

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
June 8, 2009

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

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

Also Present: (see attached list).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Terrell reminded the public of the parade on 7/4/09 at 1630 hours and the Lions Club Carnival, 6/29-7/4/09. President Terrell advised the budget status report has been distributed for the first 5 months of 2009. He also congratulated the individuals that ran for the Borough Council seat in the recent election.

DISBURSEMENTS:

General \$ 72,554.07 – Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.
Water \$ 22,090.52 – Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Molinsky to approve. Motion carried.
Sewer \$ 75,438.66 – Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Myers to approve. Motion carried.
Rec. \$ 751.19 – Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by E. Myers to approve. Motion carried.
Comm. Ctr. \$ 2,393.03 – Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by E. Myers to approve. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion by E. Paules, seconded by E. Molinsky to approve the meeting minutes of May 2009. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Police – No one present.

Mayor – Mayor Joy read the police report for April, fire and ambulance were not available. He also noted the dedication of Wilbur Fry Ave. will be July 4, 2009 at 1100 hours, in front of Mr. Fry's resident. The signs will be placed on 7/3/09.

Planning Commission – E. Myers reported 1 chapter remains to be reviewed in the comprehensive plan.

Water – D. Sarpen advised the H2O grant program is at a standstill until the state actually gets the funding for the program. The tank manufacturer has granted another extension on the contract. He explained the proposed well location on Bowser School Rd. will be getting a stone driveway, which is necessary for equipment access. Buchart Horn will notify Shrewsbury twp. when the well drilling will be done. D. Sarpen also advised on 6/16 he will attend a Railroad Borough meeting concerning the HOP for the wwtp driveway widening. He reported the Drought Advisory Group has noted that the small streams in southern York County have returned to normal.

Web Site – E. Paules explained there have been some problems with the event calendar. He has established some rules and policies that help manage the site better. He spoke with PLCM concerning electric cost containment programs. They advised the only area they are currently working with is the PP&L area, and will contact him when the Met Ed is addressed.

Roads – E. Paules advised the low bid submitted by Womex last month had to be disregarded, the bid was not signed. The next lowest bid was Fitz & Smith in the amount of \$ 126,027.80. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by E. Myers to award to Fitz & Smith in the amount of \$ 126,027.80. Motion carried.

Rec. – E. Molinsky noted the meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum, and will be rescheduled.

SRPC – E. Molinsky explained the letter of withdraw notification received from Glen Rock, and the response and time frame established by the SRPC. The time frame established is intent by 7/2010 and amount by 10/2010. President Terrell expressed his concerns over the time frame, noting the entire intergovernmental agreement will need to be redone. He also noted the SRPC will most likely not meet the budget deadline for the Boroughs, and that is a problem. E. Myers questioned the cost of a new agreement and other costs that will be the responsibility of the remaining members. E. Molinsky noted he does not want to see NF Council attempt to micro manage the SRPC. President Terrell advised this is not micro managing, this is following the agreements and the Boroughs budget guidelines. E. Molinsky stated he is unfamiliar with the agreement in question and requested a copy be provided to him.

Solicitor – S. Hovis advised Council the open records request submitted to Railroad Borough has not been responded to appropriately. S. Hovis will make a contact with Railroad's Solicitor and advise the office of the outcome.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Summit Grove Campground – Richard Schmidter introduced himself as the new facility director. He advised Council he understands there have been prior noncompliance issues at the campground, and he wishes to change that and work with the Borough. He explained he will work to bring all of the facility into compliance for zoning and building code. He briefly noted the future plans for a recreation center and basketball facility. He advised residents are welcome at the facility, but need to call to inquire about the policies and availability. He also advised they will try to have the facility open year round.

House of Hope – Lori Zeigler introduced the program she is intending to implement at the Summit Grove Campground. The program is for a home (half-way house) 12-18 year old troubled females. She explained the program is a living facility that will provide a home for the girls for 8-18 months, including schooling, counseling etc. They will also offer parenting classes and counselors specializing in at-risk youth. Council directed L. Zeigler to meet with the staff to review the zoning and Ordinances for this type of facility.

BUSINESS:

Resolution 2009-3 Tax Committee – S. Hovis explained the need for the Resolution, which is in place of the YAEIT delegate. Motion by E. Paules, second by E. Myers to appoint E. Molinsky as delegate, and T.L. Crawford as alternate and adopt Resolution 2009-3. Motion carried.

Police Peer to Peer Study- President Terrell questioned the status of the requested study, noting this would help with the Glen Rock situation, they would see the value of the service they receive. E. Molinsky advised when Chief Childs requested they study he was told 6-9 months, and since this department is used as a model and Chief Childs evaluates other depts.. he was sure they will not rush to get it done. President Terrell noted this was requested in 2008 and he will contact Representative Miller and Senator Waugh about the delay which he believes is unacceptable. President Terrell also noted he still has concerns about the trailer that has been in the parking lot for the last year and the cost of a new truck to pull the trailer. President Terrell noted without Glen Rock there may need to be some changes in equipment or manpower, this is why the peer to peer study is so important. Council also expressed concerns that the 2010 SRPC budget will need to be reviewed closely to insure there will not be additional equipment or personnel in the budget, since 2011 will consist of only 2 members.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by E. Myers, seconded by D. Sarpen to adjourn at 2128 hrs. Motion carried