

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
August 13, 2018

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

L. O'Brien – Council member
A. Shemo – Council member
K. Earll – Council member
B. Merrill – Council member
B. Terrell – Council member
S. Hovis - Solicitor
T.L. Crawford – Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT:

P. Wurzbacher, 37 S. Third St. questioned the status of the Koller Point development completion. Solicitor Hovis explained today was the deadline, however Keystone did send a letter noting due to delays they require an extension. A meeting will be scheduled to determine what the delays were and the length. He noted the more they complete, the less will be required if the Borough draws the LOC.

Ray Noll, 116 N. Constitution Ave. questioned if all Borough vehicles have a permanent logo, if not why. He also questioned if all employees that drive a Borough vehicle fill out a log book. He stated he wants to know when the vehicles are used and why. Council advised log books are not required, but will check if any employees do log for a personal record. B. Merrill advised the use of logos has diminished due to lowering resale value when the logo is removed the paint no longer matches.

NF Heritage – D. Folger extended their gratitude to Council for the new shed. She also advised Council they would like to invite Council to have a stand at the Freedom Fest.

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 2018- \$369,307.22. Motion by K. Earll, seconded by A. Shemo to approve. Motion carried.

MINUTES: (July, 2018)

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

REPORTS:

Rec – President Sarpen Rec Council recommends Veronica Rosenberry and Colin Doyle be appointed to the Rec Council. Motion by A. Shemo, seconded by L. O'Brien to approve the recommendation of Rec Council. Motion carried.

Web Page – A. Shemo advised Council the educational sessions prior to Council meeting will begin Sept. 10 at 6:30 pm with State Representative Kate Klunk being the first speaker. Speakers are scheduled through January and will be posted on the web page.

SEWER – B. Merrill advised he attend a meeting with the Borough Engineer and J. Smith at Phoenix Controls Middletown facility. He briefly explained the project to replace the PLC's which are still running a DOS system, and finding service for the units is extremely difficult. He reviewed Phoenix Controls business profile, noting they are a worldwide company. He also explained they will be donating all programming of the PLC's and support services and want to use the wwtp as a showcase for SRB plants for their product and be able to provide tours of the facility. Council discussed the necessary upgrade, noting it has been planned for the past 2 years. D. Brent of 54 S. Third St. questioned if other companies can provide a similar product

and should cost comparisons be done. President Sarpen explained the lengthy process of such a major project and the need for numerous components to work together which will involve Control Systems 21 and Buchart Horn. He noted this is not just buying a price of equipment, and after extensive research this is what our engineer recommends. Motion by B. Merrill, seconded by K. Earll to move forward with Phoenix Controls on the PLC upgrade in conjunction with Control Systems 21 and Buchart Horn. Motion carried. Council discussed the Dewatering Evaluation Report, noting the differences with the centrifuge and the volite press. President Sarpen noted the volite press will give better solids and be more efficient and long-term cost effective, such as reduced biosolids hauling cost. L. O'Brien questioned the cost of the project. President Sarpen noted this is another project that has been in the planning for several years and was shown on the 2017 proportionate sharing and 5-year long term plan at an estimated 2 million dollars. Motion by B. Terrell, seconded by K. Earll to move forward with the volite press and have Buchart Horn begin to draft the specifications. Motion carried.

SRPC – B. Merrill reported the one applicant that was offered the position, declined. The individual was working part time with another York County department and a fulltime position became available and they decided to stay with that department. He noted 2 other individuals were offered positions, and two of the three positions are for SRO's. Council questioned the status of the facility lease. L. O'Brien advised the proposed lease was presented to them as requested, however they now decided to look at other options and are not interested in signing a lease at this time. It was noted it will remain the same as it has been for the past several years when they declined to sign a yearly lease, a month to month rental.

BUSINESS:

Council Vacancy – Jeff Blum announced at the July meeting he was moving and would be resigning when his house sold. He returned his key and letter of resignation on 7/28/18. Vacancy posted to the web page on the following Monday 7/30/18. President Sarpen noted 2 letters of interest were received, Inga Andrews and Gregory Lutter. L. O'Brien requested Ryan Ross who sent a letter of interest in February for a previous vacancy be included. Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by B. Terrell to include Ryan Ross as an applicant. Motion carried.

Roll Call Votes

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| | <i>In Favor</i> |
| <i>Inga Andrews</i> | <i>O</i> |
| <i>Gregory Lutter</i> | <i>A. Shemo, D. Sarpen, B. Terrell, B. Merrill, K. Earll</i> |
| <i>Ryan Ross</i> | <i>L. O'Brien</i> |

Gregory Lutter will be sworn in by later in the week. His term will be 2 years.

OTHER:

Water Channel at Goodfellow Park - President Sarpen advised Council a meeting will be held with a property owner on Main St. and the Borough engineer to discuss the channel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council convened to executive session at 1940 hours for personnel and contract issues. Council reconvened to the regular meeting at 2041 hours.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by A. Shemo at 2053 hours, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried