

**NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 10, 2009**

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

W. Cerkan – Councilman  
E. Paules – Councilman  
G. Andrews – Councilman  
E. Molinsky – Councilman  
J. Joy – Mayor  
T.L. Crawford -Borough Administrator

Also Present: (see attached list).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Sewer Line Replacement Bids – President reviewed the bids opened by Buchart Horn on 7/23/09 at 1100 hrs. The bids were opened and read as follows:

	<u>Dickinson Court</u>	<u>West High Street</u>
B & R Construction Services	\$ 38,484.25	\$ 30,623.05
Jerry Justice Excavating Inc.	51,357.00	49,658.70
Conewago Enterprises, Inc.	61,837.00	69,063.00
Gregory Contractors, Inc.	49,837.00	37,977.00

Bids have been reviewed by Paul Gross, of Buchart Horn, Inc. and Steve Hovis of Stock & Leader and met all established criteria, with all sureties in place. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by W. Cerkan to award to the lowest bidder, B & R Construction Services of Harrisburg, in the amounts of \$ 38,484.25 and \$ 30,623.05. Motion carried.

President Terrell advised Council of the passing of Wilbur Fry on 8/9/09, noting it was gratifying that Mr. Fry was present for the street dedication in July. President Terrell requested a moment of silence for the passing of Mr. Fry. President Terrell reminded Council of the fire fighter safety course on 8/12/09 at the York County Fire School. He also congratulated Chief Childs on his position of President of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Assoc.

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

General \$ 75,769.70 – Motion by E. Paules, seconded by G. Andrews to approve. Motion carried.

Water \$ 48,450.23 – Motion by G. Andrews, seconded by W. Cerkan to approve. Motion carried.

Sewer \$ 51,575.22 – Motion by W. Cerkan, seconded by E. Paules to approve. Motion carried.

Rec. \$ 485.23 – Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by E. Paules to approve. Motion carried.

Comm. Ctr. \$ 4,041.09 – Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by W. Cerkan to approve. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:**

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

**REPORTS:**

Police - Chief Childs reported on the recent theft from vehicle incidents in the Borough, noting over 20 cars were entered into, none were locked. He advised the juvenile crime problem is increasing in the Borough. This past weekend there were several incidents of underage drinking, disorderly conduct, fights etc. He reminded residents call 911 when you see something unusual or suspicious, not afterward. Chief Childs he will be having minor surgery on his hand, and will remain administrative only, and not on the street. He advised Council Sergeant Christopher Geary's last working day was 8//8/09; and will remain on payroll utilizing his accrued days until his retirement on 12/31/09. He noted it is an honor to represent the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police as the President of the Association. He explained to Council the Ford Expedition is being donated to a northern York County Fire Dept. to utilize as a search and rescue vehicle, he also noted the vehicle's worth is estimated to be around \$1000.

Mayor – Mayor Joy read the emergency services report for July. He also noted the new radio system is operating in the fire and ambulance equipment, with few problems. He advised the fire dept. will be assisting in the services for Mr. Wilbur Fry, and the reception after the services will be at the NF Community Center. The fire dept. request a reduction in the rental fee for the auditorium for the reception. T.L. Crawford reviewed the policy established by Council several years ago; noting non-profits organizations are permitted one (1) half price rental per year. She also explained the fire company does pay full price for their bull roast, fish fry etc., and reduced rates for bingo since they open/close the building for all rentals. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by E. Molinsky to authorize the annual 1/2 rate for the Rose Fire Co. for this event. Motion carried.

Rec. – M. Royer, representing the Rec. Council inquired about doing modifications to the flower garden in front of the Community Center, AKA as Marge's garden. They would like to work with the NF Gardeners, and the support of Marge to redo the gardens. Council supported this project. M. Royer requested the chains on the gates at the courts be removed by

public works. T.L. Crawford will notify the public works dept. He advised Council during the groups last meeting, it was determined the only way to have a successful, professional recreation program is with a paid Director. He explained the time involved and the skills necessary to have numerous programs flourish is with a paid position. The Rec. Council requests Council consider this during the 2010 budget process. President Terrell advised this will take some research, particularly for funding this position, possibility of working with college interns or the implementation of a recreation tax. M. Royer also advised they are considering a Public Safety Fair in Oct. and a Veterans Picnic in Nov. He advised Council he was approached by an employee of Home Depot familiar with the Veterans Park facility, and they may be able to lend some support for minor repairs at the park. He will advise Council if they respond to his letter.

YAEIT – E. Molinsky advised he attended the last meeting of the agency, and discussion centered on the possibility of the Harley plant leaving York County. He reported the impact on each municipality was noted and NF is approximately \$ 3000. that is generated from Harley employees. T.L. Crawford advised she has the spread sheet and NF's portion is \$ 1466., of the amount deducted from an individuals check, 50% goes to York County and the remaining 50% to the home municipality.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

A resident (did not identify herself) of High St. inquired about the handling of stray cats. T.L. Crawford advised the difference between a feral cat and a cat owned by an irresponsible pet owner, which is often the case. T.L. Crawford will provide a contact for the Animal Control Officer, noting since they are not feral the homeowner will be responsible for the fees of the Officer and the SPCA.

**OTHER:**

Bob Werner Request- T.L. Crawford advised Council of the request submitted by Mr. Werner concerning reimbursement for a plumbing invoice, which may have been a result of the flushing of the Main on Constitution Ave. She explained since the property is at the end of the line air built up in the line, and D. Bortner did respond to investigate. D. Bortner noted debris had accumulated in some of the faucets, and he advised the homeowner to contact a plumber to look at the kitchen faucet. B. Werner contacted Horizon Plumbing of York, and they responded and repaired the faucet in the kitchen. The total invoice was \$ 178.00, and included a \$ 20. travel fee from York to NF. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by G. Andrews to authorize reimbursement of \$ 90. towards the invoice which would cover the cost of parts. Motion carried.

Security Fence Quote –T.L. Crawford reviewed the quote of \$ 2250. to repair the fence vandalized at the basketball court. Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by E. Paules to accept the quote and repair the fence at a cost NTE \$ 2250. from the general fund. Motion carried.

Sergeant Geary – E. Molinsky requested the office send a letter commending Sgt. Geary for his years of police service. T.L. Crawford will send a letter from Council, noting the office staff had already sent a letter from the Borough staff.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by G. Andrews, seconded by E. Molinsky to adjourn at 2134 hrs. Motion carried