

**MINUTES OF NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
January 9, 2023**

New Freedom Borough Council met in Regular Session on Monday, January 9, 2023. President Bobby led those in attendance to The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM.

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 – Arrived at 6:35PM

ALSO ABSENT:

BOROUGH COUNCIL ABSENT:

Public Comment / Visitors

Dianna Wenzlaff, The Summit at New Freedom, was present to express concerns with the revised method of collection of refuse and recycling within the Borough, and specifically, residents of The Summit Community.

Robert Pringle, also of The Summit Community, asked for consideration by Council regarding the refuse and recycling contract.

The Borough Office will continue to work with Penn Waste to resolve concerns.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held December 12, 2022, were presented to Council for their review. Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by Dennis Sarpen to approve the minutes as presented. Erica Rearich requested changes to minutes. The motion was not amended and therefore the minutes stand as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for the Month of December 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. Motion carried. Erica Rearich requested an agenda item be added to February's meeting to discuss cleaning at the community center.

Unfinished BusinessMarge Goodfellow Park Improvements

Manager Shaffer reported this item is still under review.

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

Manager Shaffer reported a meeting has been scheduled with Solicitor Jones to review the draft ordinance amendment.

Stormwater Channel – North Constitution Avenue

Manager Shaffer reported that a response is due January 18, 2023, from The United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Request for Handicap Parking Space – 11 South Broad Street

Council reviewed additional information provided. Andy Bobby made a motion, seconded by David Reisdorf, to deny the application. Motion carried.

Intergovernmental Agreement of Cooperation for Recreation with Shrewsbury Township

Marianne Michels, President of New Freedom Borough Recreation, was present to provide feedback on the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement. A discussion ensued regarding voting members, at-large members, voting procedures, by-laws, employment of personnel, and programming. Andy Bobby made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin, to revise the proposed agreement for additional review by Shrewsbury Township. Motion carried with a Nay vote from Erica Rearich.

At this time, Council recessed for five minutes.

Example Quality of Life Ordinance

An example Quality of Life Ordinance was presented to Council for their review. Dennis Sarpen made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross to discuss the example ordinance. Council was asked to provide Chapters and Sections of the Code of Ordinances that would fall under the proposed Quality of Life Ordinance enforcement section before the next meeting.

Application for Payment #6 (Revised) – Lauer Construction Services – Public Works Renovation Project

Dave Reisdorf made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross to approve Application for Payment #6 contingent upon completion of outstanding items and acceptance by Borough Staff. Motion carried.

New Business[Resolution Appointing and Reaffirming Planning Commission Appointments](#)

Dave Reisdorf made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross, to approve the resolution with a revision to realign expiration of terms. Motion carried.

[Resolution Appointing and Reaffirming Zoning Hearing Board Appointments](#)

Dave Reisdorf made a motion, seconded by Dennis Sarpen, to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

[Resolution Appointing and Reaffirming Recreation Commission Appointments](#)

Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by Inga Andrews, to approve the resolution with the correction of removal of Valerie Strange. Motion carried.

[Application for Payment #1 – Kinsley Construction – Crosswalk Improvement Project](#)

Dave Reisdorf made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross, to approve the application for payment in the amount of \$54,067.50. Motion carried.

Administrative ReportsSolicitor

Nothing additional.

Manager

Manager Shaffer provided a verbal report for December 2022.

Manager Shaffer provided an End of Year Financial Report (unaudited) for 2022.

Manager Shaffer provided a quote for Financial Statement and Audit Services. Council requested additional quotes to review during the February 2023 meeting.

Tasteful Occasions has not yet signed the new lease for space at the Community Center. Therefore, an extension of the current lease was granted until March 1, 2023.

President

Nothing additional.

Mayor

The police activity reports from November 6 to December 3 were presented to Council for their review.

The police activity reports from December 4 to December 31 were presented to Council for their review.

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

Engineer

Council was presented with monthly reports from Warehaus and ARRO.

Water System

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

Wastewater System

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

Zoning & Code Enforcement Report

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

Recreation Report

The January Meeting Report was presented to Borough Council for their review. Ryan Ross provided a summary of the meeting. It was reported that doors to the community center were found unlocked. Separately, vandalism was reported to the pickleball equipment.

Committee ReportsBusiness Development

Nothing to report.

EMS & Fire Funding

Mayor Butcher requested that future donations to the fire company be separated as they relate to fire and EMS.

Infrastructure

Nothing to report.

Pickle Court Installation

Nothing to report.

Personnel

Nothing to report.

Public Safety

Nothing to report.

2023 Sesquicentennial

Nothing additional to report. The committee is working on a schedule of events and the Heritage Museum is working on a book.

Council Chamber Audio & Video Improvements

The committee is scheduling a follow up meeting.

Correspondence

Nothing additional.

Public Comment

Nothing additional.

Adjournment

Adjournment was at 11:02PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew N. Shaffer

Borough Manager