

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
October 19, 2015

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

J. Blum – Council member
K. Earll – Council member
E. Paules – Council member
G. Andrews – Council member
L. O'Brien – Council member
D. Sarpen – Council member
J. Halapin – Mayor
T.L. Crawford – Administrator

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Oct. 2015 - \$ 189,702.05 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by E. Paules to approve as submitted. Motion carried.

MINUTES: (Sept. 24, 2015)

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by E. Paules to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Mayor – No report.

Sewer – D. Sarpen request Buchart Horn review any capital items listed on the plant improvement list for 2016 to insure it is the best solution and/or fit for the plant.

Roads – E. Paules advised a meeting was held with Buchart Horn and the adjoining property owners along School Alley. All construction easements have been signed and returned except the one from an out of state owner. He reported the project should begin in the next 2 weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

S. Myers present to discuss Freedom Green. She noted the lease expires at the end of the year and would like to see some changes made to item #4 (use). She advised a butterfly garden was recently completed by the Girl Scouts. She reviewed a sketch of the next phase, noting the contractor will contact Wade for a permit and the official measurements on the public alley.

BUSINESS:

Fitz & Smith Payment (\$ 195,663.78) Request – Motion by E. Paules, seconded by K. Earll to approve as submitted. Motion carried.

Tri-State Grouting Payment (\$ 27,000.) Request - Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by J. Blum to approve as submitted. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2015-2 (sewer rate amendment) - Motion by E. Paules, seconded by K. Earll to approve as submitted. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council convened to executive session at 1937 hrs. to discuss litigation. Council reconvened to the regular meeting at 1951 hrs.

OTHER:

Council continued the lengthy discussion on the proposed draft of the 2016 SRPC police budget. They noted the major concern is the formula and subsequent cost. Council noted the costs over the past 5 years have escalated considerably due to the formula that is being utilized. J. Blum noted if PPU's or something similar was utilized the municipalities would get what they are paying for. Council expressed concern that after the Stewartstown credit is gone the increase will be substantial. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by L. O'Brien to not approve the SRPC payment that was submitted on the current draft, but approve the General Fund with the same amount as paid in 2015 for police services. Motion carried.

Motion by K. Earll, seconded by E. Paules to authorize the 2016 proposed budget to be advertised for public inspection. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by J. Blum to adjourn the meeting at 2011 hours. Motion carried.