

**NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 14, 2015**

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Terrell noted the recent passing of Zoning Hearing Board member Michael Jackson. He also advised the Freedom Fest is September 19.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Sept. 2015 - \$ 214,681.81 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve as submitted. Motion carried.

**MINUTES: (Aug., 2015)**

Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by J. Blum to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

Mayor – Mayor Halapin advised Officer Fishel has resigned and will be taking a position with another police department in York County. He also reported Glen Rock will be holding a public meeting on 9/28/15 to discuss the future of police services in their Borough. He also commented on the police report, noting the calls per month and time credited to each municipality do not coincide by the percentage increases, and overtime is excessive and will be over \$ 100,000. in 2015. President Terrell noted there are several ongoing issues, the “formula” on how each municipality pays for service, cost of non-members buying service, coverage for each municipality etc. he also noted without a change in the “formula” NF would also have to look at options to decrease costs. Those options would include contracting from another dept. or being a member of another dept. or PSP. President Terrell noted even a member from Shrewsbury Council sent an e-mail noting partial PSP night coverage may be an option. Council continued to discuss concerns with police costs.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

NF Heritage Request – Council reviewed the request for street closures, signs and parking for the Freedom Fest 2015. Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by J. Blum to approve the request as submitted. Motion carried. S. Myers advised Council of a butterfly garden being installed at Freedom Green, and upcoming programs on tree planting and creating butterfly gardens. She also advised Council they were the recipient of a \$ 10,000. grant for a proposed patio. She noted a change in plans and now they are considering a new porch due to a crack and some missing brick facing. She requested Council assist in funding a new porch which would be \$ 25,000. or less. J. Blum noted he was aware of this concern and had the building inspector look at the porch and he reported the crack and facing are not detrimental to the integrity of the structure, or unsafe, just normal wear and tear. Council will have the public works department look at the porch and possible remedies for the appearance. President Terrell advised there is a commitment for funding to Goodfellow Park which is the hardest used park

in the Borough, and has not had any improvements in the last 20 years. He suggested NF Heritage come back to discuss financial assistance for projects after the completion of Goodfellow Park.

Borough EMC Vacancy – T.L. Crawford advised only letter of interest for the position was received. The individual is Rodney Womack of Smith Mill Road, she noted he has all the required certifications and is a member of Rose Fire Co. President Terrell advised he spoke with members of the Rose Fire Co., and they recommend him for the position and are confident he is good choice and well qualified for the position. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by J. Blum to appoint Rodney Womack as EMC for the Borough. Motion carried.

**BUSINESS:**

T.L. Crawford advised the School Alley/Smith Mill/Hunt Run bids are due Sept 18. At 2:00 p.m. Buchart Horn will review bids and forward to Solicitor Hovis for review. Council will need a continuation meeting to award the bids, so work may begin next week.

**CONTINUATION:**

Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by J. Blum to continue the meeting on September 24 at 0800 hours. Motion carried.