

**MINUTES OF NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
September 12, 2022**

New Freedom Borough Council met in Regular Session on Monday, September 12, 2022. President Bobby led those in attendance to The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM.

BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT:

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

ALSO ABSENT:

BOROUGH COUNCIL ABSENT:

President Bobby requested Council set the time to adjourn or continue tonight's meeting. Andy Bobby, made a motion, seconded by David Reisdorf to set the time at 9:30PM. Motion carried with a Nay vote from Erica Rearich.

Public Comment / Visitors

Bernadette Reineberg, 206 North Constitution Avenue, was present to express concern with the business located at 204 North Constitution Avenue. Ms. Reineberg reported lights from the window signs project onto neighboring properties and are in operation past 10:00PM. Videos and pictures will be provided to the Borough Office for enforcement. Ashley Massey, 115 North Constitution Avenue and Ray Noll, 116 North Constitution Avenue both reported disturbance from the window lighting.

Kathleen Badders, 21 East Main Street, questioned Council on the need for permit and clarification of setbacks for an accessory structure placed on her property. Manager Shaffer explained the documents provided by Ms. Badders relate to the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code and not the Borough's Zoning Ordinance. Additionally, Manager Shaffer advised Council they cannot waive requirements set forth in the Borough's Zoning Ordinance. Manager Shaffer will communicate with Ms. Badders to resolve the concern.

Shakinna Brown, operator of the personal care home at 101 South Broad Street, presented information to Council on the care facility and requested Council consider the allocation of ARPA funds. After her presentation, Council agreed to meet with Ms. Brown at a later date to determine the need.

Donna Russell, North Constitution Avenue, requested an update on the stormwater swale towards the rear of her property. Manager Shaffer reported that communication has occurred between the Borough and the Department of Environmental Protection. Currently, they are requesting additional survey information from the Borough.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held August 8, 2022, were presented to Council for their review. Ryan Ross, made a motion, seconded by Inga Andrews, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer Report for the Month of August 2022 was presented to Council for their review. Ryan Ross, made a motion, seconded by Inga Andrews, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, pending the annual financial audit. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Marge Goodfellow Park Improvements

Manager Shaffer reported that Warehaus is working on drawings. Additionally, Manager Shaffer will reach out to DCNR to discuss the development of a Master Site Plan for Marge Goodfellow Park and report back in September.

Southern Regional Police Department Third Amended Intergovernmental Agreement

The negotiating committee is currently meeting regularly to discuss Glen Rock's withdrawal and change in participation status.

Chapter 225, Zoning, Article VIII, Sign Regulations, Update Request

Manager Shaffer reported that office staff is working to develop a proposed sign ordinance amendment for review and consideration by Council.

Ordinance Replacing Chapter 188 – Stormwater Management

Dennis Sarpen, made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross, to approve an ordinance replacing Chapter 188 regarding Stormwater Management. Motion carried.

Fire Pit / Open Burning Ordinance

Ryan Ross, made a motion, seconded by Inga Andrews, to approve an ordinance replacing Chapter 95 as it relates to open burning. Motion carried.

Ordinance Amending Chapter 199, Article VIII, Volunteer Service Credit

Erica Rearich, made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin, to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 199 as it relates to the volunteer service credit program. Motion carried.

New BusinessCrosswalk Improvement Project Bid

Ryan Ross, made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin, to approve the low bid from Kinsley Construction Inc. in the amount of \$194,000 for the crosswalk improvements at Main Steet and Franklin Street. Motion carried.

[Resolution Accepting the Peer-to-Peer Study for Regional Recreation](#)

Burnell Wildasin, made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross, to approve a resolution accepting the peer-to-peer study for regional recreation with Shrewsbury Township. Motion carried.

Non-Uniformed – Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2023

Dennis Sarpen, made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross, to approve the minimum municipal obligation to the non-uniformed pension plan for 2023 in amount of \$57,121. Motion carried.

Donation Requests – New Freedom Lions Club – Community Center Use

Erica Rearich, made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross to approve the two requests for use of the Community Center Auditorium by New Freedom Lions Club on October 19, 2022 (Dangers of Vaping) and December 15, 2022 (Blood Drive). Motion carried.

Advertisement – Ordinance Replacing Chapter 183 – Solid Waste & Recycling

Ryan Ross, made a motion, seconded by Dennis Sarpen, to authorize advertisement of an ordinance replacing Chapter 183 as it relates to solid waste and recycling collection in the Borough. Motion carried.

At this time, Council recessed for 5 minutes.

Advertisement – Refuse and Recycling Contract

Erica Rearich, made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross, to authorize advertisement of the specifications for the refuse and recycling contract beginning January 1, 2023. Motion carried.

Tasteful Occasions Lease – Community Center

Manager Shaffer presented a draft revised lease for the use of space at the Community Center by Tasteful Occasions. During discussion, Erica Rearich, made a motion, seconded by David Reisdorf, to approve up to \$1,000 to hire a real estate professional for the purpose of determining a lease price per square foot. Motion carried with a Nay vote from Ryan Ross and Dennis Sarpen. Subsequently, Ryan Ross, made a motion, seconded by Dennis Sarpen, to approve the lease as presented at \$1,900 per month with a change to the lease term to one year. Motion carried with a Nay vote from Erica Rearich.

Southern York County Senior Center Lease – Community Center

Manager Shaffer presented a draft revised lease for the use of space at the Community Center by Southern York County Senior Center. David Reisdorf, made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross, to approve the lease as presented with a change to the lease term to one year. Motion carried with a Nay vote from Erica Rearich.

Trick-or-Treat

Council set the date for Trick-or-Treating on October 31 from 6:00PM – 8:00PM.

[Resolution Supporting the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America](#)

David Reisdorf, made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin, to approve a resolution in support of the celebrations for the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America. Copies of the Resolution will be sent to 250th Pennsylvania and the County of York, Pennsylvania. Motion carried.

[Resolution Waiving Certain Real Estate Charges in Accordance with Act 57 of 2022](#)

Ryan Ross, made a motion, seconded by Inga Andrews, to approve a resolution waiving certain penalty charges for real estate taxes in accordance with Pennsylvania Act 57 of 2022. Motion carried with a Nay vote from Dennis Sarpen.

Advertisement – Ordinance Amending Chapter 30

Andrew Bobby, made a motion, seconded by David Reisdorf, to authorize advertisement of an ordinance amending Chapter 30 as it relates to the Manager / Administrator position. Motion carried with a Nay vote from Erica Rearich.

Advertisement – Roof Replacement Project at Borough Office

In response to ongoing roof issues and active leaks, Manager Shaffer asked Council to consider authorizing advertisement of a roof replacement project at the Borough Office with a goal of project completion by the end of November 2022. Dennis Sarpen, made a motion, seconded by David Reisdorf, to authorize advertisement of the roof replacement project at the Borough Office. Motion carried.

At this time, Council adjourned to a continuance meeting scheduled for September 26, 2022, at 6:00PM.

Adjournment was at 9:39PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew N. Shaffer

Borough Manager