

**MINUTES OF NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
April 10, 2023**

New Freedom Borough Council met in Regular Session on Monday, April 10, 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  
Burnell Wildasin  
Dennis Sarpen  
David Reisdorf  
Inga Andrews

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO ABSENT:**

**BOROUGH COUNCIL ABSENT:**

**Public Comment / Visitors**

Bob Dickson and Ashley Zimmerman with Northern Central Railway extended appreciation for the past return of the 5% amusement tax and provided a summary of additional services provided with the returned funds. Mr. Dickson requested Council consider a 50% refund on tax assessed in 2022. President Bobby asked that the Amusement Tax Ordinance be placed on the agenda for discussion during the May 2023 meeting. Andy Bobby made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin to refund 50% of the 2022 Amusement Tax paid by Northern Central Railway. Motion carried.

Richard Garvey, New Freedom Recreation Commission and Mike Williams, pickleball participant informed Council the tennis court surface is beginning to show signs of wear and deterioration. Additionally, pickleball is having issues with cleaning of the auditorium floor surface. Manager Shaffer will obtain quotes for repair of the tennis courts. Public Works will begin checking the Community Center daily to ensure the facility is clean and ready for use.

Sarah Connolly and Daryl Toquinto, Freedom Crossing HOA, addressed Council regarding speeding within the development. Manager Shaffer will have Public Works relocate the radar speed signs to Leader Road.

Myra Gillis thanked Council for continued support and provided details on a Kite Day on April 22, Earth Day, at Marge Goodfellow Park to raise funds in support of Rose Fire Company.

President Bobby asked for clarification from Council regarding the Tasteful Occasions lease for space at the Community Center. An extension of the lease for two months, January and February of 2023, would imply that all provisions apply. Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by Inga Andrews to maintain the extended lease rate and not charge any additional square foot charge for January and February 2023. Motion carried with a Nay vote from Erica Rearich. Additionally, a letter will be sent to Tasteful Occasions outlining payment schedule and removal of items from Room 201.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held March 13, 2023, were presented to Council for their review. Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin, to approve the minutes as presented. Erica Rearich requested her statement read during the meeting be included in the minutes. This request was denied. Motion carried with a Nay vote from Erica Rearich.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Manager Shaffer read and answered questions as provided by Council.

The Treasurer's Report for the Month of March 2023 was presented to Council for their review. David Reisdorf made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### Marge Goodfellow Park Improvements

Manager Shaffer will have documents for review during the May 2023 meeting.

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

Solicitor Jones is currently updating a draft ordinance amendment.

#### Stormwater Channel – North Constitution Avenue

Manager Shaffer reported following Council's direction the permit application was received and acknowledged by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

#### Quality of Life Ordinance

Dennis Sarpen made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross, to approve a Quality-of-Life Ordinance. Motion carried.

Intergovernmental Agreement of Cooperation for Recreation with Shrewsbury Township  
Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin, to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Intergovernmental Agreement of Cooperation. One minor grammatical change was noted to remove “including” on Page 3. Motion carried with Nay vote from Erica Rearich.

Financial Statement & Audit Services Proposal

The Borough’s Auditor will be present at the May 8, 2023 Council meeting.

**New Business**

Lease Agreement – Southern York County Senior Center

A draft lease was presented to Council for their review. This proposed lease aligns the term with that of the fiscal year for the Senior Center. David Reisdorf made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin to approve the lease with a few minor grammatical changes. Motion carried with a Nay vote from Erica Rearich.

**Administrative Reports**

Solicitor

Solicitor Jones updated Council on potential next steps, if necessary, for the cockroach infestation on Waneta Street.

Manager

Manager Shaffer provided informational updates.

President

President Bobby reported attendance at the new fire truck dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting ceremony at Vortex Brewing.

Mayor

The police activity reports from February 26 to March 25 were presented to Council for their review.

The February 2023 financial report was presented to Council for their review.

A discussion occurred regarding the current police service contract and the status of Glen Rock’s requested changes.

Engineer

Council was presented with monthly reports from Warehouse and ARRO.

Water System

Council was presented with the March 2023 Operating Report for their review.

Wastewater System

Council was presented with the March 2023 Operating Report for their review.

Mayor Butcher left the meeting at this time.

Zoning & Code Enforcement Report

The Permit, Code Enforcement, and Land Development Reports for March 2023 were presented to Borough Council for their review.

Recreation Report

The April Meeting Report was presented to Borough Council for their review. Ryan Ross provided a summary of the meeting.

**Committee Reports**

Business Development

Nothing to report.

EMS & Fire Funding

Nothing to report.

Infrastructure

Nothing to report.

Pickleball Court Installation

Nothing to report.

Personnel

Nothing to report.

Public Safety

Nothing to report.

2023 Sesquicentennial

Tickets are now available for the Sesquicentennial Prom on June 10, 2023.

**Correspondence**

Nothing additional.

**Public Comment**

Ray Noll expressed concern with the placement of trash and recycling cans in the roadway after collection.

Erica Rearich requested notification when mail is placed in Council mailboxes.

**Executive Session**

Not needed at this time.

**Adjournment**

Adjournment was at 9:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Andrew N. Shaffer*

Borough Manager