

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
August 8, 2011

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

J. Halapin – Council member
D. Sarpen – Council Member
E. Paules – Council Member
G. Andrews – Council Member
J. Joy – Mayor
S. Hovis – Solicitor
T.L. Crawford – Administrator

Other present: see attached

CALL TO ORDER

DISBURSEMENTS:

General \$ 253,412.57. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Paules to approve. Motion carried.
Water \$ 56,547.36. Motion by D. Sarpen seconded by G. Andrews to approve, Motion carried.
Sewer \$ 81,208.76. Motion by E. Paules seconded by D. Sarpen. Motion carried.
Recreation \$ 1,173.25. Motion by J. Halapin seconded by E. Paules. Motion carried.
Comm. Ctr. \$ 3,859.62. Motion by J. Halapin seconded by D. Sarpen. Motion carried.

MINUTES: (July 18, 2011)

Motion by E. Paules, seconded by J. Halapin to approve as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Mayor - Mayor Joy read the emergency services report for July. He advised the police department arbitration hearing was held on 7/28/11. He noted a letter was received from another municipality concerning police services that the SRPC will be looking into. He also noted the SRPC budget meetings will be starting and will be held on Tuesday evenings.

Solicitor – S. Hovis advised Council the claim discharge documents for the bond for Altieri Homes has been received. The amount of the bond is \$ 49,000. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Paules to sign the release and return with the original bond for payment. Motion carried. J. Holley noted the Borough should adopt and repair the Ashlee Ct. by Sept. to receive liquid fuels funds, even though it is very little that would be received from the state. He explained NF public works can do some of the repairs. He advised the bond will not cover all the repairs needed, but there is a possibility of selling off 1 or 2 lots on Second St. to finance the repairs. Council briefly discussed the idea of selling 1 or 2 lots to have the funds to complete the necessary repairs and completion of the public improvements. S. Hovis will review the original developments plan for the developments in question and report at a later meeting. Motion by G. Andrews, seconded by J. Halapin to have Holley Associates bid Ashlee Ct. base repair and wearing course. Motion carried with D. Sarpen abstaining.

Water- He discussed the ongoing increases by York Water Co., noting for the last year the increases have totaled 80%. D. Sarpen advised Council he believes the Borough needs another water source. J. Holley advised there was a well on Keller Road, but it had a nitrate problem in the past, but was a good producer. D. Sarpen noted this well may be able to be tested again,

and all previous tests results be reviewed. The office will locate and supply the previous information on the Keller Road well.

Prevailing Wage Act – E. Paules reported there will be upcoming hearings concerning this issue and Representative Ron Miller will be involved with the hearings.

Police – G. Andrews reported the 2012 budget preparation will be difficult due to the arbitration. He advised the contract requests are severe and it appears with the arbitration issue that the SRPC is being “held hostage”. Council questioned any preliminary budget numbers, and what could happen as a result of arbitration. Mayor Joy reported they can only wait for the arbitrator’s decision, and move forward from there. Mayor Joy advised the joint letter was approved by the SRPC.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NF Heritage –requested Council authorize temporary road closures for Freedom Fest as shown on the map provided. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by G. Andrews to close the roads as requested for Freedom Fest. Motion carried. She advised they have met with the NF Rec. Council on several issues concerning Freedom Green, and may request to be on the agenda at a later date to discuss plans for the park. President Terrell inquired when the museum will open, noting it has been several years and has only been open the day of Freedom Fest. D. Folger advised she is uncertain of any future plans for opening the museum, but will look into it and could it could possibly be open the same hours as the train museum.

J. Holley advised Council he met with representatives of NF Heritage to review their concept for the Freedom Green Park. He noted they would like to put the electric lines underground. He advised this is a costly endeavor, and suggested the Borough make the contact with Met Ed. He believes Met Ed may be more responsive to the Borough as opposed to a volunteer group.

J. Holley expressed his dissatisfaction with trying to help a client lease the former Bunny’s TV shop on Main St. He spoke with Wade who advised him the UCC requirements for a change of ownership. He requested if a waiver was possible from the UCC for this requirement. Solicitor Hovis advised Council cannot waive the UCC, nor is the issue able to be appealed. Solicitor Hovis advised there is no easy remedy for this, and this is common in all municipalities. He suggested J. Holley contact Senator Waugh with his dissatisfaction, since the Borough must enforce the UCC since it is a state law.

Proposed Scout Facility – J. Holley advised the proposed plan and details concerning the facility are being handled by Brad Hittie and Mike Summers. E. Paules voiced some concerns with such a facility being constructed on municipal property being subject to prevailing wage requirements. He inquired if it would be feasible for the Borough to sell a portion of property to the group for the facility, at which time prevailing wage would not be required. President Terrell noted the Borough owns in excess of 80 acres of land, and possibly a portion of a parcel could be subdivided off for this purpose. Council voiced concerns on utility payments, maintenance of a facility, repairs, liability insurance etc. Solicitor Hovis advised there may be several issues that need to be researched prior to any decisions. Council requested he do some preliminary research on the possibility of a subdivision of land, and any other requirements with this type of private/public arrangement.

BUSINESS

Water Tank Cell Lease – S. Hovis advised Council all requested terms were accepted as presented, with the exception of the Solicitor/Engineer fees. They request a cap of \$ 3000. for reimbursement of Solicitor/Engineer fees. Motion by G. Andrews, seconded by E. Paules to accept the terms and the \$ 3000. cap for Solicitor/Engineer fees. Motion carried.

OTHER:

Community Center – D. Sarpen advised several Council members went to Penn State Mont Alto campus. They viewed the rubber type floor and met with the property manager concerning upkeep, looks, durability etc. He reported they are very satisfied with the floor and the maintenance and look of the floor after so much use. Council discussed different colors and patterns. Motion by G. Andrews, seconded by J. Halapin to approve the Johnsonite floor with a hammered finish. Motion carried. Council directed the Borough Administrator to select a color scheme that blends with the facility.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by G. Andrews, seconded by J. Halapin to adjourn at 8:57pm. Motion carried.