

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
February 8, 2010

Meeting called to order by President Terrell at 1902 hrs. Present were:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council commended the public works department on the excellent snow removal this past storm. E. Molinsky noted it would be beneficial to prohibit parking on all streets during snow emergencies, not just snow routes. He advised it is very difficult to maneuver around so many vehicles, as well as mailboxes and other obstacles. T.L. Crawford advised the next snow emergency she will note parking is prohibited on all streets.

DISBURSEMENTS:

General \$ 214,253.57. – Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by J. Halapin to approve. Motion carried.
Water \$ 50,311.79 – Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Paules to approve. Motion carried.
Sewer \$ 52,320.69 – Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried
Rec. \$ 112.33 – Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by J. Halapin to approve. Motion carried.
Comm. Ctr. \$ 1,370.06 – Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion by E. Paules, seconded by E. Molinsky to approve the meeting minutes of Jan. 11, 2010. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Mayor – Mayor Joy read the emergency services report for Jan. He also noted that the recent vehicle fires in the area, and threats at Susquehanna High School. He reminded everyone to call 911 if anything seems unusual. He also noted there is a possibility of FEMA reimbursement for the snow event.

Planning Commission – E. Myers advised Council the variances they recommended be denied, were granted by the ZHB. He is not sure the ZHB is looking at the integrity of the Zoning Ordinances, or comprehending the meaning and validity of hardships. Council noted the members will be encouraged to attend classes as they become available.

Water – D. Sarpen noted the new tank requires pressure reducing valves in approximately 500 homes in the Borough. The water department and the codes have developed a policy and tracking method for the valves. The valves will be given with a permit at no charge and one inspection will be required. D. Sarpen requested the office begin drafting a letter to explain the program to the residents and provide a list of Borough certified plumbers. The office will begin the process. D. Sarpen also noted the water dept. will need to stock clamps, valves, pipe etc. for repairs, breaks etc.

Rec. – No meeting was held. M. Halapin reported the movie night was a success, and tennis had 35 participants at Sunday's class. M. Halapin extended her gratitude for Don Bortner fixing the heat at the center the night of the movie.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

BUSINESS:

Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Council discussed the proposed amendments, noting some issues that still need resolved such as livestock definitions, energy generating equipment, and nits. etc. The office will forward the areas of concern to the PC Chairman for the Commission to discuss, and make recommendation.

ZHB Selection Committee – E. Paules advised interviews were held and the committee has a recommendation. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by E. Molinsky to appoint Michael Jackson to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carried. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by E. Molinsky to appoint Walter Cerkan as the second alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carried.

SRPC Selection Committee – President Terrell advised E. Tinder's recuperation is going well, however an alternate is still recommended for any member that is unavailable for a meeting. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by J. Halapin to appoint Kendall Connelly as alternate to the SRPC. Motion carried. E. Paules advised he will post the vacancy for the Rec. Council and the Planning Commission on the web page.

Elected Tax Collector – President Terrell advised Council he spoke with Thomas Murphy concerning a location for his required sitting hours. The former elected Tax Collector used the Hittie Room in the Community Center at a total fee of \$ 50. President Terrell noted the numerous complaints that have been received at the Borough office, including a written complaint sent to Council concerning the unavailability and unresponsiveness of T. Murphy. Council determined it would be best to have the office distance itself from the Tax Collector so residents do not continue to try to pay taxes at the Borough office. Motion by E. Myers, seconded by E. Molinsky to waive the \$ 50. fee for the Hittie Room and authorize the elected Tax Collector to utilize the room for his 6 required sitting dates. Motion carried.

Community Center Project – President Terrell briefly reviewed the project and highlights of the packet provided to Council by mail. He noted the roof is leaking and continuing to do damage to the facility and, and needs to be done asap. He explained the construction management program and details. Council discussed the need to update the facility, and make it more energy efficient. Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by J. Halapin to appoint Kinsley Construction Inc. as Construction Manager for the community center renovation project at a total project cost NTE \$ 1,278,528. Motion carried.

Hazard Mitigation Grant/Franklin St. - D. Sarpen reviewed the grant cost estimates for the storm water problem, noting the grant has been changed to a growing greener grant. The criteria have changed, and the cost to the Borough may increase if the County does not agree to 50% of all costs which may be as high as \$ 39,434. The Borough has already spent \$ 14,000. in engineering for the project. D. Sarpen noted a GP4 permit may also be required by DEP. Council discussed the intent of the project was to keep storm water off the Rail Trail at the request of York County. Council noted the cost to the Borough must be affordable, and as agreed upon in the application process. Council requested the Borough Administrator contact the County and discuss their willingness to split the costs, and report back. Motion by E. Myers, seconded by E. Molinsky to authorize the Borough Administrator to sign the GP4 permit if what is needed. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council convened to executive session at 2040 hrs. to discuss a personnel issue. Council reconvened to the regular meeting at 2050 hrs.

OTHER:

Motion by E. Paules, seconded by J. Halapin to ratify the termination of June Gail Groft for cause. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by E. Myers to adjourn at 2057 hrs. Motion carried.