

**MINUTES OF NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
February 14, 2022**

The New Freedom Borough Council met for Regular Session on Monday, February 14, 2022. President Bobby led those in attendance to The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

**BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESENT**

Andrew Bobby  
Ryan Ross  
Erica Rearich  
Dennis Sarpen  
Burnell Wildasin  
David Reisdorf  
Inga Andrews

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Andrew Shaffer, Borough Manager  
Kim Butcher, Mayor  
David Jones, Solicitor

**ALSO ABSENT:**

**BOROUGH COUNCIL ABSENT:**

**Public Hearing - Opening of Alley**

President Bobby opened a public hearing for the purpose of opening of an alley between Main Street and Franklin Street to be known as Waneta Alley. Hearing none, President Bobby closed the meeting and called for a motion. Burnell Wildasin made a motion, seconded by Dennis Sarpen, to approve an Ordinance Authoring the Opening of an Alley to be known as Waneta Alley between Main Street and Franklin Street. Motion carried.

**Public Comment / Visitors**

None at this time.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held January 6, 2022, were presented to Council for their review. David Reisdorf, made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer Report for the Month of December 2021 was presented to Council for their review. Ryan Ross, made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

The Treasurer Report for the Month of January 2022 was presented to Council for their review. Ryan Ross, made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

### **President's Report**

President Bobby reported on the status of the paving on Constitution Avenue. At this time, the Borough requested a five-year warranty period from the contractor.

President Bobby provided a summary from the meetings with local EMS providers. A meeting has been requested with Senator Kristen Phillips Hill to discuss the current regulation that allows payments for EMS services to go directly to the individual and not to the EMS provider.

President Bobby reported that Doug Brent is willing to serve on the Vacancy Board. Burnell Wildasin, made a motion, seconded by Erica Rearich, to appoint Doug Brent to the Vacancy Board. Motion carried.

### **Mayor's Report**

#### Southern Regional Police Department

The police activity reports from December 5 to January 1 and January 2 to January 29 were presented to Council for their review.

The December 2021 financial report was presented to Council for their review.

Mayor Butcher reported that a draft Intergovernmental Agreement is currently in the final review stages. A discussion occurred regarding Police Protection Units and calculation of hours and incidents. A meeting of the Intergovernmental Agreement Committee is scheduled for February 15, 2022.

### **Manager Report**

Manager Shaffer provided a written report for the month of January 2022.

### **Solicitor's Report**

Solicitor Jones has been reviewing the draft stormwater ordinance.

Solicitor Jones reported that Stock & Leader will be holding a Newly Elected Officials Seminar on February 24.

### **Engineer Report**

Jacob Sechrist, E.I.T. with Bucharth Horn provided Council with a report of services for December 2021 and January 2022.

**Water System Report**

Council was presented with the December 2021 and January 2022 Operating Reports for their review.

**Wastewater System Report**

Council was presented with the December 2021 and January 2022 Operating Reports for their review.

**Zoning & Code Enforcement Report**

The Permit, Code Enforcement, and Land Development Reports for December 2021 and January 2022 were presented to Borough Council for their review.

**Recreation Report**

The January and February Meeting Reports were provided for Council's review. Councilmember Ross provided a summary of the meetings.

A discussion occurred regarding the relocation of the Farmers Market to Freedom Green. Council suggested moving the market to Marge Goodfellow Park.

Councilmember Rearich asked for an update on accessibility improvements around the buildings and band stand at Marge Goodfellow Park. Manager Shaffer noted that improvements to accessibility and accessible routes would require the buildings to also be fully accessible. Manager Shaffer will ask Warehaus to update drawings for the March Council meeting.

**Committee Reports**2023 Sesquicentennial Committee

Burnell Wildasin developed a committee of Myra Gillis, Ken Shaffer, Donna Piece, and Denise Wildasin.

Councilmember Reisdorf reported that he attended the most recent meeting of the York Adams Tax Bureau.

**Unfinished Business**Residential Parking Permits Ordinance

After discussion, the consensus was to leave the item tabled.

**New Business**Review of Traffic Study Results - Dickinson Court

Council reviewed the traffic study completed on Dickinson Court to determine the need to limit parking to one side of street. After discussion, Council decided to table the matter to allow time to review the current parking situation.

### 2022 Street Improvement Projects

Dennis Sarpen, made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin, to approve the low bid from Kinsley Construction in the amount of \$673,035.35 for the base bid, alternate #1, and alternate #2. Motion carried.

### Telecommunication Resolution

David Reisdorf, made a motion, seconded by Dennis Sarpen, to approve a resolution allowing remote participation by councilmembers. Motion carried.

### Intergovernmental Insurance Cooperative Ordinance

David Reisdorf, made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin, to approve an ordinance authorizing the intergovernmental cooperation agreement for the intergovernmental insurance cooperative. Motion carried.

### Valerie Strange Recreation Commission Resignation

Ryan Ross, made a motion, seconded by Dennis Sarpen, to accept the resignation from Valerie Strange. Motion carried.

### Application for Payment - Franklin & Main Street Water & Sewer Project

Dennis Sarpen, made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin, to approve Application for Payment #3 in the Amount of \$350,056.72. Motion carried.

### Fire Company Services and Events Resolution

Burnell Wildasin, made a motion, seconded by Erica Rearich, to approve a resolution authorizing Rose Fire Company Service and Events. Motion carried.

### Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals Resolution

Dennis Sarpen, made a motion, seconded by Erica Rearich, to approve a resolution establishing and appointing members to the Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals. Motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

None at this time.

### **Public Comment**

None at this time.

### **Executive Session**

Council moved into Executive Session after adjournment to discuss potential litigation.

### **Adjournment**

Adjournment until the next meeting scheduled for March 14, 2022. Adjournment was at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Andrew N. Shaffer*

Borough Manager