

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
September 13, 2010

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

E. Paules – Councilman
D. Sarpen – Councilman
G. Andrews – Councilman
E. Myers - Councilman
J. Halapin – Councilman
J. Joy - Mayor
T.L. Crawford -Borough Administrator
P. Fazzini - Solicitor

OTHERS PRESENT:

See attached sign in sheet

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Terrell noted a Right-To-Know seminar will be held at Stock & Leader on 9/24/10, a York County Community Development seminar on 9/23/1 at Springfield twp facility, and the Freedom Fest on 9/18/10.

DISBURSEMENTS:

General \$ 205,138.58 – Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Myers to approve. Motion carried.
Water \$ 474,839.75 – Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Myers to approve. Motion carried.
Sewer \$ 40,049.70 – Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve. Motion carried
Rec. \$ 1,844.00 – Motion by E. Myers, seconded by J. Halapin to approve. Motion carried.
Comm. Ctr. \$ 1,837.71 – Motion by E. Paules, seconded by J. Halapin to approve. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Paules to approve the meeting minutes of Aug.9, 2010. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Mayor – J. Joy read the emergency services report for Aug. 2010. He also noted the FEMA snow reimbursement has been received. He advised he will be attending a police management class with other SRPC members. He also noted the Civil Service Board Commission will need to convene in the near future. J. Joy requested the next newsletter explain the “fire siren”, noting some new residents are unfamiliar with this type of notification system. He also requested Council consider the proposed rent increase to the SRPC, noting Glen Rock is upset about such an increase. President Terrell advised the rent is based on use of the facility and all the unseen expenses NF pays that Shrewsbury Borough or Glen Rock do not pay, nor do they perform any of the associated tasks. These include all utilities for their 24/7 operation, refuse, snow removal, cleaning common areas and all maintenance. He also reminded J. Joy the rent should have increased previously, and did not and the SRPC was notified last year that an increase would happen in 2011. J. Halapin noted the SRPC budget increase should be around 3%; however the union has requested interest arbitration.

Water – D. Sarpen noted the tank project is progressing well, and the pressure relief valve is also complete. He reported partial reimbursement for Franklin St. storm water has been received from the County and the State. He also noted Wade met with Mr. Hughes of the bike shop and they are working on a solution for the storm water issue.

Police Service Committee – E. Paules the committee has met with Southwest Regional Police representatives, and will be meeting in the near future with representatives from York Area Regional Police. After the committee completes their research they will bring a recommendation to Council.

Sewer – G. Andrews noted the plant is moving forward with the “raptor” project.

Police – Acting Chief Boddington advised Council several juveniles have been arrested with the recent vandalism in the Borough. He stressed the importance of the public calling 911 when they witness any unlawful or questionable activity. He reported 4 identification theft cases in the Borough have resulted in arrests, noting some involved credit cards. He also explained some of the recent thefts in the Borough have been from unlocked vehicles. He also advised the public the department has increased traffic enforcement, and explained school bus safety.

Rec – M. Halapin advised she has met with the public works dept. and they will be converting the former restroom building at Goodfellow Park to a storage facility. This will save the cost of purchasing a storage shed for recreation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stream Project – Robin Reid and Sue Myers explained the goals of the Heritage Group in restoration of the stream bank. They explained the project, noting they are seeking volunteers to assist in the restoration. They noted the cost should be minimal, and will provide a copy of the DEP permit application to the Borough when it is completed, hopefully by 12/31/10. They advised their 2011 project will be Freedom Green.

Ahsley Court – Christy Whitaker and neighbors were present to request Council assist them in forcing the developer to finish his responsibilities for their development. She explained the condition of the road, only a base coat with water barriers, vacant lots littered with construction debris etc. T.L. Crawford explained the Borough holds a LOC, but only for specified infrastructure improvements, but any storm water issues can be referred to York County. The Borough will attempt to locate the owner and send Ordinance violation notices for mowing, however the open space is the responsibility of the HOA. T.L. Crawford will meet with the Solicitor and Zoning Officer to review the LOC and the limitations that apply. P. Fazzini explained the process of bankruptcy and developers obligations, as well as the limitations municipalities must work within on these types of issues. T.L. Crawford will contact Ms. Whitaker after the issue has been researched and advised of any possible remedy.

2010 Road Projects –J. Smiley of Summers Glen was present to represent the residents in the area of Ernst Park. He expressed their opposition to the connection of Orwig Rd. & Glen Ray Court, and submitted a petition opposing the roads connecting. In a lengthy presentation he noted concerns of economics, traffic, environment, property value, dept. of water ways etc. Council explained all the professional advisors, including Borough engineer, EMA, fire chief, police chief and York County Planning recommended the roadway be connected when the development was beginning construction. Numerous residents of the area voiced opposition to the possibility of selling 1 or 2 building lots to fund recreation programs for the entire Borough population, and prefer it remain as is. Council attempted to advise the group of the actual facts of the property known as Ernst Park, and the history of the proposed road connection. Residents questioned how meetings must be advertised and how the agenda must be done. Solicitor P. Fazzini explained the law, noting the Borough met all legal requirements. Additional comments opposing the road connection were made by Terry Ernst, G. Merrill, Scott Fuhrman, Larry Delp and others. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by E. Myers to table any action on the road project and park until further studies be completed by the Borough engineer, and the Rec. Commission submit a business plan, ad alternate methods be evaluated. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

Freedom Fest Road Request – Council reviewed the request by Heritage Group to temporarily detour traffic for r the Freedom Fest downtown. The map submitted is the same as the previous years. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by E. Myers to grant the request for temporarily road closure and detours as requested. Motion carried.

Keystone LOC – Letter received requesting reduction of \$ 30,745.52leaving \$ 442,107.88 remaining. T.L. Crawford advised the engineer has approved this release. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by E. Myers to reduce the LOC as requested. Motion carried, with D. Sarpen abstaining.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by E. Myers, seconded by E. Paules to adjourn at 2140 hrs. Motion carried.