

**NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 11, 2014**

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

J. Blum – Council member  
K. Earll – Council member  
D. Sarpen – Council member (arrived 1940 hrs)  
G. Andrews – Council member  
L. O'Brien – Council member  
J. Halapin – Mayor  
T.L. Crawford – Administrator  
Chris Ryder - Solicitor

Others present: see attached

**CALL TO ORDER**

**TREASURER'S REPORT (7/1/2014 – 7/31/2014)**

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by K. Earll to approve the report as submitted with disbursements of \$ 380,579.01. Motion carried.

**MINUTES: (July 14, 2014)**

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by K. Earll to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

Mayor – Mayor Halapin advised the SRPC Bylaws were distributed by e-mail, and the original document is ready for Council's approval and signature. Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by J. Blum to authorize the adoption of the bylaws as presented. Motion carried. Mayor Halapin noted an increase in time for NF is due to an increase in time spent on cases. He also noted he received an e-mail advising him the Stewartstown Rail Road will be starting caboose rides in the Borough in the near future.

Rec – K. Earll reported the Fun Run had over 133 participants and raised \$ 1900. towards the Goodfellow Playground project.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

John McKewen of 7 Singer Road was present to express his dissatisfaction with the storm drain replacement project of 2013. He provided Council a letter and reviewed a video noting the problems it has created to several properties in the area. He advised representatives of James Holley's office and the Borough met with him to review the problem, however the contractor was not present and no work has started towards a remedy as of this date. J. Holley advised it is too wet to get equipment into the location at this time, but their office will be meeting with the contractor and the Borough on finding a solution to the problem.

**BUSINESS:**

Buchart Horn Assessment Report – Council reviewed the brief assessment report for Goodfellow Park. T.L. Crawford advised the Rec Council will review the playground portion of the report and meet with Buchart Horn to discuss funding opportunities. J. Blum expressed his concerns on the poor condition on the "cook shack" and request Buchart Horn recommend any temporary remedies until a final decision can be made on the future of the building.

NF Heritage – D. Folger requested Council authorize the temporary street closures/detours for Freedom Fest on September 20<sup>th</sup> and the use of Goodfellow Park on the day of the fest for overflow parking. Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by J. Blum to approve the street closures/detours for Freedom Fest and the use of Goodfellow Park. Motion carried. S. Myers inquired if Council approved the gazebo placement on the plan she sent electronically. J. Blum expressed his concern on the need for another structure for concerts, noting Goodfellow Park is a few blocks away and has a stage and sound system. He also explained concerts, movies etc. are not what he views as a passive park. Council briefly discussed the concerns of vandalism and maintenance with the structure. S. Myers advised Council they may consider additional lighting or cameras in the park as a deterrent to this type of activity. Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by K. Earll to approve the placement and design of the gazebo as shown on the drawing. Motion carried, with J. Blum voting opposed.

#### OTHER:

Public Works Facility Study –L. O'Brien expressed his concerns on the estimated costs on updating and an addition to the public works facility. He noted he does not believe a "truck wash bay" is necessary. K. Dickmyer explained part of the cost is due to the lack of substantial maintenance over the past 20 years, noting some of the roof supports have rotted away due to the leaking roof. Council discussed the growing responsibility of the public works department and the need of the building to be functional. J. Blum expressed his dissatisfaction that Council members are discrediting a need for the updating of the old facility, yet have never been in the facility. Council agreed to permit the motion from last month's meeting remain, and have the building plans drawn, and make final determination at that time.

Public Works Trucks – T.L. Crawford discussed the need to replace some of the public works trucks, particularly plow trucks. She noted the inspection station the Borough utilizes advised not to bring the 1990 GMC truck back, it is beyond inspection. She also reported the 1997 Ford has the bed rusted through and the tail gate chained on. She reminded Council this was part of the equipment purchased on a 90/10 grant, so the final cost to the Borough was approximately \$ 8000. total and it has outlived its purpose. She also reminded Council trucks were budgeted in the 2014 budget. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by L. O'Brien to purchase 2 2015 International 7400 series 4x2 dump trucks to replace the 1990 and 1997 trucks. Motion carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by K. Earll seconded by J. Blum to adjourn the meeting at 2042 hrs. Motion carried.