He stated most municipalities appoint the same persons that were the representatives to the YAEIT Bureau, since the group and their function is the same. He pointed out the cash flow will be monthly, not quarterly. He will have the Resolution for the June meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

St. Johns Catholic Church - James Holley present to discuss the expansion of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church cemetery. He explained the construction of 1 road to allow access to the grave sites. The church recognizes the need to address storm water, and is willing to provide storm water plan. J. Holley requests Council permit a waiver of the requirement for a full scale land development plan, and permit a storm water plan be submitted. Motion by W. Cerkan, seconded by E. Myers to waive the requirement for a full scale land development plan, and permit a modified plan addressing storm water to be submitted. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

Glen Rock Correspondence- President Terrell read the letter received from Glen Rock Borough providing the required notice of withdrawing from the SRPC in 2011. President Terrell expressed concerns over their intent to purchase services. This can have a major impact on staffing, contract negotiations, budgets etc. President Terrell provided a brief history of the financial assistance NF and Shrewsbury provided GR over the past years, noting this should not be an option for NF again.

Council discussed the different types of agreements, such as man-hours, ppu's, patrol versus calls etc. Council also noted any special arrangements for services must be approved by both municipalities, as well as the SRPC. D. Jones advised Council they should be very specific in any type of agreement due to the financial impact. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to have the Administrator send a letter to the SRPC, and copy NF representatives requesting they provide GR written notice that any purchase of police services in any method different than a full member must be submitted and approved by Oct. 1, 2009, to allow NF and Shrewsbury to prepare their 2010 budgets. Motion carried.

Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement – Solicitor Jones reviewed the agreement, noting the term is 10 years but does not include internet service connections. He explained the federal government does not classify internet as a cable connection, subsequently a fee is not paid on these connections. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by E. Myers to sign the agreement as presented. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by E. Myers, seconded by E. Paules to adjourn at 2239 hrs. Motion carried