

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
November 10, 2014

Meeting called to order by President B. Terrell at 1850 hours. Present were:

J. Blum – Council member
D. Sarpen – Council member
K. Earll – Council member
L. O'Brien – Council member
G. Andrews – Council member
T.L. Crawford – Administrator
S. Hovis - Solicitor

Others present: see attached

CALL TO ORDER

TREASURER'S REPORT (10/1/2014 – 10/31/2014)

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by K. Earll to approve the report as submitted with disbursements of \$496,308.82. Motion carried.

MINUTES: (October 20, 2014)

Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by J. Blum to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Police - President Terrell reviewed the letter from Stambaugh Ness & Co., the firm that has been retained to handle the SRPC accounting and financial issues. D. Sarpen and J. Blum discussed the meeting with a SRPC representative concerning the costs billed to non-members. D. Sarpen also explained calculations he has worked on that show a higher cost, and the cost to member municipalities.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Phil Robinson – expressed his desire for sewer capacity in Shrewsbury Township, noting he had supported the Penn Works grant application. D. Sarpen explained the grant and repairs that are planned for the system. T.L. Crawford advised the bid documents are being prepared and will be put out for bid in the next month or two. D. Sarpen also explained the Chapter 94 report and DEP criteria. Council discussed the sewer capacity issue and the involvement of other municipalities. P. Robinson requested Council advised him when the repairs are complete and the status of the capacity. He also noted he would be interested in approximately 200 EDUs.

John McEwen of 7 Singer Road requested the status of the construction issues around his property. President Terrell noted the Borough was not made aware of any issues with this project until late July 2014. He also Terrell advised there is an upcoming meeting with a different engineer and Fitz & Smith to review the project and discuss the reported issues.

Raymond Noll of 116 N. Constitution Ave. questioned why he and others in the vicinity did not receive a letter indicating the alley adjoining their property parcels was adopted in October 2013. He stated he was told he would receive a letter. Council advised they did not recall advising letter would be sent since it has no legal standing. Solicitor Hovis advised a letter has no legal bearing on such issues, such as road ownership, however a copy of the adopted Ordinance is a legal document. Council directed the office to mail a copy of the Ordinance adopting Noll Alley to all adjoin property owners. R. Noll also questioned why Council does not read previous minutes aloud at the meetings, as he has seen at other meetings. Solicitor Hovis advised municipal meetings follow the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Statutes, and minutes are reviewed prior to the meeting and only adopted at a public meeting. He advised R. Noll there are distinct differences in municipal meeting criteria and private board or non-profit meetings.

BUSINESS:

Resolution 2014-2 (Freedom Crossing Phase I) & Resolution 2014-3 (Freedom Crossing Phase II) street lights. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to adopt Resolution 2014-2 and Resolution 2014 -3 authorizing and adopting the street lights for Freedom Crossings development. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council convened into executive session at 1955 hrs. to discuss litigation. Regular meeting reconvened at 2010 hrs.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by L. O'Brien seconded by J. Blum to adjourn the meeting at 2012 hrs. Motion carried.