

**NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 10, 2010**

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Terrell noted the following upcoming events; May 15 the NF Lioness yard sale at Goodfellow Park, the first NF farmers market will be the same day at the railroad in the area of the red caboose, Lancaster County Intermunicipal meeting on May 26.

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

General \$ 186,356.43. – Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Molinsky to approve. Motion carried.  
Water \$ 9,892.56 – Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Paules to approve. Motion carried.  
Sewer \$ 64,457.52 – Motion by E. Myers, seconded by E. Molinsky to approve. Motion carried  
Rec. \$ 194.00 – Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by J. Halapin to approve. Motion carried.  
Comm. Ctr. \$ 1,184.04 – Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:**

Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve the meeting minutes of April 12, 2010. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

Mayor – Mayor Joy read the emergency services report for April, police report for March. He also noted a formal complaint was filed by Glen Rock Borough concerning the Chief. The SRPC placed the Chief on administrative leave pending the results of the investigation, and has appointed Lt. Boddington as acting Chief. Mayor Joy also noted PEMA has not yet rendered a decision if they will reimburse the remaining 25% of disaster relief for the snow storm, FEMA is 75%.

Planning Commission – E. Myers advised Council there was not a meeting this past month. He discussed the concept of a municipal energy audit, and possibly redesigning equipment for energy savings. Her advised Council he met with an engineering firm that conducts such audits and provides recommendations for equipment replacement and will handle financing if needed. T.L. Crawford noted Bucharth Horn also provides this service. Wade Portner and T.L. Crawford provided a brief update on the age and status of certain equipment, and advised Brockmeyer Electric has provided some information about cash incentive updates to the public works dept. T.L. Crawford will have J. Smith prepare a list of equipment, age, status etc. for the Council. E. Paules discussed electric cost and the possibility of changing carriers, noting different organizations are shopping for prices, as well as municipalities and businesses.

Water – D. Sarpen noted the PR program is underway, and valves have already been picked up and installed. He also noted the updates for the H2O grant application are being completed and will be sent to the Commonwealth.

Rec. – E. Molinsky provided a brief status of the TCC and YAEIT Bureau and the changes as a result of Act 32. He noted York County is ahead of many other areas since a local tax collection bureau was already in place. D. Jones explained the significant difference that municipalities will notice is payments will be received in a more expeditious manner, but interest will remain with the bureau to cover their costs. E. Molinsky noted there are numerous programs being planned and introduced Marie Halapin to provide the report. M. Halapin advised there are several upcoming bus trips, and the information and flyers will be provided to the office. She noted the Farmers Market program will begin this coming Saturday. She briefed Council on two new programs, Teen Time in Goodfellow Park and Story Time for small children. M. Halapin requested Council continue to consider placement of water fountains at some park locations. President Terrell advised they are considering it, but vandalism is a concern, noting the parks and well houses were vandalized in the past month again.

E. Molinsky commended the Rec. Council for becoming more active in the community.

Roads – E. Paules advised the crack sealing has been completed and he is meeting with D. Bortner to review and prioritize the streets considered for repair in 2010.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Steve Culhane – S. Culhane expressed concerns with Thomas Murphy, the elected tax collector. D. Sarpen questioned the amount of taxes the Borough has received. T.L. Crawford advised none have been received. On April 5 several checks were submitted but returned due to no attached reports or correct breakdown. Council expressed dissatisfaction. D. Jones explained the laws concerning elected tax collectors, and the problems that municipalities can face. He explained the process that should happen to ensure the municipality receives their taxes in a timely manner, noting the Commonwealth require at a minimum monthly remittance. He also noted other municipalities in York County are experiencing problems with receipt of funds, and the penalties set forth by the Commonwealth are criminal. E. Myers is familiar with T. Murphy and requested that members from Council meet with Mr. Murphy to review the complaints.

Cheryl Reisinger – advised Council of a serious cat problem in the area of N. Shaffer Dr. She reported the area has dealt with this issue for the past 2 years and it continues to escalate, due to more kittens. The source of the problem is a neighbor that has over 20 cats that roam the areas, dig in flower beds, defecate on porches, kill fish in ornamental ponds, torment dogs etc. The neighbors have attempted to talk with the cat owner about the problem to no avail. C. Reisinger has paid Hemler services to trap the animals but the cost is overwhelming with more and more kittens. T. L. Crawford advised Council she has worked with the neighborhood on this issue and they have exhausted all remedies. T.L. Crawford recommends Council authorize and pay Hemler Services to trap as many as possible to take to the animal shelter. She noted Hemler will not track down owners, since normally cats do not have identification tags. D. Jones noted the Borough may be able to enforce the nuisance Ordinance; however the removal is the quickest and absolute option. Council instructed the office to contact Hemler Services and instruct them to trap and remove the cats in the immediate area.

**BUSINESS:**

CL17 Analyzers Memo – Council reviewed the memo from the water department concerning the analyzers. The analyzers are required for the DEP ground water rule, and the cost for each is \$ 2,480. through the Co-Stars program. Motion by E. Myers, seconded by D. Sarpen to authorize the purchase of the analyzers for a total of \$ 9,920. Motion carried.

Headwork’s Screen Project – Council reviewed and discussed the memo from J. Smith concerning the need for a finer screen to replace the existing bar screen. D. Sarpen noted the equipment utilized at other wwtp’s and the problems that can occur without an adequate screen type filter. The “Raptor” fine screen has been in use at several wwtp’s throughout PA, and upon talking with operators that are extremely satisfied with the equipment. The cost of the Lakeside “Raptor” fine screen is \$ 88,242. plus installation. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Myers to authorize J. Smith to move forward with the bid and or purchase of the “Raptor” screen as requested in the memo. Motion carried.

Water Tank Name – Council reviewed memo from P. Gross of Buchart Horn concerning the cost for the name to be placed on the new water tank. The cost is \$ 4,878. Council discussed the possibility of adding an American flag or symbols. Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by E. Myers to authorize Buchart Horn to submit and receive quotes on 2 symbols to be placed on the tank. Motion carried.

AT&T Antenna lease – Council reviewed the proposal from AT&T to break the lease on the Third St. tank, and not relocate to the new water tank. They have paid the 6 months rent to break the lease, and are proposing to remove only the “electronic” boxes off the tank in exchange for \$10,000. be given to the Borough towards demolition cost. This would turn the antenna and misc. equipment over to the Borough to tear down with the tank. Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by E. Paules to accept the proposal to accept the equipment and the \$ 10,000. toward demolition costs of the old tank. Motion carried.

Tousa Homes – T. L. Crawford the letter has been sent to draw on the bond to recover the bankruptcy cost.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council convened to executive session at 2104 hrs. to discuss a litigation. Council reconvened to the regular meeting at 2112 hrs.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by E. Myers, seconded by E. Paules to adjourn at 2115 hrs. Motion carried.