

**NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 23, 2010**

Meeting called to order by President Terrell at 0730 hrs. Present were:

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

**MINUTES:**

Motion by E. Myers, seconded by E. Paules to approve the meeting minutes of July 12, 2010. Motion carried.

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

General \$ 13,511.85 – Motion by E. Paules, seconded by J. Halapin to approve. Motion carried.  
Water \$ 16,373.28 – Motion by E. Myers, seconded by E. Paules to approve. Motion carried.  
Sewer \$ 38,645.43 – Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Myers to approve. Motion carried.  
Rec. \$ 434.00 – Motion by E. Myers, seconded by J. Halapin to approve. Motion carried.  
Comm. Ctr. \$ 74.23 – Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**BUSINESS:**

Southern Regional Police Commission – President Terrell extended Council's gratitude to Glen Rock Borough representatives for their support with the changes happening with the Police Commission. He also extended Council's appreciation to Solicitor Hovis for assisting with legal interpretations for Commission members, and congratulated J. Joy on becoming Chairman of the SRPC. President Terrell commended J. Halapin for his endurance and integrity during the somewhat emotionally charged SRPC meeting, noting he truly represented NF residents. He hopes the recent changes in the department and the commission will have positive results. President Terrell expressed concerns over what has transpired in the past with the SRPC, and noted the Borough should consider other policing options. E. Paules and E. Myers agreed they support the concept of exploring other options or alternatives. J. Joy expressed his concern over NF looking at other options, and request Council give the changes time to make a difference. President Terrell advised the Council supports the officers and would like to continue to support SRPC, but still believes this issue needs to be explored. Council members discussed the concerns with SRPC in length. President Terrell also noted had the peer-to-peer been done as was requested 2 years ago the situation may not have escalated to this. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by J. Halapin to send the letter to withdraw from SRPC at the end of 2011, as required by the agreement. Motion carried. President Terrell appointed a committee to explore policing options for NF and report back to Council. The committee consists of E. Paules, D. Sarpen and B. Terrell. Council expressed the support for the officers of the Southern Regional Police Dept.; however have concerns over the foundation of the SRPC.

GR Borough Council President R. Shiles commended NF on the stand they are taking on exploring police options. He advised Council GR supports NF and the police officers of Southern Regional. He advised their concern has been finances, and service levels. He also commended Acting Chief Boddington on his handling of the dept., noting they have more visibility in GR since he took over.

E. Hughes, a business owner in NF expressed his dissatisfaction with the SRPC and former Chief Childs. He was at the SRPC meeting this week and requested information on the resignation package and when it was voted on. He was upset that the package was not talked about and was told to file a RTK request under state law. He also noted he is a Shrewsbury Township Supervisor, and their township would never have considered Southern Regional Police as long as James Childs was the Chief and Buck Buchanan was the SRPC Chairman. E. Hughes advised he supports Council's decision to look at all options.

Cynthia Taylor of Shrewsbury Township noted she also attended the SRPC meeting, and was upset over the lack of information available to the public. She stated it appeared to be "business as usual". She also filed a RTK request, and she too would never have considered SRPC with James Childs and Buck Buchanan in charge. She advised Council she thinks they are making the correct move in looking at all options for police service, and respects NF Council for taking this stand.

Museum Alarm – W. Portner explained the difference in the commercial system and the basic security system. He noted if the commercial system is used it must meet all new code requirements. Council discussed the quotes and the needs of the museum. Motion by G. Andrews, seconded by E. Myers to approve the basic security system alarm at a cost of \$ 795. Motion carried.

Community Center Change Order – W. Portner explained the differences in CO #9 and CO #10. He noted these are new electrical code requirements. Motion by G. Andrews, seconded by E. Myers to approve CO #10. Motion carried with E. Paules voting opposed. Motion carried.

Community Center Rents – T.L. Crawford advised Council the 2011 budget is being prepared, and the rental and lease fees for the center need to be adjusted. She also noted numerous users do not pay any fee, and that will be addressed in the budget draft. E. Paules advised Council he was somewhat surprised on the amount space used versus the rent paid. He will be working with T.L. Crawford on these rent/lease issues.

Parade – Council reviewed the memo from P. Herrmann requesting donations to the SHS band and Boy Scout Troop # 24. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpin to donate \$ 100. to SHS Band and \$ 50. to Boy Scout Troop # 24 for their assistance with the 2010 parade. Motion carried.

**CONTINUATION:**

President Terrell continued the meeting until July 27, 2010 at 0730 hrs.