

**NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 4, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 1830 hours by Mayor J. Halapin. Elected officials present were:
B. Terrell, B. Merrill, L. O'Brien, J. Blum, K. Earll, G. Andrews, Sarpen (arrived 1847 hrs.)

Also present: T.L. Crawford

Mayor Halapin administered the oath of office to the newly elected Council members B. Merrill, L. O'Brien, and J. Blum.

Mayor Halapin opened the floor for nomination for Council President. Motion by J. Blum to nominate Brady Terrell as President, Motion by B. Merrill to nominate J. Blum as Council, Motion by K. Earll to nominate D. Sarpen as President. Nominations closed; votes for B. Terrell, no second; votes for J. Blum, no second; votes for D. Sarpen 3 in favor, motion carried. Mayor Halapin turned the meeting over to President Sarpen. Motion by B. Terrell to nominate J. Blum as Vice President, seconded by L. O'Brien, motion carried. President Sarpen read the following appointments:

Board Liaisons

Planning Commission – O'Brien (see below)	Rec Council – K. Earll	
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Committees

Infrastructure (Sewer/Water/Roads) – Sarpen, Blum	Business Attraction - O'Brien, Earl	Personnel – Sarpen & Blum, Terrell
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Appointments

Regional Police Commission – Jeff Halapin, Jeff Blum	SRPC Alternate – Bruce Merrill	Asst. Zoning Officer – G. Wolf & J. Urey
Administrator/Secretary– T.L. Crawford	EMC – Rodney Womack	Treas./Asst. Secretary – Tara Calaman
Asst. Treasurer – T.L. Crawford	YAEIT Rep – Bruce Merrill	Pension CAO – T.L. Crawford
Vacancy Board – James Holley	Zoning/Permit Officer – Wade Portner	YAEIT (alt.) T. L. Crawford
Building Inspector – Wade Portner	Asst. Building Inspector- Josh Urey	Planning Commission – L. O'Brien
Zoning Hearing Board – Eric Paules	Civil Service Comm. – Walt Cerkon	

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- Solicitor – Stock & Leader (Steve Hovis)
- Funds Depository – Peoples Bank and PLIGIT
- Auditors – Kochenour, Smyser & Burg
- Engineer – Buchart Horn (Paul Gross)

Motion by L. O' Brien, seconded by J. Blum to approve the appointments. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

December 2015 - \$ 694,984.46. Motion by K. Earll, seconded by L. O'Brien to approve. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion by L. O' Brien, seconded by K. Earll to approve the minutes of 12/22/15. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Rec – M. Halapin reminded Council the Farmers Market starts in Feb. and is the first Saturday of each month in the Community Center, and in May is back outside in Smith woods. She also noted the circus has been booked for 2016.

BUSINESS:

122 E. Main St – Council discussed the request by the homeowner for some stone to the rear of his property where the alley has washed out his driveway. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by L. O'Brien to have public works place stone in the washed out area as a temporary remedy until the alley project can begin in the spring. Motion carried.

SRPC Letter – Motion by J. Blum, seconded by L. O'Brien to send a letter to the SRPC notifying them of a six month window to change the funding formula, and without a remedy Council will utilize procedures within the intergovernmental agreement. Motion carried.

Council discussed the SRPC funding changes needed, noting NF has been paying for services rendered in other communities too long, and a change must happen to keep everyone intact. J. Halapin requested more detail be written in the minutes concerning the problems with the SRPC, noting none of the issues are recent but have been ongoing.

SRPC Funding Committee – President Sarpen appointed B. Merrill, J. Blum, J. Halapin and himself to serve as representatives for NF on the committee to address funding method changes. President Sarpen directed the T.L. Crawford to send a letter notify the SRPC of the representation.

Shrewsbury Borough Sewer Letter – Council discussed the letter received from Shrewsbury Borough concerning the 2014 proportionate sharing report. Council expressed their dissatisfaction with the letter, noting they waited and made one request for a meeting in Nov. for a report they had since Feb. of 2015. Council noted a written request should be submitted so the invoices can be retrieved from the closet, since all records are put in storage after the Boroughs CPA audit. J. Blum noted it seems ironic in 2016 to look at expenses and records of 2014, when a final audit was done with the bond payoff, Shrewsbury Borough noted the amounts due were not handled in a timely fashion, so they did not feel they needed to pay NF the \$ 12,083., which they still owe. Council directed T.L. Crawford to send a letter to Shrewsbury Borough within the 30 days advising them a representative will meet with them, but prior to the meeting they need to submit a written request for the accounts or invoices they want retrieved and advise who is attending the meeting, such as engineer etc. J. Blum also noted the letter is incorrect concerning the portion Shrewsbury pays. It is based on flow and the original agreement. Capital improvements is 61.72%, but flow changes annually, in 2014 it was 52.49%.

T.L. Crawford advised Council there will be a meeting on 1/5/16 with the new owner of the Parrish farm to discuss possible future plans for the property.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by L. O'Brien to adjourn at 1927 hrs. Motion carried.