

**NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
January 6, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 1830 hours by Mayor J. Halapin. Elected officials present were:  
B. Terrell, D. Sarpen, E. Paules, J. Halapin, L. O'Brien, J. Blum, K. Earll, G. Andrews

Also present: T.L. Crawford

Mayor Halapin administered the oath of office to the newly elected Council members B. Terrell, G. Andrews, D. Sarpen and K. Earll.

Mayor Halapin opened the floor for nomination for temporary Council President. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by E. Paules to nominate Brady Terrell as temporary Council President. Nominations closed; vote unanimous for B. Terrell as temporary President of Council. President Terrell opened the floor for nominations for Council President. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by K. Earll to nominate B. Terrell as Council President. Nominations closed; vote unanimous for B. Terrell as Council President. President Terrell opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Motion by G. Andrews, seconded by K. Earll to nominate L. O'Brien as Vice President. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to nominate E. Paules as Vice President. Nominations closed. Show of hands vote taken as follows; One vote for L. O'Brien, G. Andrews; Five votes for E. Paules, J. Blum, D. Sarpen, K. Earll, B. Terrell and L. O'Brien. E. Paules to serve as Vice President of Borough Council.

President Terrell read the following appointments:

**Board Liaisons**

Planning Commission – O'Brien	Rec Council – K. Earll	
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**Committees**

Utility (Sewer/Water) – Sarpen, Blum	Roads – Paules, Sarpen	Personnel – Sarpen & Blum, Terrell
	Business Attraction O'Brien, Earl	

**Appointments**

Regional Police Commission – B. Terrell and J. Halapin	SRPC Alternate – K. Connelly	Asst. Zoning Officer – G. Wolf & J. Urey
Administrator/Secretary– T.L. Crawford	EMC – Jeff Joy	Treas./Asst. Secretary – Tara Calaman
Asst. Treasurer – T.L. Crawford	YAEIT Rep – G. Andrews (declined)	Pension CAO – T.L. Crawford
Vacancy Board – James Holley	Zoning/Permit Officer – Wade Portner	Asst. EMC –Gene Wolf
Building Inspector – Wade Portner	Asst. Building Inspector- Josh Urey	YAEIT (alt.) T.L. Crawford

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve the appointments as read, noting G. Andrews declined being appointed to the YAEIT.. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by E. Paules to appoint the following individuals;  
Planning Commission – Jean Merrill and Dennis Sarpen  
Zoning Hearing Board – Bruce Merrill and T. Michael Jackson  
Civil Service Commission – Walt Cerkan

Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by J. Blum to appoint the following professionals. Motion carried.

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

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

**MINUTES:**

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve the minutes of 12/30/13. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

Mayor – Mayor Halapin reported Stewartstown Borough has joined the SRPC. He noted three former Stewartstown Borough officers have become part of the department, and interviews are being conducted to hire an additional officer. L.

O'Brien questioned why the minutes from the SRPC reference "looking for property for a new facility". He discussed the current lease and his preference for a longer term lease so that the Borough does not lose cash flow anytime soon. Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by D. Sarpen to present SRPC with a 5 year lease term immediately following the current expiration. Motion carried.

President Terrell advised the County of York cannot print the "library tax" on a tax bill. He noted a letter was sent to the County Commissioners expressing the Borough dissatisfaction, and the office is researching other software programs that can calculate and print the bills.

T.L. Crawford advised Council of the problem with portable basketball hoops being along the cartway on public streets. She provided a photo of damage to a Borough truck caused by the mirror catching the net of a portable hoop. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to send a letter and a copy of the photo to all property owners that have placed these structures in the ROW, advising the property owner to move the item or they will be held responsible for any and all damages. Motion carried.

J. Blum requested Wade look at the sidewalk on Main St. and others for deteriorating conditions in preparation to send letters requesting repairs be done in the spring.

D. Sarpen noted the recent water samples collected indicated a reading of iron and magnesium. He noted the two of the readings were at an unacceptable level. He discussed sampling an additional time, and investigating possible remedies.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by E. Paules to adjourn at 1920 hrs. Motion carried.