

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
October 21, 2013

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

E. Paules – Vice President
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 - \$ 132,966.40 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by K. Earll to approve. Motion carried.
Water - \$ 46,359.42 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by J. Blum to approve. Motion carried.
Sewer - \$ 59,394.70 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.
Rec. - \$ 64.00 Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.
Comm. Ctr. - \$ 1,727.04 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by J. Blum to approve. Motion carried.
Liquid Fuels - \$ 69,205.50 Motion by E. Paules, seconded by K. Earll to approve. Motion carried, with D. Sarpen abstaining.

Fitz & Smith, Inc. Payment Request #2 – T. L. Crawford reviewed the second payment request from Fitz & Smith, Inc. for street repairs in the amount of \$ 123,499.49. She noted the total contract is \$ 217,968. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by J. Blum to approve the request in the amount of \$ 123,499.49. Motion carried, with D. Sarpen abstaining.

MINUTES: (September 9, 2013)

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by K. Earll to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ZO Amendment 2013-3 (Accessory Dwelling Units) – S. Hovis read the preamble of the Ordinance, and explained the requirement for an annual permit. No public comment received.

Vacate Alley 2013-4 – S. Hovis read the preamble of the Ordinance, and the history of the alley. No public comment.

REPORTS:

Mayor – President Terrell reviewed the status of Stewartstown joining the SRPC. He advised the other member municipalities have voted to allow Stewartstown to join, contingent upon the approval of a revised intergovernmental agreement. He explained Stewartstown joining will help reduce the budget increases for NF. He noted without Stewartstown in 2014 New Freedom will pay \$ 562,000. , with Stewartstown \$ 510,000. plus a buy-in credit of approximately \$ 30,000. E. Paules questioned if 5 year budget projections have been done to show the impact after the buy-in phase is over. Council discussed in length the Stewartstown concept, including how the officers would be handled, the formula, commission membership etc. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by K. Earll to conditionally accept Stewartstown Borough into

the SRPC contingent upon final approval of an amended intergovernmental agreement. Motion carried. S. Hovis reminded Council the agreement must be done by Ordinance.

Solicitor – S. Hovis advised he drafted a response to the Shrewsbury Borough letter concerning sewer EDUs and the grant request. He also noted the office sent a letter to Shrewsbury Borough concerning their collection on fines for sewer infractions. The letter requested they remit the funds to the Borough as specified in the agreement. S. Hovis advised he spoke with Reed Anderson concerning Steam into History's miscalculations of the amusement tax. R. Anderson was not aware that they were adjusting the amount used in the calculations, but will have it corrected.

Rec. Council – M. Halapin reported on the upcoming events, Veterans Day picnic, winter tennis and the haunted trail.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Erin Carroll (5 Washington Rd) was present to discuss her zoning violation for chickens. She explained her 2 chickens are pets, and her lot size does not meet the ZO. She requested Council consider amending the Ordinance to permit chickens on any size parcel in the Borough. S. Hovis explained the only board that can hear, or address her problem is the Zoning Hearing Board, not Council. President Terrell advised the ZO is written to protect all residents, and in her case the neighbors are filing complaints about the chickens. S. Hovis reviewed the appeal and variance procedures that are available to her.

NF Heritage – S. Myers advised another Eagle Scout is proposing to do the rain garden at Freedom Green, and will be attending the Rec. Board meeting to discuss the project. She also advised they have received a \$ 5000. grant from York County Coalition. D. Folger advised the Freedom Fest was a success and thanked Council members for participating. S. Myers also noted the brick sales are a success, and she will have a complete report next month after their LDP is reviewed.

Cynthia Delone, a Shrewsbury Township Supervisor requested Council provide funding in conjunction with Shrewsbury Township and Shrewsbury Borough to purchase a "trike" for the South Central York County Senior Center. She explained the purchase will be from the Whistle Stop Bike Shop at cost. She noted the Senior Center applied for 3 grants and, and York County Agency on Aging and was turned down. Council questioned where the "trike" will be used. C. Delone advised it will be used in the auditorium and the parking lot. Council suggested she provide a presentation to the NF Lions Club, NF Lioness Club and VFW. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by K. Earll to donate \$ 300. contingent upon her raising the rest of the funds needed. Motion carried.

Robert Badders of 21 E. Main St. inquired if the Borough had his property survey. He explained a surveyor was in yard last week taking measurements. Council advised the Borough does not survey private property.

BUSINESS

Ordinance 2013 -3 (ZO Amendment (accessory dwelling units). S. Hovis reviewed the preamble of the Ordinance. He also noted York County Planning and NF Planning Commission recommend adoption of the amendment. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to adopt as presented. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2013 -4 (Vacate/Adopt Alley). S. Hovis read the preamble of the Ordinance and noted the history of the unnamed alley. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by J. Blum to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Motion carried. T.L. Crawford advised Council the alley needs to have a name for signage. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to designate the alley as "Noll Alley". Motion carried.

OTHER:

T.L. Crawford advised Council of the problems with the 2004 GMC, noting the estimate for repair and tires is \$ 4000. She advised the value of the vehicle is approximately \$ 8000. , and a quote was obtained from Co-Stars on a 2013 Ford F150. The quote with a trade in allowance of \$ 8,000. is \$ 29,813. K. Dickmyer explained the issues with the aging equipment, and by utilizing Co-Stars you choose from what is available on contract. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by E. Paules to purchase a truck and topper at a NTE \$ 32,000. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to adjourn the meeting at 2057 hours. Motion carried.