

**NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 13, 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  
S. Hovis- Solicitor

Also Present: (see attached list).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

General \$ 240,764.39 – Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.  
Water \$ 41,512.01 – Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Molinsky to approve. Motion carried.  
Sewer \$ 99,506.70 – Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Paules to approve. Motion carried  
Rec. \$ 983.00 – Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.  
Comm. Ctr. \$ 1,774.33 – Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by E. Paules to approve. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:**

Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve the meeting minutes of 6/8/09 with a correction. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

WWTP Director John Smith expressed his gratitude to Council for providing the support and necessary tools for the efficient operation of the plant. He explained expenses in 2008 were over budget, but it was necessary to upgrade and repair equipment to ensure continued permit compliance. He also noted 2009 expenses will not exceed the budget, and 2009 will be a year of maintenance and televising. He advised next month Council will award the line replacement project for Dickenson Court. J. Smith invited Council to contact him if they would like a tour of the plant. D. Sarpen explained his attendance at a Railroad Borough meeting to obtain a letter of acknowledgement for the widening of the driveway at the wwtp. Penn Dot requires a letter from the municipality where the HOP will be issued. He explained the letter has not yet been received and there are concerns about the lack of an Ordinance, permit requirements etc., but noting the need for the letter the Borough will comply with what is requested.

Mayor – Mayor Joy read the emergency services report for June. He also noted the dedication of Wilbur Fry Ave. went well, and extended his gratitude for all that attended. President Terrell also thanked Mayor Joy and the Rose Fire Dept. for the well organized ceremony at the dedication. Mayor Joy presented Erin Holloway with another EMA certification, noting of seven certified individuals in the county, two are in NF. He also advised Sgt. Geary will be retiring Aug. 9, 2009, after 32 years as a police officer.

Police - Chief Childs reported on the NF and Shrewsbury carnivals, noting 6 incidents in Shrewsbury and 12 in NF. The most serious incidents at the carnivals were a strong arm robbery in NF. Chief Childs advised the volunteers for both events did an excellent job. He noted the Pa Task Force trailer was utilized for the police stand at NF and it worked well as a mini sub station. Chief Childs advised the peer-to-peer study requested will be discussed with Mr. Ron Stern of DCED at the Pa Chiefs Conference next week. Mr. Stern advised budget cuts have resulted in less funds being available for the studies, and he may do the study himself, and have it complete within 6 months. Chief Childs will have more information available after the conference. Chief Childs advised he will become the next President of the Pa. Chiefs of Police Assoc. He explained his travel and expenses associated with the position will be paid for by the Pa. Chiefs Assoc., not the SRPC. Council congratulated him on the position.

Water – D. Sarpen advised the report on the H2O grant applications should be forthcoming. He noted our contractor has agreed to hold his price, but unknown for how long. D. Sarpen also explained the test well exploration on Bowser School Road does not look promising. The first dig was 400 feet with no results; the other authorized dig will be next week. D. Sarpen noted another location could possibly be found in the Borough, but will wait to see the second digs results.

Web Site – E. Paules noted the Consumer Confidence Report for the water has posted on the web site.

Sewer – G. Andrews commended John Smith and the staff for the wwtp's excellent compliance status.

Rec. – A. Bobby, representing the Rec. Council inquired on budget policies concerning park/equipment maintenance. He stated they do not believe payment for any maintenance/repairs or replacement parts should come from the recreation budget, but from the general fund. E. Molinsky advised the members of the Rec. Council are upset that the recreation fund is used to pay for repairs to the park properties. T.L. Crawford explained the \$ 2000. donation to the recreation fund is intended to pay for any repairs or replacement items they can not pay. T.L. Crawford advised since Rec. Council has not been able to raise enough revenue to their bills, and this annual donation pays for the security system, insurance etc. E. Paules noted another option is a Recreation tax, even though residents will not be happy with an additional tax. President Terrell agreed to have a meeting with A. Bobby and T.L. Crawford to review the budget and the Borough Code on recreation and finances. M. Halpin of the Rec. Council noted tennis is continuing, and a several seminars will be held in the next 2 months concerning gun laws. President Terrell referenced the flyer for the Phillip G. Kline seminar and questioned the amount that the group hopes to make on the classes and how a contact was made for this type of venue. No one from the Rec. Council was able to answer what the budget for the program is, or how a contact was made.

Parade – P. Herrmann submitted a written report on the 2009 parade. She noted the parade was a success even though the entries were down from 2008. P Herrmann noted the date of July 4 could have been a problem or conflict for some groups. Council extended their gratitude for work and time she spent organizing the event. P. Herrmann agreed to chair the parade committee for 2010.

Solicitor – S. Hovis advised Council the Flood Plain Ordinance draft has been sent to YCP for review, and should be ready for adoption in August or Sept.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dave Adler – 2192 Bailey Ave. was present to request a conditional approval for an in home business, art lessons. D. Adler explained his intent for lessons to children on an appointment basis. Solicitor Hovis reviewed Section 421, Subsection A –F of the ZO for compliance. D. Adler is able to meet all requirements as sent for in the ZO. Council advised D. Adler he will be required to complete a Zoning and Driveway application/permit. Motion by E. Myers, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve the conditional use for 2192 Bailey Ave. as requested. Motion carried.

#### **BUSINESS:**

Lennar Maintenance Bond Request – Council reviewed the written request to release the maintenance security for Trailview Townhouse Development. T.L. Crawford advised inspections have been completed on all public improvements, and are completed as per plan. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to release the bond as requested. Motion carried.

Boy Scout Project – President Terrell explained the scouts have expressed an interest in doing a community type project until Sept. They would be willing to pick up trash in Veterans Park & Goodfellow Park twice a week. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Paules to donate \$ 50. for trash bags to the group. Motion carried.

ZO Amendments – T. Ruby discussed the proposed ZO amendments, and the comments from YCP and the issues they have disagreed with. T. Ruby reviewed some of the minor changes in the amendments based on YCP's review, and the need for YCP to do a second review of the amendments since the change. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to forward the amendments to YCP for another review. Motion carried.

#### **OTHER:**

President Terrell advised Council LaMotte's Tavern/Restaurant is closed due to Pa. Dept. of Ag. and PA UCC non-compliance. E. Molinsky inquired if the Borough had a copy of the Pa. Dept. of Ag. report? T.L. Crawford advised the report is on-line as all restaurant inspection reports in Pa.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by E. Paules, seconded by E. Molinsky to adjourn at 2118 hrs. Motion carried