

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
June 13, 2016

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

TREASURER'S REPORT

May 2016- \$ 132,214.46

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by B. Terrell to approve the reports as submitted. Motion carried.

MINUTES: (May, 2016)

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by K. Earll to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Phil Robinson advised Council he attended a Shrewsbury Borough meeting concerning sewer capacity and use of their sewer lines. He noted they advised they will work with NF to permit any capacity he obtains from NF to flow through their sewer lines, and request Council schedule a meeting to discuss the issue. He advised they directed their Solicitor to work on updating the intermunicipal agreement. President Sarpen advised NF needs to see written correspondence from Shrewsbury Borough outlining what they will authorize, and their intent, prior to any meetings. Solicitor Hovis questioned why their Solicitor would be looking at amending the intermunicipal agreement, which is not a factor. President Sarpen requested Solicitor Hovis contact their solicitor and inquire why the intermunicipal agreement is a concern. President Sarpen noted a meeting is being held at the end of June with the Borough engineer and Solicitor to discuss DEP requirements and upgrades that may be needed.

Denise Huggins, 26 S. Front St. and Tracy Gray, 30 S. Front St. present to inquire about permitted parking in front of their property. Solicitor Hovis explained since it is a public street, long term permit parking could jeopardize the Borough receiving liquid fuels funds in excess of \$ 100,000. It was also noted by photos that all properties along Front St. do have rear off street parking pads, garages or driveways. D. Huggins noted customers of Steam into History park along Front St., and that is part of the problem. T. Gray noted they do have parking, but would rather carry packages a shorter distance from Front St., than from the rear of her property. Chief Boddington advised he will stop down and talk to Steam into History about advertising other parking locations for customers. T.L. Crawford advised she has an upcoming meeting with their new Director and will also discuss alternate parking. D. Huggins voiced her concern that her only option for parking in front of her property is to obtain handicap placard. Council advised her that anyone with a handicap placard would be able to park there.

Annie Toy, 28 S. Front St. requested Council make Church Alley 1 way. President Sarpen noted Chief Boddington and the public works dept. can look at the alley, and any history of accidents on the alley. He also noted YCP does not do traffic studies on alleys.

REPORTS:

Mayor – Mayor Halapin noted an item for discussion is noted later on the agenda. J. Blum noted additional traffic enforcement is being done in the Borough at his request. Chief Boddington advised a LCB hearing for the Hodel will be held at this location on 6/17/16 at 1100 hours. He also noted the “internet exchange space” has been established in the municipal building’s parking lot, and the cameras are in place. The police department has put it on their web site, and requested the Borough place it on theirs also.

Rec Council – M. Halapin advised Council the circus went well, and extended their gratitude to Officer Hansen. She also reminded them of the upcoming parade.

Solicitor – S. Hovis updated Council on the Bonnie Houston case, which is being handled by the Borough insurance carrier. He reported some changes with DEP and the designation of MS4 municipalities. He noted more municipalities are being designated as MS4, and NF may be appointed in the next round of appointments.

NF Heritage Lease - R. Lieske questioned the status of the lease and the amendments he requested. T.L. Crawford advised she forwarded the lease to Council members and the Solicitor in March for comments on the changes. To date she heard from 1 Council member and the Solicitor has addressed some of the changes. Solicitor Hovis commented that some of the changes are satisfactory, and some are not. Council requested it be forwarded to them again for review.

BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2016 -1 (High St. Parking) – President Sarpen read the preamble of ordinance 2016-1. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by K. Earll to adopt Ordinance 2016-1. Motion carried.

Freedom Crossings Security Reduction – Motion by O’Brien, seconded by J. Blum to reduce the security contingent upon Buchart Horn’s conditions be met, and the amount released is \$ 818,471., leaving a security of \$ 323,498.67. Motion carried.

York Water Co. – President Sarpen advised a meeting was held at the request of York Water Co. to inquire if the Borough is interested in selling the waste water treatment plant and collection system, and/or the Borough water system. He noted he advised them the Borough is not interested in any changes with the water or sewer system at this time.

OTHER:

Main St. /Railroad Sidewalk – President Sarpen advised no positive responses have been received from York County or Steam into History, and no response at all from Penn Dot District 8. L. O’ Brien stated it appears the Borough is not pursuing the matter since it is the County and State involved. He noted the Borough could use the amusement tax that is paid by Steam into History to fund the project, which he estimates to be \$ 2,000. - \$ 3,000. President Sarpen noted he does not believe the Borough should start paying to put sidewalks in on property that the Borough does not own. J. Blum expressed concern over the maintenance, such as snow removal and liability if the Borough would constructs a sidewalk on property it does not own. Solicitor Hovis reminded Council they are talking about building in a state owned ROW along Main St. and it will require engineering and a H.O.P. T. L. Crawford will obtain and estimates on the engineering and construction of a sidewalk.

Community Center – M. Halapin and K. Dickmyer advised Council the roadside garden and trees at the community center parking lot has become a problem since M. Goodfellow is not able to maintain it. It is overgrown and now impacts visibility when vehicles try to exit the parking lot. Council advised K. Dickmyer to have the public works dept. cut the vegetation and cover with stone, and come back with a recommendation for the trees.

T.L. Crawford requested Council consider retaining Eric Mains as the Borough 2016 storm water project engineer. He is leaving Buchart and will be the head of the storm water division at Gannet Fleming. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by B. Terrell to retain Eric Mains through Gannet Fleming Engineering to complete the 2016 storm water project. Motion carried.

Police Formula - Mayor Halapin advised Council NF and GR are in agreement for a 100% hours based formula. He also noted Rob from Stewartstown reported they are in favor of the hours formula. He advised Council the only one that disagrees is Shrewsbury Borough, which would prefer the formula stay at the current method. President Sarpen reminded Council that at the January 2016 meeting a motion was made to allow a formula to be developed and agreed upon by the June 2016 meeting. It was also determined at that time if a change in formula did not occur, the steps outlined in the agreement for withdraw would be followed. Chief Boddington advised Council he was at the recent Shrewsbury meeting, they did vote to stay with the old formula, however some of the new members did seem willing to discuss other formulas. J. Blum advised there is no problem with the police dept., Chief or officers, the problem is the formula and Shrewsbury Borough's unwillingness to allow all municipalities to be treated fairly. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by B. Terrell to follow the steps outlined in the SRPC agreement and advertise a public hearing on August 8, 2016 at 1830 hours. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by K. Earll to adjourn the meeting at 2057 hrs. Motion carried.