

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
February 9, 2015

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

J. Blum – Council member
L. O'Brien – Council member
D. Sarpen – Council member
J. Halapin – Mayor
T.L. Crawford – Administrator

Other present: see attached

CALL TO ORDER

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

L. O'Brien and J. Blum noted former NF resident Ron Wolf, general manager of the Green Bay Packers has been voted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. They suggested Council consider a special event, parade or a form of recognition for Ron Wolf. Mayor Halapin will attempt to make a contact to Ron Wolf and ascertain if he will be in the Borough and when.

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 2015- \$ 549,725.14 and February 2015 - \$ 250,902.35. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by J. Blum to approve the reports as submitted. Motion carried.

MINUTES: (December, 2014)

Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by L. O'Brien to approve the minutes of Dec. 8,2014 as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Mayor – Mayor Halapin noted the new format for the monthly police report, and advised the contract negotiations are continuing. He also reported interviews for the officer position were conducted and an offer has been made to a candidate. He advised Council an advertisement will be in the local newspapers for the part time clerk position for the department. Chief Boddington was present and explained to Council the Narcan use that is being promoted within York County for heroin overdoses. He also noted they have received a complaint concerning excessive speed on Broad St., and will address the concern when the weather permits. He advised he is researching the possibility of a "Rutters" card for vehicle fuel, instead of using the Borough pumps. He explained it is difficult for the officers to log the fuel in bad weather, and it creates additional paperwork for the accounting temp to deal with monthly. He reported Buck is researching the cost factors and will make a report to the commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Teara and Rodney Winmond of , 10 Barelyn Drive present to express their dissatisfaction with the handling of their water/sewer bill incident. T. Winmond questioned why a police officer showed up to inquire about the incident/bill and insurance claim. T.L. Crawford explained Councils previous motion, and that a plumbers bill to be verified was not received 2 weeks after the meeting. She explained the contact she made to attempt to get a copy of the plumbers bill for the payment agreement to be drafted. She explained after no contact from the resident the property was posted for non-payment the end of Jan. She also noted after

talking to the insurance company it was reported the entire water/sewer bill was paid to the Winmonds by the insurance company, but not remitted to the Borough. T.L. Crawford noted after receiving a plumbers statement she noted cooper was used, and that is prohibited in the Borough, and the work was not done by a PA or MD certified plumber. T.L. Crawford advised she left a message for T. Winmond and did not hear back, so she discussed the incident with Sgt Smuck. Sgt Smuck advised he would stop and talk to the resident and advise her to call or stop in at the office. T. Winmond questioned why the Borough needed to know what was paid to them for the utility bill, and Council advised since they were willing to abate a portion of the bill they needed to verify the information. Discussion continued on the issue. Motion by J. Blum , second by D. Sarpen to rescind the previous motion concerning the sewer, and the entire bill will be due since that is what the insurance paid to the Winmonds. Motion carried. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by J. Blum to send a letter advising the copper must be removed and a permit issued and inspections done. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

Council noted the e-mail from Bucharth Horn and Tim Smith concerning possible road remedies for a drainage problem. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by L. O'Brien to approve items #1 and # 2 and forward the information to the Solicitor for a response. Motion carried.

J. Blum inquired on the status of the water meter replacement program. T.L. Crawford advised some residents have received certified mail notices and have failed to contact the office for scheduling of the new meter. She noted the Ordinance sets forth that after a posting of the property and failure to allow access to replace the meter, the water service is terminated. Council advised the office to follow the steps outlined in the Ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to adjourn the meeting at 2009 hours. Motion carried.