

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
April 14, 2014

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

J. Blum – Council member  
K. Earll – Council member  
L. O'Brien – Council member  
D. Sarpen – Council member  
G. Andrews – Council member  
J. Halapin – Mayor  
T.L. Crawford – Administrator  
S. Hovis - Solicitor

Others present: see attached

CALL TO ORDER

DISBURSEMENTS (3/5/2014 – 4/1/2014)

General - \$ 81,637.42, Water - \$ 34,279.49, Sewer - \$ 63,719.55, Rec. - \$ 607.35,  
Comm. Ctr. - \$ 2,977.30

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.

MINUTES: (March 10, 2014)

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Mayor – Mayor Halapin reviewed the emergency services report. He reported the discrepancies in time on the SRPD report are due to the type of calls. He noted the proposed facility lease was discussed and will come back to NF with some amendments for discussion.

Sewer – D. Sarpen noted a clarification in the March sewer report, that NF flow did not decrease, Shrewsbury's increased.

HOPE – L. O'Brien advised the committee met with HOPE representatives and discussed their concept and the process involved with land development.

Solicitor – S. Hovis reported he is drafting the Snow Emergency Ordinance and will increase the penalty amount to \$ 75.00. Council agreed to set the penalty at \$ 75.00.

Rec – M. Halapin reported the Easter egg hunt and the fashion show were well attended, and noted the Farmers Market will begin

PUBLIC COMMENT

NF Heritage – S. Myers and J. Holley present to discuss relocating the Met Ed pole off the Freedom Green Park. The Borough must sign the agreement with Met Ed. The cost is \$ 6622.00 and will be paid by NF Heritage. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by G. Andrews to sign the Met Ed agreement and submit upon receipt of payment from NF Heritage. Motion carried, with D. Sarpen abstaining. D. Folger reported the Freedom Fest will be September 20, 2014 and a cookout will be held on July 17, 2014. She also requested Council permit Freedom Green Park to be utilized on May 18, 2014 for an Eagle Scout ceremony for Evan Holtstem, which is the Scout that built the picnic tables for Freedom Green. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by L. O'Brien to grant permission for the use on May 18, 2014 as requested. Motion carried.

Pennsylvania State Representative Candidates – Gene Monterelli introduced himself and provided a handout to Council. Marc Woerner introduced himself and provided a handout.

BUSINESS:

2014 Library Tax –T.L. Crawford advised Council of the status of the tax, and the County’s refusal to calculate or print the tax bills. She noted a quote for \$ 117,000. was obtained for a program to do the tax based on property assessments. The vendor for the County program will not quote on an amendment to the program, the request would have to come from the County of York, which they will not do. Solicitor Hovis reviewed the tax statutes, noting the County is only obligated to print their own bills, and the printing of municipal bills is at their discretion. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to send a letter to the Library advising them of the County’s refusal to bill the Library tax, subsequently the revenue under the tax will not be received. Motion carried. Motion by L. O’Brien, seconded by J. Blum to donate the \$ 10,000. as approved in the 2014 budget from any reserve funds or other available funds. Motion carried, with E. Paules opposing. Solicitor Hovis advised Council they will need to adopt a Resolution for this transaction since it is not consistent with the 3% deviation permitted for a budget item.

Freedom Crossing Sewer Agreement – T. L. Crawford explained the sewer line and abandonment of the Meadows pump station is proposed to be done by the developer of Freedom Crossing in lieu of sewer system development and tap fees. Solicitor Hovis explained the type of agreement needed, noting this is a common practice for developers. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by L. O’Brien to authorize the agreement to be drafted, and authorize the proper Council members to sign the agreement. Motion carried, with D. Sarpen abstaining.

2014 Road Projects – T.L. Crawford reviewed the list of proposed projects as follows:  
Waneta St (East Franklin to the new pavement at Springwood apartments),  
Country Manor Lane (Singer Road to and including court)  
Gas Alley (North Second to North Front)  
Cherry Alley (North Constitution to East Franklin)  
North Shaffer Drive (East Main to end )  
Motion by K. Earll, seconded by J. Blum to approve the road list and prepare the project for bidding. Motion carried.

OTHER:

Salt Shed Roof – T.L. Crawford advised the roof has been leaking, and if continues will ruin the salt that is stored in it. She noted the building was built in 1994 and has had no repairs. Council discussed various types of roofs and requested quotes be obtained for the different types for the May meeting.

LSC Proposal – T.L. Crawford reminded Council of the proposal proposed maintenance building addition. G. Andrews noted he took the tour last month, and does see a need for updating the facility, but uncertain how. K. Dickmyer explained some of the issues with the facility again. L. O’Brien stated he believes a shower could be installed in the community center or fire department could be used for shower facilities if the staff has extended hours due to emergency conditions. Council discussed various options in length, with no conclusion. Motion by L. O’Brien, seconded by K. Earll to investigate design/build concept and value engineering concepts. Motion carried.

Veltrie Letter – Council reviewed the request from M. Veltri, 4 Country Manor Lane concerning their late utility payment and posting fee. Council requests a note be placed on the bills and Borough web page concerning the refuse credit for residents that use the web credit card payment option and are confused by the breakdown. Motion by L. O’Brien, seconded by J. Blum to remove the recent posting fee from their account as requested. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by K. Earll to adjourn the meeting at 2057 hrs. Motion carried.

