

**NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 2, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 1800 hours by former President D. Sarpen: Present were:

- B. Merrill
- L. O'Brien (departed at 1858 hrs.)
- A. Shemo
- K. Earll

Also present: T.L. Crawford

Notary T.L. Crawford administered the oath of office to the newly elected Council members prior to the meeting.

D. Sarpen opened the floor for nominations for Council President. L. O'Brien nominated D. Sarpen as President. Nominations closed. Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by K. Earll to elect D. Sarpen as Council President. Motion carried. L. O'Brien nominated J. Blum as Vice President. Nominations closed. Motion by K. Earll, seconded by B. Merrill to elect J. Blum as Vice President. Motion carried. President Sarpen advised Council a letter of interest was received from Eric Paules for the Mayor vacancy. Motion by B. Merrill, seconded by A. Shemo to appoint Eric Paules as Mayor to fill the vacancy and term. Motion carried. President Sarpen read the following appointments:

Board Liaisons

Planning Commission – O'Brien	Rec Council – K. Earll	
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Committees

Infrastructure (Sewer/Water/Roads) – Sarpen, Blum	Business Attraction - O'Brien, Earl	Personnel – Shemo, Sarpen & Blum,
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Appointments

Regional Police Commission – B. Merrill, L. O' Brien	SRPC Alternate – J. Blum	Zoning Hearing Board – B. Terrell
Administrator/Secretary– T.L. Crawford	EMC – Rodney Womack	Treas./Asst. Secretary – Tara Calaman
Asst. Treasurer – T.L. Crawford	YAEIT Rep – Bruce Merrill	Pension CAO – T.L. Crawford
Vacancy Board – James Holley	Zoning/Permit Officer – Wade Portner	YAEIT (alt.) T. L. Crawford
Building Inspector – Wade Portner	Flood Plain Manager – Wade Portner	Planning Commission – L. O'Brien

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- Solicitor – Stock & Leader (Steve Hovis)
- Funds Depository – Peoples Bank and PLIGIT
- Auditors – Kochenour, Smyser & Burg
- Engineer – Buchart Horn (Paul Gross), Storm Water- Gannet Fleming (Eric Mains)

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

TREASURERS REPORT:

December 2017 - \$ 840,345.85. Motion by K. Earll, seconded by L. O'Brien to approve. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion by K. Earll, seconded by L O'Brien to approve the budget session minutes of December 2017. Motion carried.
Motion by L. O' Brien, seconded by K. Earll to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 2017. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stacey Heilig, representing Animal Rescue, Inc. was present to question the status of Goodfellow Park. She expressed concerns about their "Dog Days" event on 8/25/ 2018, and the possibility of construction at or around the "cookshack". She explained the event draws approximately 3000 people and they need all the available space. Council discussed the ongoing issue with the "cookshack", and its uncertain future. Council advised her they will notify the Lions Club of her event and that the entire grounds be available for Animal Rescue, with the exception of the actual "cookshack".

President Sarpen read a letter from Al Smith concerning his offer to purchase a log at Ernst Park. Council discussed the letter noting if the log was for sale it would need to be bid. Council discussed the condition of the wooded park, noting safety concerns of dead/damaged trees along the trails. T.L. Crawford noted the Rec Council had J.L. Gossert Forestry review the parcel several years ago but took no action on his recommendations. Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by K. Earl to contact J.L. Gossert Forestry and schedule a meeting to discuss the status/condition of the park. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

Chris Lutter Plan (*lot line adjustment*) – Council reviewed the plan adjusting the lot line due to a shared driveway, noting a Penn Dot HOP has already been received. T.L. Crawford advised Council the SLDO permits a lot line adjustment to be reviewed in house with the engineer and move to directly to Council since no lots are being created and no infrastructure is impacted. Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by A. Shemo to approve the plan as submitted. Motion carried.

President Sarpen explained since the new leaf vacuum was not received prior to leaf season ending, the manufacturer agreed to extend the warranty by an additional year. This will allow the machine to be used for the 2018 leaf season, and still have another year of warranty.

T.L. Crawford explained the incorrect disbursements of traffic fines by York County Clerk of Courts. Several police departments and municipalities were impacted by this mistake. She noted Shrewsbury Borough received \$ 109,033.26 too much of the fine money, and of that amount \$ 51,116.79 is due New Freedom. The Borough Solicitor is working with the County and other Solicitors to determine the best method to have the funds distributed and or reimbursed correctly. She noted Paradise Twp. received over \$ 900,000. too much from fines issued by NYCRPD.

B. Merrill provided a brief history of the ongoing police issues. He also explained at the Dec. SRPC the concept of a 5-year IGA was discussed to keep Southern Regional Police intact. Council discussed the problems over the last 10 years, noting it took a consultant to finally make everyone see the financial inadequacies that were perpetuated by the SRPC. B. Merrill advised meetings have been held with 2 departments willing to provide service to NF, and more information will be forthcoming. Motion by K. Earll, seconded by A. Shemo to provide a written notice at the SRPC meeting that New Freedom is leaving as of 12/31/2018. Motion carried unanimously. Council requested Solicitor Hovis provide an outline and begin the steps as set forth in the IGA.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by K. Earll, seconded by A. Shemo to adjourn at 1947 hrs. Motion carried.