

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
December 22, 2015

Meeting continued by Vice President Paules at 0730 hours. Present were:

B. Terrell – President
J. Blum – Council member
K. Earll – Council member
L. O'Brien – Council member
D. Sarpen – Council member
J. Halapin – Mayor
S. Hovis – Solicitor
T.L. Crawford – Administrator

MINUTES: (Dec. 14)

Motion by J. Blum seconded by L. O'Brien to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

B. Merrill distributed a memo and spreadsheet via e-mail to Council members several days ago for review and comment. E. Paules thanked him for the time spent compiling this information and providing it to Council. B. Merrill commented on the spreadsheet provided by SRPC member B. Buchanan at a previous meeting. He noted NF has been overcharged by approximately \$ 100,000. in the 2014-2016 budgets. He assumes the previous budgets had substantial overcharges to NF also. He also noted the inconsistencies in the cost to contracting entities, such as Winterstown etc.

BUSINESS:

SRPC 2016 Budget – Vice President Paules reviewed the letter NF sent to the SRPC in October to freeze the budget adoption until some items were addressed. He also commented on the numerous opinions he has heard this past week among Council members. E. Paules noted the 2016 SRPC budget has been revised to indicate a 2.4% increase, with a total of \$ 1,987,099. which does address the immediate issue, but not a long term remedy. Council discussed the inadequacies of the formula, and the need for a fair funding method such as PPU's. Motion by K. Earll, seconded by J. Blum to approve the revised 2016 SRPC budget dated 12/2/15 with a total of \$ 1,987,099. Motion carried, with B. Terrell voting opposed. Council discussed in length the concerns with the SRPC, and the need to outline the concerns and establish a time frame for the items to be addressed and a remedy provided, prior to other action being taken. E. Paules also commented on a letter sent by B. Buchanan to the Greater York County Regional Chiefs Initiative Committee. J. Blum noted some of the comments in the letter were incorrect and definitely not the opinion of New Freedom Borough Council, or Southern Regional Police Commission as a group. Council discussed supporting the ideas and concept of this group. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to send a letter to the Chiefs on the Committee stating NF is supportive of the committee and its concept, and request they advise NF as progress is made. Motion carried.

OTHER:

T.L. Crawford discussed the program started by Springettsbury Township that establishes a "safe zone" place for individuals meeting to buy and sell via the internet such as Craigslist. She requested authorization for a place to be designated and a sign be placed in the front corner of the municipal building parking lot in view of the surveillance cameras, which residents could

meet for such transactions. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by B. Terrell to authorize a “safe zone” meeting area in the parking lot as discussed. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by E. Paules, seconded by K. Earll seconded by to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 am.
Motion carried.