

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
November 18, 2013

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

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

Other present: see attached

CALL TO ORDER

DISBURSEMENTS

General - \$ 261,247.66 Motion by D. Sarpen seconded by J. Blum to approve. Motion carried.
Water - \$ 97,691.18 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.
Sewer - \$ 92,921.65 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by J. Blum to approve. Motion carried.
Rec. - \$ 378.00 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.
Comm. Ctr. - \$ 5,205.33 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by K. Earll to approve. Motion carried.
Liquid Fuels - \$ 144,886.00 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by K. Earll to approve. Motion carried, with D. Sarpen abstaining.

MINUTES: (October 21, 2013)

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

REPORTS:

Mayor – Mayor Halapin read the emergency services report. He advised the “Drug Take Back” program at Giant was a success. President Terrell advised the revised intergovernmental agreement for Southern Regional Police is ready for adoption. S. Hovis reminded Council the acceptance/signing of the agreement must be done by Ordinance, which needs to be advertised as he noted last month. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to advertise the Ordinance as required. Motion carried. Council discussed the agreement in length, and S. Hovis advised he will discuss his concerns with the SRPC representatives.

Sewer – D. Sarpen noted some proposed changes are being considered by state legislators to the electrical power shedding laws. These changes will impact the Borough, particularly the WWTP. He noted J. Smith has already sent a letter to some state representatives to support the continuation of programs such as our contract with Enernoc. T.L. Crawford advised our ytd revenues from Enernoc are over \$ 8000.

Rec. Council – No report

PUBLIC COMMENT

NF Heritage – Sue Myers provided Council with a written request for \$ 15,000. To be applied to the cost of the gazebo. S. Myers also distributed a letter concerning a proposal from Almony Property Solutions. The proposal is for donated labor and maintenance of Freedom Green’s landscaping in exchange for advertising signs to be located on the property. S. Hovis noted

the number and types of signs could be an issue and suggested she meet with the zoning officer. Council advised S. Myers to contact the office and schedule a meeting to review the proposal and discuss the signs. S. Myers also noted the Eagle Scout has finished the picnic tables and placed them at Freedom Green.

M. Jackson introduced Boy Scout Gregg Hough. He also noted the Boy Scouts recent food drive in the Borough netted 3500 containers of food.

BUSINESS

Franklin Square Preliminary LDP – J. Barnes present to review the plan and address comments. T.L. Crawford noted Buchart Horns letter of recommended approval, contingent upon any remaining items in the correspondence of 11/18/13 be addressed. T.L. Crawford noted all have been addressed except the combining lots, traffic study and final storm water plan. Motion by K. Earll, seconded by J. Blum to approve the preliminary plan contingent upon all comments in the BH letter of 11/18/13 is addressed. Motion carried with D. Sarpen and L. O'Brien abstaining. Motion carried.

OTHER:

J. Velli letter – Council reviewed the letter concerning his frequent changing of his small in-house water filter due to discoloration. He noted it is more frequent in the past year, and is concerned with possible health issues. He also noted he spoke with Borough staff and was not satisfied with the explanation of extensive work on the water lines, and hydrant flushing. J. Blum advised he also has sediment filters on his water system, and has in every house he has lived in. He stated they get dirty and need changed, since their purpose is to remove sediment particles from the water. D. Sarpen reported all wells allow a small amount of sediment to filter into water lines. He also noted flushing hydrants, turning valves and working on the lines changes the velocity of the water and it scours any mineral deposits or sediment off the inside of the pipes. D. Sarpen noted the common types of mineral deposits are typically iron and magnesium. K. Dickmyer advised he checked with the lab and all water samples are within DEP guidelines and do not have any lead or copper in the water. He also explained to J. Velli the only closed system in York County is York Water, which utilizes the Susquehanna River and reservoirs. K. Dickmyer also noted any hydrant flushing was done by the Borough, not contractors as stated in J. Velli's letter. Council discussed the recent changes to the system, the new tank, the numerous repairs, upgrades and improvements. Council requested the office notify J. Velli if he has discolored water to contact the office and the public works dept. will obtain a sample at his home in a sterile approved container to take to the lab for testing.

Fitz & Smith Payment Requests & Change Orders:

Request #3 - street work \$ 5,358.92.

Request # 1 - water line patch on Constitution Ave. \$ 2,823.35

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by K. Earll to approve as submitted. Motion carried

Change Order No# 1 – lower manhole \$ - 384.00. Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by K. Earll to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Change Order No# 2 – additional milling \$ 984.00. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by K. Earll to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Mower Quotes – T.L. Crawford reviewed the quotes obtained to replace two mowers. She noted the vendor is PA co-stars and will take trade ins on the old equipment. K. Dickmyer advised the mowers are in excess of 14 and 10 years old, and have had extensive repairs.

Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by D. Sarpen to purchase 2 mowers and at a cost of \$ 12,000. and \$ 9,900. Motion carried.

Council recessed prior to reconvening to the budget work session.

Council reconvened to the budget meeting at 2047 hours.