

**MINUTES OF NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
July 11, 2022**

New Freedom Borough Council met in Regular Session on Monday, July 11, 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
David Reisdorf
Inga Andrews
Burnell Wildasin
Dennis Sarpen

ALSO PRESENT:

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

ALSO ABSENT:

BOROUGH COUNCIL ABSENT:

Public Comment / Visitors

David Tomic, Eden Tool, was present to request the closure of Pleasant Avenue on August 13 for a celebration of life event for Mike Eden. Ryan Ross, made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin, to approve the closure. Motion carried.

Michael Bingham, ARRO Consulting, provided council with a summary of the proposed stormwater ordinance. Both the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and York County Planning have reviewed the ordinance and provided approval. The proposed ordinance will meet all current MS4 requirements. After discussions and questions, the consensus of Council was to hold an educational session before the next Council Meeting on August 8 beginning at 6:00PM.

David Reisdorf thanked Marianne Michels and the Recreation Commission for their work to plan and hold the Annual Parade.

Virginia Neugebauer, 45 South Constitution Avenue, requested the Borough coordinate with York County 911 to ensure Marge Goodfellow Park has a physical address. Manager Shaffer will contact York County to update records.

Stan Walters, South Central York County Emergency Management Agency Coordinator, was present to introduce himself to Council. Erica Rearich questioned Mr. Walters on his ability to call snow emergencies. He responded that he does not call snow emergencies in the municipalities he serves.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held June 13, 2022, were presented to Council for their review. Erica Rearich, made a motion, seconded by David Reisdorf, to approve the minutes. During discussion Erica Rearich requested an addition under the Intergovernmental Committee report to include her and Mayor Butcher's attendance at the tree dedication ceremony at Marge Goodfellow Park and attendance at Borough meetings of Shrewsbury, Glen Rock, and Stewartstown. Motion carried noting the change and an abstention from Dennis Sarpen.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer Report for the Month of May 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. Manager Shaffer clarified the items under question from the June Meeting. Motion carried.

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

Unfinished Business

Review of Traffic Study Results – Dickinson Court

President Bobby provided feedback from residents who are not in favor of widening Dickinson Court. Manager Shaffer referenced two sections in the current Code of Ordinances that relate to weight limitations on streets and restricting the road to passenger vehicles only. After discussion, the consensus of Council was to table the matter and ask that the zoning officer discuss parking solutions with the property owners.

Marge Goodfellow Park Improvements

No update, the item was again tabled.

Southern Regional Police Department Third Amended Intergovernmental Agreement

Glen Rock has informed department members that they desire to move to an hourly rate customer. Council's main concern rests in payment of long-term obligations. The desire is to negotiate a transition that is fair and equitable to all parties.

New BusinessPayment Application #4 Final – Franklin & Main Street Water & Sewer Replacement Project

Ryan Ross, made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin, to approve Application for Payment #4 (Final) to Joao & Bradley Construction in the amount of \$146,408.63 for the Franklin and Main Street Water and Sewer Main Replacement Project. Motion carried.

Advertisement – Ordinance Replacing Chapter 188 – Stormwater Management
Tabled to allow time to hold public educational session.Advertisement - Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement for Municipal Planning

David Reisdorf, made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross to authorize advertisement of an ordinance allowing New Freedom Borough to join the Southern York County Regional Planning Commission for the purpose of developing a regional comprehensive plan. Motion carried.

Public Playground Safety Policy

Erica Rearich, made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross to approve a Public Playground Safety Policy for municipal owned playgrounds. Motion carried.

Crosswalk Improvement Project Bid

Due to a lack of bids received (zero), this project will be re-bid for opening before the August Council Meeting.

Radar Speed Signs

Dennis Sarpen, made a motion, seconded by Inga Andrews, for the purchase of two (2) radar speed signs from Traffic Logix at a cost of \$5,200. Motion carried. Ryan Ross, made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin to purchase an additional three (3) years of Cloud Service at a cost not to exceed \$2,400. Motion carried.

Radar Module for Mobile Message Board

Erica Rearich, made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross, for the purchase of a radar module for the mobile message board at a cost of \$1,495. Motion carried.

During this time councilmember Erica Rearich mentioned two additional items under New Business:

- 1) After attending the York County Borough's Association Meeting in June, she is requesting the Borough consider sending a municipal newsletter.
- 2) She has requested that Manager Shaffer change vacation scheduled annually for June. Personnel matters should be discussed during executive sessions.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Jones provided a draft of the opening burning ordinance.

Manager Report

Manager Shaffer provided a verbal report for the month of June 2022.

The second round of ARPA Funds are due to be received by the end of July 2022.

A meeting was held with Shrewsbury Township to draft an Intermunicipal Agreement of Cooperation establishing a regional recreation commission and hiring a recreation director.

Manager Shaffer provided a mid-year financial report showing Budget versus Actual for the period of January to June 2022.

President's Report

President Bobby provided an update on the EMS Study. A new representative has been appointed by DCED along with a new cooperative agreement between the municipalities and departments.

Mayor's Report**Southern Regional Police Department**

The police activity reports from May 22 – June 18 were presented to Council for their review.

The May 2022 financial report was presented to Council for their review.

Mayor Butcher thanked the Borough for mowing around Rose Fire Station and including future mowing into the annual contract.

Mayor Butcher requested a reimbursement to Rose Fire Company for costs associated with the generator that serves both the Fire Station and Community Center. Andy Bobby, made a motion, seconded by Erica Rearich, to reimburse Rose Fire Company \$3,205.56. Motion carried.

Mayor Butcher reported that a co-responder program has been initiated with Southern Regional Police Department and York County for calls where behavioral health specialists are needed.

Dennis Sarpen left the meeting at 9:24PM.

Engineer Report

Jacob Sechrist, E.I.T. with Buchart Horn provided Council with a report of services for June 2022.

Water System Report

Council was presented with the June 2022 Operating Report for their review.

Manager Shaffer has reached out to York Water multiple times to follow up after the initial discussion. No response has been received.

Wastewater System Report

Council was presented with the June 2022 Operating Report for their review.

Zoning & Code Enforcement Report

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

Recreation Report

The June Meeting Report was provided for Council's review. Erica Rearich provided a summary of the meeting.

Inga Andrews left the meeting at 9:46PM.

Committee Reports

Business Development

Nothing to report

EMS & Fire Funding

Previously discussed.

Infrastructure

Nothing to report

Intergovernmental

Erica Rearich reported that she and Mayor Butcher attended meetings of Glen Rock, Shrewsbury, and Stewartstown Boroughs.

Pickle Court Installation

A design is in process and a master plan for the entire park is under consideration.

Personnel

Nothing to report

Public Safety

Nothing to report

2023 Sesquicentennial

Burnell Wildasin, is working to develop a parade and an old-time baseball game. A logo for the event has been created. Burnell Wildasin requested funds be included for the event in the 2023 budget.

Council Chamber Audio & Video Improvements

The committee is waiting on quotes.

Correspondence

Crescent Industries provided a letter to Council in relation to the current sign ordinance and its restrictions. Council was asked to review. Office staff has already been working on a revised sign ordinance.

Public Comment

Bruce Merrill addressed Council on the current negotiations and status of the Intergovernmental Agreement for Southern Regional Police Department. Specifically, Mr. Merrill, is concerned with the removal of power from the member municipalities and in turn placing that in the hands of the Police Commission Board.

Executive Session

None at this time.

Adjournment

Adjournment until the next meeting scheduled for August 8, 2022. Adjournment was at 10:17PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew N. Shaffer

Borough Manager