

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
July 11, 2016

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

J. Blum – Vice President (arri. 1940 hrs.)
B. Terrell – Council member
L. O'Brien – Council member
K. Earll – Council member
B. Merrill – Council member
J. Halapin – Mayor
S. Doyle - Solicitor
T.L. Crawford – Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

TREASURER'S REPORT

June 2016- \$ 837,970.90

Motion by B. Terrell, seconded by K. Earll to approve the reports as submitted. Motion carried.

MINUTES: (June, 2016)

Motion by K. Earll, seconded by L. O'Brien to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

BID OPENING:

Franklin St. Property Bid – One (1) bid was received and opened as follows:

C.F.R. Property Group (Glen Rock, PA) - \$ 42,300.

Motion by B. Terrell, seconded by L. O'Brien to accept the bid of \$ 42,300. Motion carried.

T.L. Crawford will contact the bidder and arrange settlement.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NF Heritage – P. Putman present to request Council approve NF Heritage having a “Beer/Wine Garden” at the Freedom Fest. He noted they want to sanction off a portion of Tank Alley for the event, and will charge an admission to enter. B. Terrell noted their written request noted Paesano’s and Crescent Industries has supported this area being used. But he spoke with Mr. Paules of Crescent Industries, and they were not aware of this and did not approve it. President Sarpen questioned why do they want alcohol at what was a “family” event. P. Putman advised they want to have interests for all ages, not just children. Mayor Halapin questioned if they will be RAMP trained servers dispensing the alcohol. P. Putman noted they will be employees of the breweries. Marie Halapin of the NF Rec Council advised this was discussed at the rec meeting. The Rec Council objects to this for the following reasons; A family event, for this type of event use another location or venue, impacts 2 Borough businesses that sell alcohol that will be open if someone wants an alcoholic drink, liability by closing and using a public street. She also suggested they speak to the committee that held a beer/wine festival in Glen Rock recently. T.L. Crawford provided a copy of the Dram Shop Act and noted the insurance requirements. L. O'Brien noted the group has been beneficial to the Borough and he will support the request. Motion by K. Earll, seconded by L.O'Brien to table the request until Aug. 8 and request letters of support for the event and location be submitted by Paesano’s and Crescent Industries.

Phil Robinson present to question the status of any action with Shrewsbury on the sewer capacity. He noted letters have been exchanged with the Solicitors and they can begin working on the agreement. D. Sarpen noted NF still has concerns with the limits in the new

permit. He reminded Council when the wwtp was permitted in the 1970's there were not stringent limits for phosphorous and nitrogen. NF has met with Buchart Horn to study if the plant can meet these limits as the flows increase, and also what upgrades may be needed., as well as capital upgrades on the older equipment. Council reminded P. Robinson Shrewsbury Borough previously was opposed to capacity being obligated to him, so they would like to see a letter with a written outline of what Shrewsbury Borough is now supporting.

REPORTS:

Mayor – Mayor Halapin advised he met with Senator Scott Wagner after the parade, and had dinner with the Senator and his wife at Seven. He noted it was a pleasure to discuss the concerns and interests of New Freedom with the Senator.

Rec Council – M. Halapin advised Council the parade went well, and the next event will be “Yogis in the Park”. She also noted they will have an opening for a teen representative.

Planning Commission – D. Sarpen advised they are looking at a solution for the parking problems on existing buildings in the down town area. An amendment has been forwarded to Council, Solicitor and Zoning Officer for review and comments.

BUSINESS:

Tri-State Grouting - Final Payment Recommendation of \$ 17,992. Motion by B. Terrell, seconded by K. Earll to approve the final payment, noting this completes the sewer line grouting project. Motion carried.

OTHER:

Main St. /Railroad Sidewalk – T.L. Crawford obtained 2 quotes for the sidewalk. A quote for the engineering and permitting is \$ 7,500. The quote for engineering, permitting and installation and construction is \$ 24,500. T.L. Crawford advised both quotes noted all the entities that must be consulted and permits and approval obtained. L. O'Brien noted after, it is a large amount of money for a small section of sidewalk. Council agreed it is cost prohibitive, and will remain as it is at this time.

St. John's Lutheran Church – T.L. Crawford advised a request was received for an adjustment on their sewer bill, noting they had a leak for the past 9 months. L. O'Brien noted there was a change in staff at the church, so the higher bill was not noticed in a timely fashion. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by K. Earll to follow the Borough policy and adjust the sewer bill as requested. Motion carried, with L. O'Brien abstaining.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council convened to executive session with the Solicitor for a contract issue at 1950 hours. Council reconvened to the regular meeting at 2013 hrs.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by B. Terrell to adjourn the meeting at 2017 hrs. Motion carried.