

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
September 12, 2011

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

J. Halapin – Council member
D. Sarpen – Council Member
E. Paules – Council Member
E. Myers – Council Member
E. Molinsky – Council Member
J. Joy – Mayor
P. Falzoni – Solicitor
T.L. Crawford – Administrator

Other present: see attached

CALL TO ORDER

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Terrell reminded Council the Freedom Fest is September 17, 2011. Council commended the public works employees for handling the extreme rains, flooding and high water issues that occurred at the sewer plant and throughout the Borough during storms Irene and Lee.

DISBURSEMENTS:

General \$ 75,071.58. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Paules to approve. Motion carried.
Water \$ 40,094.84. Motion by D. Sarpen seconded by E. Paules to approve, Motion carried.
Sewer \$ 56,794.17. Motion by E. Paules seconded by E. Molinsky. Motion carried.
Recreation \$ 2,155.50. Motion by E. Molinsky seconded by J. Halapin. Motion carried.
Comm. Ctr. \$ 5,601.00. Motion by E. Myers seconded by E. Molinsky. Motion carried.

MINUTES: (August 8, 2011)

Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Mayor - Mayor Joy read the emergency services report for August. He advised the police meeting has been rescheduled to Sept. 20, 2011. He also noted the arbitration decision has not been received as of this date. He reported they recently met with another municipality concerning police service, and are waiting to hear back from them.

EMA – J. Joy reported the Borough suffered very little damage due to recent storms; the majority of the incidents were basement flooding.

Solicitor – P. Falzoni advised Council a check for \$ 49,000. has been received for the Alteri bond claim.

Water - D. Sarpen advised Council the new water tank is nearing completion; sidewalk, grading and tank are finished just minor check list items remain. He also reported well # 1 is back in service, and the pump specifications for well # 8 are being reviewed.

TCC – E. Molinsky reported the bylaws and Ordinances are being drafted by Stock and Leader and will be forwarded to the Borough upon approval for adoption.

Rec. – Pat extended the Rec Council’s appreciation to public works for the renovation to the storage building at Goodfellow Park. She noted the battle of the bands event has been tabled until spring, and the Veterans Picnic will be Nov. 11. She submitted a list of questions concerning the proposed Scout Building, and requested the answers be in written form to be distributed to the Rec Board members. The list of questions was supplied to M. Summers and Borough Council. She questioned why SYC was denied their request in the past to build a facility at the same location. President Terrell advised SYC was not turned down; they went to Shrewsbury Township because the township agreed to assist in the funding of the building.

Police – Council discussed having a second alternate available for SRPC when scheduling conflicts arise. Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by E. Myers to appoint E. Paules as the second alternate when needed for the SRPC. Motion carried. Officer Smith present to provide Council with a brief report of police activity, he noted the most recent major issue was the extensive flooding in Glen Rock during the recent storms. He also advised Council of the wall collapse at a house on Broad St. as a result of the storms. He noted they are aware of the trespassing and cat problems at the former LaMotte property. He reminded Council and the audience to call 911 if any activity appears suspicious.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NF Heritage –D. Folger reminded Council to attend Freedom Fest on September 17. She requested Council package the paving of the alley to be abandoned at Freedom Green into the 2012 road bids. She advised James Holley’s office is working on a LDP for Freedom Green, and the consideration of moving the electric underground to permit the pole to be removed. J. Holley reported it will be costly, but would be beneficial to have the Borough contact Met Ed concerning this issue. President Terrell questioned when the museum plans to be open; noting this has been a costly venture for the Borough and the museum still has not established any regular hours. D. Folger explained they have had a difficult time finding volunteers to staff the museum, but they will continue to try.

Ann Flynn was present representing Paul Smith Library. She provided Council with tickets for the October 1 Art Gala. She advised this is a fund raiser that includes wine and cheese and a silent auction.

BUSINESS

MMO 2012 – President Terrell read the 2012 MMO noting the amount of \$ 128,777.20. Motion by E. Paules, second by E. Molinsky to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Hogg Payment Request – Motion by E. Paules, seconded by E. Myers to approve payment request #1 in the amount of \$ 22,193.51 for the Community Center. Motion carried.

H & H Payment Request – Motion by E. Myers, seconded by J. Halapin to approve payment request #1 in the amount of \$ 83,510.19 for the 2011 street work. Motion carried.

Radio Repeater Quote – Motion by E. Paules, seconded by E. Myers to accept the quote from the Radio Man in the amount of \$ 2500. To relocate the 2-way radio repeater to 49 East High St. Motion carried.

Ashlee Court – Bids for Ashlee Court received and read as follows:

Easy Dig Excavating \$ 58,612.20 Fitz & Smith, Inc. \$ 59,095.00
Kinsley Construction \$ 65,528.00 H & H Contracting \$ 66,028.00
Twin Peak Enterprises \$ 69,880. 00 Conewago Excavating \$ 74,215.16 Stewart & Tate \$ 74,567.00

J. Holley advised the low bidder is Easy Dig Excavating, which has little experience in York County municipal work. Council discussed the bids, and requested his office do research and contact prior clients of Easy Dig and report back prior to award. P. Falzoni noted Alteri Homes did not file bankruptcy, so they remain the owner of the road and the open space. T.L. Crawford noted \$ 49,000. was received from the bond company, approximately \$ 2500. - \$ 3000. has been expended in engineering fees. E. Molinsky questioned the number of homes in the development, and was advised there are 7 homes, and 1 is in foreclosure. E. Paules expressed concerns with the budget being stretched, expending funds to repair a road for a few residents when other roads also need repairs. President Terrell questioned the HOA having to participate in this project, or any other improvements or maintenance issues in the development. P. Falzoni will research the HOA documents. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by E. Myers to table any decision or award pending research on the lowest bidder, and scheduling a continuation meeting for the decision. Motion carried.

OTHER:

Community Center – T.L. Crawford advised the auditorium can't be installed as awarded. The moisture content of the floor exceeds the acceptable level; no company will warranty their product after installation, due to the lack of a vapor barrier. The recommended product is a polished concrete stain. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by E. Molinsky to approve a polished concrete stain, contingent upon more detail being provided and breakdown of costs. Motion carried. The list of the Community Center change orders was reviewed as follows:

Credits- auditorium painting \$ 8,585., stair tower painting \$ 1,500.

Costs – cabinets and counter top \$ 3,852., re-point stair tower \$ 697., moisture tests \$ 1,908

Costs - Kitchen ceiling FRP \$ 2,904, kitchen wall FRP \$ 8,063.

Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by J. Halapin to approve the changes orders as reviewed. Motion carried.

Personnel Memo – E. Paules reviewed the personnel memo concerning increasing the staff of the public works dept. Council discussed the increased work required of the dept., and the same number of staff for the past 15 years. T.L. Crawford advised there were multiple interviews of candidates by different individuals. Motion by E. Myers, seconded by E. Molinsky to make an offer of employment to the individual recommended at a salary of \$ 30,500. contingent upon successful pre employment testing. Motion carried. D. Bortner discussed the need to add an additional employee next year due to a current employee retiring in 2012. He explained after the interviews the list has been narrowed to 3 possible candidates. He requested Council authorize an offer being made to another candidate for the same salary and a start date of January 2012. Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by J. Halapin to authorize an offer of employment is made to additional candidate at a salary of \$ 30,500. with a start date of January 2012. Motion carried.

Budget memo – E. Paules request Council consider changing the pension for future hires to include an employee contribution. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to authorize T.L. Crawford to meet with the pension representative to investigate different pension scenarios. Motion carried.

Proposed Scout Facility – J. Holley questioned the status of the facility being proposed by the Boy Scouts. Council voiced concerns with such a facility being constructed on municipal property being subject to prevailing wage requirements. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by E. Myers to authorize the Solicitor to request a written determination form L&I on the prevailing wage issue. Motion carried. Council discussed the facility and the details of a proposed lease, such as maintenance, utility costs, liability, insurance etc. P. Falzoni advised Council should review the design and a written proposal with construction details of the facility. M. Summers agreed to forward information concerning the building and financing of the project to Stock & Leader for incorporation into the letter to L&I. He also will send information they would like in a draft lease to P. Falzoni. President Terrell advised M. Summers they should review this issue with the New Freedom Lions Club since he has indicated they will hold some responsibility. M. Summers will contact the Lions Club to review the project.

CONTINUANCE:

Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by E. Myers to continue the meeting to September 27, 2011 at 8:00 am. Motion carried.