

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
April 8, 2013

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

D. Sarpen – Council Member
L. O'Brien – Council Member
K. Earll – Council Member
G. Andrews – Council Member
J. Halapin – Mayor
T.L. Crawford – Administrator
C. Rider - Solicitor

Other present: see attached

CALL TO ORDER

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Terrell noted *Thank You* letters were received from H.O.P.E. and The Paul Smith Library.

DISBURSEMENTS

General - \$ 98,702.36 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by K. Earll to approve. Motion carried.
Water - \$ 28,714.13 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by K. Earll to approve. Motion carried.
Sewer - \$ 57,678.46 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by K. Earll to approve. Motion carried.
Rec. - \$ 435.30 Motion by K. Earll, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.
Comm. Ctr. - \$ 4,387.07 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by J. Earll to approve. Motion carried.

MINUTES: (March 11, 2013)

Motion by K. Earll, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Mayor - Mayor Halapin distributed the emergency services report. He also noted a change has been made to the SRPC budget at the request of Glen Rock. The change results in a credit of \$ 11,199.08 being applied to NF for 2013 payments. President Terrell advised a meeting was held with Stewartstown Borough representatives to discuss police services. The issues discussed were service levels, costs, equipment etc. He noted additional meetings will be held to further examine the feasibility and costs of providing service to Stewartstown. President Terrell also advised he met with Council Presidents from Glen Rock and Shrewsbury Borough to discuss the intergovernmental agreement and the Stewartstown concept. He reported they will also meet in the future concerning these issues.

President Terrell advised Council since the SRPC issues a credit he would like to donate an additional \$ 7000. to the Paul Smith Library as a onetime donation, not to be considered an annual reoccurring donation. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by K. Earll to donate \$ 7000. To the Paul Smith Library, sent with a letter advising this is a not a reoccurring donation. Motion carried with K. Earll abstaining.

Solicitor – C. Rider advised Council the Rezoning Ordinance was sent to YCP and will be reviewed on 4/15/13.

Rec. Council – J. Davis advised the egg hunt was well attended, but a low turnout for the Aprils Fools Dance. She reported they are working on the parade, senior expo and the bridal show for this year. She reminded Council the circus is June 8.

Water – D. Sarpen noted the survey for the new sewer line to replace the Meadows pump station is complete. He noted a ROW will need to be obtained. Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by K. Earll to authorize a ROW be negotiated with the guardian of the property, but not begin any work on the project. Motion carried, with D. Sarpen abstaining. D. Sarpen also noted the water use in the 1st quarter of 2013 was higher than the 2012 1st quarter.

Police – Officer Miller reported an increase in burglaries and reminded residents to secure their properties and vehicles.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Smith requested Council abate a portion of his sewer bill due to a water leak. He also requested a new meter pit be installed that would permit a pressure reducing valve to be installed. Council discussed his leak and the policy to reduce sewer for a water leak. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by L. O'Brien to reduce his last quarter sewer bill to minimum, and the current quarter to minimum, noting the leak must be fixed by the next quarter. Motion carried. K. Dickmyer and Council explained the water pit is the property owners, and it needs to be replaced or repaired at his cost, and the Borough will provide a pressure reducing valve.

BUSINESS:

Water Repair Bids – James Holley's office received and reviewed the following bids;

York Excavating Co.	\$ 197,000.	Wexcon, Inc.	\$ 233,305.
Trinity Excavating, Inc.	\$ 235,955.	Fitz & Smith	\$ 244,223.
Kinsley Construction	\$ 244,950.		

Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by K. Earll to award the project to York Excavating Co. in the amount of \$ 197,000. contingent upon Solicitors approval. Motion carried, with D. Sarpen abstaining.

LSC Meeting Request – President Terrell reviewed the request for a special meeting for *Steam Into History*. He explained they would like a LDP review prior to the May meeting. Council discussed in length concerns with the plan and the comments from Buchart Horn and the ZHB decision. D. Sarpen noted the upcoming PC meeting on 4/15 will also have comments that will need to be addressed. Motion by G. Andrews, seconded by D. Sarpen to schedule a meeting on 4/29/13 at 1900 hrs. as requested, and the cost of the advertisement be paid by the requestor. Motion carried, L. O'Brien abstained. Council continued a lengthy discussion on the issues outlined by the ZHB and Buchart Horn, particularly parking and sidewalks/curbs. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by K. Earll to notify LSC all conditions from Buchart Horn, ZHB, YCP and NF Planning Commission be met by 4/25/13 or the special meeting will be cancelled. Motion carried with L. O'Brien abstaining. Council continued to discuss the ongoing concerns, noting a deadline is not a Borough issue since the plan has been in progress for over 12 months. Motion by L.O'Brien, seconded by K. Earll to rescind the motion to schedule a meeting on 4/29 and rescind the motion outlining conditions to be met. Motion carried. Council requested Borough Administrator contact LSC to discuss these concerns, and if feasible a meeting can be scheduled at a later time.

S. Constitution Ave. Traffic Study – President Terrell reviewed the traffic study, noting parking is already limited in the area, and this would create more of a parking problem. Council discussed the traffic study and safety issue at the intersection of Main and S. Constitution. K. Dickmyer noted the problem in the first block off Main is caused by a resident that resides on Main St, but parks 5 vehicles on S. Constitution. Council continued a lengthy discussion on the parking issue, and requested verification from YCP on what portion and sides may be restriction. Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by G. Andrews to prohibit parking on S. Constitution Ave. from Main St. to School Alley on both east and west sides of the street at all times, and an Ordinance be drafted accordingly. Motion carried.

OTHER:

General Code Quote – T.L. Crawford reviewed the quote of \$ 5995. to codify the Zoning Ordinance and all amendments and SLDO, and put them on E-Code, accessible by the Borough web page. The quote also includes providing electronic copies to enable the office to print the booklets as necessary. T.L. Crawford noted the ZO was done in 1992 and there was not an electronic version. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by K. Earll to accept the quote from General Code in the amount of \$ 5995. Motion carried.

Mason Dixon Soccer Request – T.L. Crawford advised they would like to place a key box on the gate at Wethersfield. K. Dickmyer requests they put an additional lock and chain on the gate. Council agreed and requested they be contacted to place an additional lock and chain as requested by the Public Works Department.

Mason Dixon Soccer Request – Council reviewed request for use of Goodfellow Park on Sept. 7, 2013 for a 5K race. Council noted the same rental agreement applies, however parking at the Borough lot may be an issue based on uses in the area. T.L. Crawford will respond to the request.

ADJORNMENT:

Motion by K. Earll, seconded by G. Andrews to adjourn the meeting at 2146 hours. Motion carried.