

**MINUTES OF NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
October 17, 2022**

New Freedom Borough Council met in Regular Session on Monday, October 17, 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
Devon Schoonover, Stock & Leader

ALSO ABSENT:

David Jones, Solicitor

BOROUGH COUNCIL ABSENT:

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

Public Comment / Visitors

Joseph Lurz, 17 Country Manor Lane, was present to request Council's consideration for the installation of street lighting along Country Manor Lane. Mr. Lurz referenced a note on the subdivision plan from 1989 indicating the owner was to provide an agreement with Met-Ed for street lighting. Council asked Manager Shaffer to research and provide an estimation on street lighting installation costs.

Myra Gillis was present to request Council's approval of the parade route from Freedom Avenue to Broad Street for the Christmas Parade on December 3, 2022. Burnell Wildasin, made a motion, seconded by Dave Reisdorf, to approve the parade route. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held September 12, 2022 and the continuance meeting held September 26, 2022, were presented to Council for their review. Erica Rearich provided a page of suggested modifications. David Reisdorf, made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross, to approve the minutes of September 12 as presented with the suggested modifications. Motion carried. David Reisdorf, made a motion,

seconded by Burnell Wildasin, to approve the minutes of September 26 as presented with the suggested modifications. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer Report for the Month of September 2022 was presented to Council for their review. Dennis Sarpen, made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross, 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 preparing a proposal for a master site plan and feasibility study. Additionally, a grant application for partial funding was submitted under the York County Open Space Grant Program.

Southern Regional Police Department Third Amended Intergovernmental Agreement

No update at this time.

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.

Stormwater Channel – North Constitution Avenue

Manager Shaffer reported that ARRO has provided the necessary information to the Department of Environmental Protection. Based on the information provided, a Water Obstruction and Encroachment permit is needed. Manager Shaffer will work with ARRO to complete the application. Additionally, Manager Shaffer requested Council consider a stormwater easement from the property owners for current and future maintenance.

Public Comment / Visitors

At this time, Shakinna Brown, operator of the personal care home at 101 South Broad Street, requested Public Comment on her previous request for funding allocation under ARPA funds. President Bobby reported that after the appointed committee reviewed the request, no funding would be available, as all ARPA funds have been allocated to infrastructure projects.

Unfinished Business - Continued

Tasteful Occasions Lease - Correspondence

Council discussed the provided letter but took no action.

Ordinance Amending Chapter 30 – Manager / Administrator

Due to requested changes, the consensus of Council was to table any action at this time.

Ordinance Amending Chapter 183 – Solid Waste & Recycling

Manager Shaffer reported a draft has been provided by Solicitor Jones and is currently in review.

New BusinessOffice Roof Replacement - Project

Ryan Ross, made a motion, seconded by Erica Rearich, to approve the low bid with alternate one from Liberty Restoration & Construction, LLC in the amount of \$130,639.78 for the roof replacement project at the Borough Office. Motion carried.

Public Works Renovation Project – Payment Request

Dennis Sarpen, made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross, to approve payment request #6 from Lauer Construction Services in the Amount of \$1,146 for the Public Works Renovation Project. Motion carried.

Refuse and Recycling Contract Bids

Council reviewed the bids for refuse and recycling in the Borough. Both Penn Waste and Republic Services provided bids. Maintaining twice a week refuse collection would result in an increase of just under 40%, whereas reducing to once-a-week results in an increase of 11%. Erica Rearich, made a motion, seconded by David Reisdorf, to accept the low bid from Penn Waste for once-a-week refuse, recycling, and large item collection, for five years, at a total cost of \$3,682,774. Residents will be provided with one 96-gallon toter for refuse and one 64-gallon toter for recycling. Motion carried.

[Resolution Establishing Fees Relating to the Stormwater Ordinance](#)

Erica Rearich, made a motion, seconded by Dennis Sarpen, to approve a resolution establishing fees relating to the Stormwater Ordinance. Motion carried.

Southern Regional Police Department – 2023 Budget

Prepared documents concerning the proposed 2023 were provided to Council for their review. New Freedom Borough's portion is estimated at \$709,960 or 15.23 PPU's for 2023. A full budget proposal has not yet been delivered to the member municipalities.

2023 Draft Budget Review

Manager Shaffer led discussion in review of the 2023 draft budget.

Administrative ReportsSolicitor

Solicitor Jones was absent from tonight's meeting; however Devon Schoonover was in attendance. No additional updates were provided.

Manager

Manager Shaffer provided a report for September 2022. The majority of his time was spent on preparing the 2023 budget proposal.

President

Nothing additional.

Mayor

The police activity reports from August 13 - September 10 were presented to Council for their review.

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

Engineer

Council requested monthly updates from Warehaus and ARRO.

Water System

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

Manager Shaffer reported that York Water Company indicated they have no desire to alter the agreement for service as there is no benefit to York Water Company. The current agreement expires in 2028. Notice of termination must be delivered two years prior in 2026.

Erica Rearich asked for an update on Summit Grove. Manager Shaffer reported Kinsley Construction is currently on-site replacing water lines.

At this time, Council adjourned to a continuance meeting scheduled for November 7, 2022, at 6:00PM.

Adjournment was at 9:36PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew N. Shaffer

Borough Manager