

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
December 14, 2015

Meeting called to order by Vice President Paules at 1902 hours. Present were:

K. Earll – Council member
L. O'Brien – Council member
D. Sarpen – Council member
S. Hovis - Solicitor
T.L. Crawford – Administrator

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nov. 2015 - \$ 624,357.29 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by K. Earll to approve as submitted. Motion carried.

MINUTES: (Nov. 9) Motion by K. Earll seconded by L. O'Brien to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shrewsbury Council President M. Ridgley was present to express his dissatisfaction that New Freedom has not adopted the SRPC 2016 budget. He noted NF took a similar action 5 years ago, and it is happening again. He voiced his dissatisfaction for 5 minutes.

Shrewsbury Mayor P. Schnabel present to express his dissatisfaction with NF not adopting the 2016 SRPC budget, and the importance of local control. He provided a handout that reflected a presentation put together by B. Buchannan.

SRPC Rep. & Shrewsbury Council member B. Buchannan present to review a power point presentation on the cost of police. He advised Council he was not happy that he had to be under public comment for 5 minutes, when he felt his presentation should not be limited. He reviewed his presentation, for his budget. He also noted P. Schnabel contacted DCED rep, Ron Stern and was advised some areas use other methods not always PPU's. S. Hovis advised B. Buchannan the methodology used in PPU's and the need for transparency, and a competent staff to track the time. He noted PPU's are about fairness. Each municipality has a say in what they get, but the end is fair for everyone, since everyone pays the same PPU cost. S. Hovis noted the premier dept. in the state Northern York County Regional uses PPU's, and several other regional depts. use PPU's and since he represents some of these depts., as well as municipal depts. he is familiar with police cost issues. What he has noticed most municipalities express concern over police costs increasing every year, this is the only area that the issue is fairness and getting what you pay for.

Phil Robinson – P. Robison advised Council at a previous meeting he request NF meet with Shrewsbury Borough and the necessary parties to discuss sewer capacity and the future of the wwtp. Shrewsbury Borough's Solicitor sent an e-mail noting New Freedom would need to request such a meeting. Vice President Paules asked B. Buchannan since they were present would they agree to attend an information type meeting. B. Buchannan elaborated about his 25 year history dealing with sewer as a Shrewsbury Borough Council member, noting Shrewsbury Borough will not sell any capacity. L. O'Brien advised B. Buchannan a lot has

changed in the last 25 years, and the consensus should be to look at southern York County as a whole, and look towards the future. Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by K. Earll for New Freedom Administrator to send a letter inviting other parties to an information meeting. Motion carried. L. O'Brien will serve as the NF representative for the group.

REPORTS:

Rec – E. Paules advised a teen dance event will be held on 12/30, the information is available on the Rec Councils face book page.

Solicitor – S. Hovis reminded Council that any type of discussion on any matter in litigation MUST be in executive session.

BUSINESS:

EMC – Council is required to adopt Resolution 15-4 (promulgation for emergency plan), this is due to a newly appointed EMC and updated plan. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by L. O'Brien to adopt the Resolution 15-4 as presented. Motion carried.

OTHER:

LSC Proposal – T.L. Crawford advised Council the proposal is to design the renovations for the "cook shack", which include architectural, structural, mechanical, elec. and plumbing, as well as bring the facility up to code. The proposal is \$ 15,000. performed on a T/M basis. Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by K. Earll to accept the proposal with a NTE \$ 15,000. clause. Motion carried.

E. Paules extended his gratitude for working with fellow Council members and the residents. He also noted he enjoyed working with the Borough staff, particularly the Borough Administrator, who he consider NF lucky to have such a dedicated employee.

CONTINUATION:

Council continued the meeting to Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at 7:30 am.