

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

October 15, 2018

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

L. O'Brien – Council member
G. Lutter – Council member
B. Merrill – Council member
A. Shemo – Council Member
K. Earll – Council Member
E. Paules - Mayor
S. Hovis - Solicitor
T.L. Crawford – Administrator

EDUCATIONAL SESSION

K. Dickmyer and D. Bortner of the NF Water Department were present and provided information on reducing water use, how to check for leaks, and read the water meter. They also explained the impact of malfunctioning water conditioners and how furnace humidifiers use large amounts of water. They also reminded those in attendance, your sewer use is based on water use.

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 2018- \$445,979.14. Motion by K. Earll, seconded by A. Shemo to approve. Motion carried.

MINUTES: (Sept. 10, 2018)

Motion by B. Merrill, seconded by G. Lutter to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

POLICE PRESENTATION:

Sargent D. Smuck present to discuss how police activity is tracked and billed to the municipalities. He also explained the time involved with certain types of incidents. B. Merrill questioned why "admin" shows on the UCR report, yet it is not an official category on the UCRs. Sargent Smuck explained it was the time used for interviews for prospective employees, since investigations need to be done prior to an offer for employment. B. Merrill also questioned the "blotter" report. Chief Boddington explained the type of information that is found on the daily blotter.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Koller Point Residents: Ryan Ross – S. Broad St. requested Council extend the paving on S. Broad St. approximately 40 yards to match the existing paving. He also advised he does not believe some of the light poles in Koller Point were installed correctly, such as the one at Broad and Logan. P. Wurzbacher, 37 S. Third St. questioned the status of the Koller Point development completion. Solicitor Hovis explained an agreement was drafted and signed by Keystone Homes establishing the deadline as October 31, 2018, and the criteria to be met. She also advised there are concerns with flooding, and believes some residents have placed items in the swales on their property. Solicitor Hovis advised her the issues with private property should be handled by the HOA. She advised the HOA has not addressed some of the problems or enforced regulations. Solicitor Hovis advised the Borough does not handle nor enforce HOA regulations and they can hire an attorney if they need legal guidance. Amy Watkins, 18 Logan Dr. advised Council not all sidewalks are being replaced, some are just caulked. President Sarpen explained the criteria commonly used on sidewalks and that caulking is acceptable, noting deicing salt is extremely hard on concrete sidewalks and can result in scaling and pitting.

Ray Noll, 116 N. Constitution Ave. advised the tree is overgrown at the intersection of George St. & Highland Ave. making it hard to see when a vehicle enters the highway. President Sarpen advised he will have it looked at.

Melisa Marsteller, 59 Hunt Run Dr. advised Council the property owner at the 55 Hunt Run Dr. does not keep the gate to her swimming pool closed/locked. She is concerned that her children may go to the property and fall into the pool. She filed complaints with the Borough Building Inspector and Police and no action was taken. T.L. Crawford advised she is aware of the neighbor dispute, and a letter has been sent. The pool and the fence meet the building code, and closing and locking the gate is unenforceable 24 hours a day. Solicitor Hovis will look into the matter and talk to the inspector.

B. Rodriguez – 16 Bee Tree Circle letter reviewed requesting abatement from a portion of sewer bill that was higher than normal due to him watering his newly installed sod for a 10- day period. Council briefly discussed the request, noting this has not been done in the past, and is no different than filling a swimming pool. Council denied the request.

NF Heritage – Request for payment of a bill of \$551.45 for repair of a handrail and installation of engraved bricks. Council noted the repair of the handrail should have come to the Borough, since it is a Borough facility and the repair may have been done in house. Council denied the request.

REPORTS:

SEWER – President Sarpen advised the line replacement on Constitution Ave. is going slower than anticipated due to weather, and the line is 14 feet deep. He also noted the ground is still saturated and has required constant pumping of water from the pit. .

SRPC – B. Merrill reports the SRPC does not want a 5-year lease for the police facility, they want to remain month to month in case they decide to move. He also mentioned the IGA committee has not yet met. The SRPC passed a 2019 budget that will be forwarded to the members, noting the contract municipalities will have an approximate 5% increase. He noted if they were on the PPU system the increase would be greater, subsequently the member municipalities still subsidize the contract municipalities. He reported Officer Storeman was injured again and is now considered disabled and can no longer be a police officer. He was offered a civilian job and within the police dept. He also advised the department may be getting a new dog, the cost would be approximately \$ 70,000., and the dept. would try to get donations to help defray the costs. He also noted the pension audit had no findings.

EDUCATIONAL – A. Shemo noted the Nov. speaker is a representative of the York County Planning Commission.

SOLICITOR – S. Hovis reported the York County Stormwater Plan was discussed at several public meetings, and was not well received by all groups. He noted York County Planning Commission will continue to present the plan.

BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2018-4 (Water Rates). President Sarpen reviewed the preamble of the Ordinance noting an increase of \$ 1.50 per quarter on Feb. 1, 2018. Motion by L. O'Brien, seconded by A. Shemo to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council convened to executive session at 2032 hours for personnel and litigation issues. Council reconvened to the regular meeting at 2110 hours.

OTHER:

Resolution 2018-2Ratifying & Reapproving minor subdivision plans of Larry LaMotte in 1997 and 1998. Motion by A. Shemo, seconded by K. Earll to adopt Resolution 2018-2. Motion carried, with L. O'Brien abstaining due to having a conflict from being involved with a previous real estate transaction of the property.

T.L. Crawford advised Council of the meeting with the Borough Engineer and Penn Dot to try remedy the water problem on Constitution Ave. She noted after stormwater plan is complete another meeting will be held.

CONTINUED:

President Sarpen continued to the meeting to November 19 at 1800 hours.