

**NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 13, 2013**

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

E. Paules – Vice President  
L. O'Brien – Council Member  
K. Earll – Council Member  
G. Andrews – Council Member  
E. Mains – Engineer  
T.L. Crawford – Administrator  
S. Hovis – Solicitor

Other present: see attached

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Terrell noted a "Thank You" letter was received from the Library.

**DISBURSEMENTS**

General - \$ 204,057.61 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by K. Earll to approve. Motion carried.  
Water - \$ 37,411.15 Motion by E. Paules, seconded by J. Blum to approve. Motion carried.  
Sewer - \$ 95,248.53 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by E. Paules to approve. Motion carried.  
Rec. - \$ 940.00 Motion by E. Paules, seconded by K. Earll to approve. Motion carried.  
Comm. Ctr. - \$ 2,610.83 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by J. Earll to approve. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** (April 8, 2013)

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by G. Andrews to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

Mayor - Mayor Halapin not present.

Solicitor – S. Hovis advised the comments from YCP on the rezoning have been received and the hearing will be scheduled for June 10, 2013.

Rec. Council – M. Halapin advised they are working on the parade, senior expo and the bridal show in the next few months. She reminded Council the Farmers Market has begun and the Circus is June 8, with 2 shows at 2:00pm and 5:30 pm. She also reported the Family Game Nights will be held at the Railroad Café this summer. She advised Council she will have parking attendants at the Borough parking lot on Front St. the day of the circus to insure adequate parking for the circus attendees.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

NF Heritage – D. Folger advised the Freedom Fest will be held September 21, 2013, and there will not be any movie nights in 2013.

**BUSINESS:**

Resolution 2013-1 (Sewer Tap Connection Fees). President Terrell reviewed the Resolution establishing sewer connections fees and, the Buchart Horn study establishing the fee. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by E. Paules to adopt Resolution 2013 - 1 as presented. Motion carried.

Resolution 2013-2 (Fee Schedule). President Terrell reviewed the Resolution establishing fees for various services. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by K. Earll to adopt Resolution 2013- 2 as presented. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2013 – 1 (S. Constitution Ave. Parking) – President Terrell reviewed the Ordinance prohibiting parking on both sides of S. Constitution Ave. between Main St. and School Alley. Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by J. Blum to adopt Ordinance 2013 -1 as presented. J. Blum requested SRPD use discretion and provide warnings for a reasonable period of time.

Steam Into History LDP – Kathy Conley, of LSC, Inc. present to review the plan. K. Conley reviewed YCP and Buchart Horn comments in their entirety. She also reviewed all the variances granted by the ZHB. Council discussed parking, pedestrian traffic, sidewalks, buffer zones, traffic study, trail width and storm water pipe concerns etc. E. Mains, of Buchart Horn requested additional information on the storm water pipes currently in place, and any changes be noted on a consolidated plan to include LSC, TRAC and C.S. Davidson drawings. K. Conley requested waivers for SLDO #203.C , #305.A(3), #508.D and #508.H. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by G. Andrews to grant the waivers as requested. Motion carried, with O'Brien abstaining. Council discussed what the traffic impact study will indicate, and parking concerns during community events in the Borough. K. Conley noted they will be relocating 2 trees along the trail. K. Conley requested a “developer’s agreement” for the improvements, noting a permit has not been received from Penn Dot for the sidewalk along Main St. Reed Anderson requested the agreement include the traffic study to be completed after 1 year of operation. After a lengthy discussion concerning Steam into History a motion was made by E. Paules, second by J. Blum to grant conditional approval for the LDP contingent upon the traffic study criteria be included in the developers agreement, sidewalks be installed within 2 months of receiving the Penn Dot permit, spill proof skid and containers be utilized for any fluid storage, reinstalled trail be 14 foot wide and 2 trees be relocated with County Parks approval, an approved developers agreement, all fees owed the Borough be paid in full and Solicitors final approval of all necessary documents . Motion carried with L. O'Brien abstaining.

OTHER:

Unadopted Alleys – T.L. Crawford reviewed the unnamed alley at 200 N. Constitution Ave and the alley to the rear of the block. She noted the records back to 1921 indicate the alley was never adopted by the Borough. Council discussed if not adopted as Borough property it should not be maintained. Solicitor Hovis noted since it was not adopted it does not need to be abandoned. Council requests letters be sent to adjoining property owners advising the Borough will not plow or maintain the alley in the future.

Community Center Sig - T.L. Crawford advised the quote on the Community Center sign is still valid if Council is interested in installing a sign to identify the facility. Council declined to install a sign at this time or take any action.

Pennworks Grant Application – J. Holley’s office is submitting a grant for sewer repair funding assistance and need Council authorization. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by J. Blum to authorize the President to sign the application. Motion carried.

Summit Grove Request – T.L. Crawford reviewed the request received concerning the water leak on their property. Council noted this appears to be an annual occurrence, and a tremendous waste of potable water. The amount of water used during this quarter is 1.7 million gallons. The problem was found by the Borough water dept. while reading the meter, noting it was measuring over 12 gallons per minute. Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by J. Blum to reduce the sewer bill to the average of the past 2 years, extend the due date for the water bill by an additional 90 days, while other bills remain current, contingent upon an evaluation of the water line system by a licensed plumber and the results submitted to the Borough. Motion carried.

Amusement Tax – President Terrell discussed the proposed amusement tax that presented to Council several months ago. He noted the tax would only address events operating longer than a week (7 days). The amount would be established at 5% of admission or ticket price. Council expressed concerns on the impact some events would have such as traffic congestion, parking, emergency service involvement etc. Council noted the tax revenues would be utilized to offset costs for street maintenance, parking lot repairs, emergency services etc. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by K. Earll to draft the Ordinance for events exceeding 7 days and advertise for the June meeting. Motion carried with L. O'Brien abstaining.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by E. Paules, seconded by J. Blum to adjourn the meeting at 2226 hours. Motion carried.