

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
May 11, 2015

Meeting called to order by Solicitor Chris Ryder at 1900 hrs. C. Ryder advised Council a temporary chairman must be nominated to chair the meeting. Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by K. Earll to nominated D. Sarpen to act as temporary chairman for this meeting. Motion carried. Acting Chairman D. Sarpen opened the meeting at 1904 hrs. Present were:

K. Earll – Council member
G. Andrews – Council member
L. O'Brien – Council member
J. Halapin – Mayor
T.L. Crawford – Administrator
Chris Ryder - Solicitor

Other present: see attached

CALL TO ORDER

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

May 2015 - \$ 294,950.36 Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by K. Earll to approve the report as submitted. Motion carried.

MINUTES: (April 13, 2015)

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

REPORTS:

Mayor – Mayor Halapin noted a police time analysis report was compiled and forwarded to all elected officials this past month. He also reported contract negotiations are still ongoing. Mayor Halapin advised Council the police investigated a recent attempted homicide/suicide case in the Borough, noting the attempted suicide victim has died, and the attempted homicide victim is in critical condition.

Rec. – K. Earll reminded Council the Farmers Market is held every Saturday and the circus is being held May 31 at Goodfellow Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Utility Bill Reduction Request – R. Somerville, 148 High St. requested Council abate/reduce the utility bills due to a broken pipe and a leaking toilet. D. Sarpen explained the Borough policy on water charges and sewer charges due to leaks etc. Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by K. Earll to reduce the sewer portion of the bill only to the average use, water portion remains as billed. Motion carried.

John McKewen and Charles Dolan questioned the status of the repairs to the storm sewer line between their properties. D. Sarpen explained Buchart Horn is expecting the contractor to report their start date this week. They questioned how maintenance in the future will be handled. Council explained there is uncertainty on these old storm water management

facilities, they may not be the Boroughs, are often the property owners. D. Sarpen also noted often the municipality steps in when the property owners fail to maintain them, which is common. Solicitor Ryder explained an easement and dedication of facilities which is common in developments now, but previously uncommon in the 1970's.

BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2015 -1 (Loan Modification Authorization). Motion by K. Earll, seconded by L. O'Brien to adopt Ordinance 2015 -1 as presented. Motion carried.

OTHER:

T.L. Crawford advised sewer lining project pre-bid meeting will be on May 13 at 1000 hrs. and will be awarded at the June meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded G. Andrews to adjourn the meeting at 1942 hours. Motion carried.