

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
June 9, 2014

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

E. Paules – Council member
L. O'Brien – Council member
D. Sarpen – Council member
G. Andrews – Council member
J. Halapin – Mayor
T.L. Crawford – Administrator
E. Mains - Engineer

Others present: see attached

CALL TO ORDER

DISBURSEMENTS (5/12/2014 – 6/3/2014)

General - \$ 127,899.23 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Paules to approve. Motion carried.
Water - \$ 101,321.87 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Paules to approve. Motion carried.
Sewer - \$ 72,781.45 Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.
Rec. - \$ 759.92 Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.
Comm. Ctr. - \$ 3,748.45 Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by E. Paules to approve. Motion carried.

MINUTES: (May 12, 2014)

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

REPORTS:

Mayor – Mayor Halapin advised Council the SRPC report shows NF hours are higher, however this is due to a death investigation. He extended his appreciation to Bruce Merrill for the presentation on police costs he reviewed at the SRPC meeting. B. Merrill briefly noted the problem with how current costs are being calculated and charged to nonmember municipalities is not based on the total cost of the department. He also noted the increase in the “other hours” category is concerning for member municipalities.

Water – D. Sarpen noted he recently took vacation in the west and southwest of the United States and saw the devastation of the drought. He noted after seeing those areas you realize how valuable water is.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Kopp of 219 W. Main St. advised Council if the property known as “*the stables*” is leased in the future, he is interested since his property is near it. He would use it for storage as the previous lease, and would maintain the parcel. T.L. Crawford advised we are waiting to determine if we will need the storage for recycle bins, or if they may remain at the Silbaugh property. She advised she will contact him when the Borough has a decision from Silbaugh.

D. Folger (*NF Heritage*) requested if the wineries may rent a space at the Freedom Fest for tastings and sale of bottles of wine. She noted the Ordinance prohibits alcohol on park property. Council explained they can waive enforcement of the ordinance for that date, but all LCB regulations must be followed. T.L. Crawford will check with the Solicitor and forward information to NF Heritage to supply to the vendor.

BUSINESS:

Freedom Crossing Plan – J. Brennemen present to review the plan. Waiver requested for SLDO 194-305.A.4 (*traffic study*). He noted the developer is widening the road more than is required. Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by E. Paules to grant the waiver as requested. Motion carried, with D. Sarpen abstaining. Waiver requested for SLDO 194-521 (*steep slope*) due to slopes greater than 20% are in the preserved stream valley or manmade at the existing buildings. Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by E. Paules to grant the waiver as requested. Motion carried, with D. Sarpen abstaining. Council discussed Buchart Horns letter concerning E&S plan and NPDES permit. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by L. O'Brien to approve contingent upon all fees be paid and the requirements in Buchart Horns letter be met. Motion carried, with D. Sarpen abstaining.

2014 Road Bids – T.L. Crawford advised Council road bids were received as follows:

Material Bids – *York Materials Group \$ 113,231.25*

Application/Labor Bids – *Fitz & Smith, Inc. \$ 120,024.85*

Kinsley Construction, Inc. \$ 166,068.75

H & H General Excavating \$ 171,495.00

Motion by E. Paules, seconded by L. O'Brien to award the materials contract to York Materials Group. Motion carried. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by L. O'Brien to award the application/labor contract to Fitz & Smith, Inc. Motion carried. E. Paules inquired about the status for a remedy to School Alley and the water run-off problem. B. Terrell advised the alley was paved improperly years ago, the swale was removed and now the water leaves the road surface and is impacting properties along the alley. He noted it has been looked at by the original engineer, James Holley and recently by Buchart Horn. The remedy seems to be to reconstruct the alley to its original design, or use a pervious material. Council requested Buchart Horn meet with Fitz & Smith to review what remedies are available and the estimated cost.

OTHER:

L. O'Brien discussed the budget process. He noted as a new Council member he is still learning the process, and would like to see Council more involved. Council discussed the budget process and T.L. Crawford noted the budget process follows the DCED guidelines. T.L. Crawford noted when the draft budget is provided any line item can be investigated for further detail, just contact the office. She also noted certain details cannot be provided by computer reports since the accounting software is still an old DOS system from 1991 with limited capabilities. G. Andrews questioned how revenue is generated in the Borough. Council members and T.L. Crawford explained taxes and user fees, permits, fines etc.

T.L. Crawford advised Council the air/heat unit for the municipal office is functioning at less than 50% capacity, and some days not at all. This unit has been slowing shutting down for the past 2 years, and quotes have been obtained twice. The most recent service call advised they can no longer fix it due to its age, 20 years and condition. A quote was obtained from Williams Service Co., which had been the lowest vendor quote for the past 2 years. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by L. O'Brien to accept the quotes in the amount of \$ 6,910.00 for removal and installation a 4-ton Trane heating/cooling system. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by L. O'Brien seconded by E. Paules to adjourn the meeting at 2048 hrs. Motion carried.

