

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
September 9, 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
T.L. Crawford – Administrator
P. Ruth - Solicitor

Other present: see attached

CALL TO ORDER

DISBURSEMENTS

General - \$ 42,052.99 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.
Water - \$ 95,491.09 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by K. Earll to approve. Motion carried.
Sewer - \$ 38,986.14 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried.
Rec. - \$ 14.36 Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by J. Blum to approve. Motion carried.
Comm. Ctr. - \$ 1,811.59 Motion by J. Blum, seconded by K. Earll to approve. Motion carried.

MINUTES: (August 12, 2013)

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

REPORTS:

Mayor – Mayor Halapin absent. President Terrell reviewed the status of the possibility of Stewartstown joining SRPC. He advised a public meeting was held in Stewartstown providing a presentation on the concept. He explained the financial issues and noted changes will be needed in the intergovernmental agreement. There is a possibility their Council may vote on the issue at a September meeting, and then the member municipalities would need to vote to allow Stewartstown to join. He noted to be a member as of 1/1/2014 numerous steps to be taken and issues addressed.

Solicitor – P. Ruth advised the proposed zoning ordinance amendment for “in-law quarters permits” has been recommended for approval by YCP. The Amendment will be on the agenda in October.

Rec. Council – M. Halapin reported on the upcoming events, Veterans Day picnic and the haunted trail. She requested a Council member be available to unlock and secure the municipal building on October 3 for the Rec Council meeting while she is on vacation. She also noted they are working on a winter parade for 2014 prior to the tree lighting.

Sewer – D. Sarpen reviewed a letter received from Shrewsbury Borough questioning the Boroughs intent behind the DCED sewer grant application. D. Sarpen explained the problem with the I&I and the subsequent costs the Borough has incurred as a result of the problem. He supplied a draft response noting the facts in the intermunicipal sewer agreement. Council request the draft letter is forwarded to Solicitor Hovis for review prior to sending.

PUBLIC COMMENT

J. Holley complained about the tree at the intersection of High St. and Singer Road. He reports the tree is overgrown and hinders sight visibility when pulling out from the stop sign. T.L. Crawford will have the police check and the office will send a letter to the property owner.

NF Heritage – Diane Folger present to request authorization for the Goodfellow Park to be used as additional parking spaces on the day of the Freedom Fest. Council granted permission for the park to be used, but advisedj there must be parking attendants present and portions of the park must be roped off to allow for normal park use. J. Holley and S. Myers were present to discuss a land development plan for the Freedom Green Park. J. Holley advised they have been working with Met Ed to have overhead electric lines relocated. He distributed a copy of a plan for comment. J. Holley requested Council waive the requirement for a Land Development Plan since the design and oversight is being done by volunteers. T.L. Crawford advised Council has requested repeatedly a formal modified plan be submitted, that Council will forward for review at the Boroughs expense. Council discussed in length the design of the plan, as well as events held at the property. L. O'Brien questioned why the Council seems to have NF Heritage come in and ask for funding for the project when it is Borough property, possibly the Borough could consider some funding. President Terrell noted the Borough has spent in excess of \$ 200,000. on this property and these were the terms NF Heritage wanted when they asked the Borough to purchase the property. J. Holley advised they will submit a final plan at a later date.

BUSINESS

WWTP Stream Bank Restoration Bid – Council reviewed Buchart Horn’s bid tabulation as follows:

Ecostruction, LLC	\$ 63,715.
Flyway Excavating, Inc.	81,400.
Aquatic Resource	85,000.
Shiloh Paving & Excavating, Inc.	125,000.
Trinity Excavating, Inc.	149,150.

Project estimated at \$ 97,000. Motion by J. Blum, seconded by K. Earll to award the bid to Ecostruction, LLC in the amount of \$ 63,715. Motion carried, with D. Sarpen abstaining.

OTHER:

Fitz & Smith, Inc. Payment Request #1 – T. L. Crawford reviewed a payment request from Fitz & Smith, Inc. for street repairs. She noted the total contract is \$ 217,968. the request is in the amount of \$ 69,205.50. K. Dickmyer advised Council the project is going very well. Motion by K. Earll, seconded by J. Blum to approve the request in the amount of \$ 69,205.50. Motion carried, with D. Sarpen abstaining.

Parking – J. Blum expressed his dissatisfaction with the parking on the Freedom Green property. He noted since parking is limited for the museum it creates a problem when Steam Into History employees and patrons. D. Folger noted some of the issues are actually the employees by the name of Roger and Bruce. T.L. Crawford will advise R. Gotwol of the problem at the next Steam into History monthly meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by J. Blum, seconded by D. Sarpen to adjourn the meeting at 2052 hours. Motion carried.