

**MINUTES OF NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
June 12, 2023**

New Freedom Borough Council met in Regular Session on Monday, June 12, 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:**

**Mayor Presentation**

Mayor Butcher presented citations from the Representative Kate Klunk, Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill and the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs in recognition of the Borough's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Mayor Butcher also informed those in attendance that the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs recently awarded New Freedom Borough 1<sup>st</sup> place for website design and 2<sup>nd</sup> place for newsletter design for 2023.

**Public Comment / Visitors**

Ben Dinkel, Transportation Planner for York County Planning Commission presented information to Council regarding the 2025 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). The TIP outlines a schedule and provides funding for road maintenance, bridge maintenance, safety improvements, congestion reduction, biking & walking infrastructure, and public transit services.

The Sesquicentennial Committee presented a recap of events held to date along with a summary of revenues and expenditures. The Committee requested permission to utilize the remaining funds to install a new sign at Marge Goodfellow Park. Burnell Wildasin made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross, to authorize the utilization of the remaining Sesquicentennial funds to design and purchase a new sign for Marge Goodfellow Park. Motion carried.

Richard Colton, estate manager of 15 Mulberry Lane, was present to discuss the stormwater basin on the property. Mr. Colton is requesting the Borough assume responsibility for the discharge pipe and structure. Upon discussion, Borough staff will need to verify the condition of the outfall and piping before assuming any responsibility. Dennis Sarpen made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin to authorize staff to evaluate the outfall and piping condition. Motion carried with a Nay vote from Erica Rearich and Ryan Ross.

Sue Myers, resident along Third Street, expressed concerns with the recent LED street light upgrades. President Bobby provided an update on efforts by the Borough to address resident concerns.

Jim Holley, representing New Freedom Heritage requested street closures for Freedom Fest on September 16, 2023. Ryan Ross made a motion, second by David Reisdorf to authorize the street closures necessary for Freedom Fest. Motion carried.

Bruce Merrill provided Council with documents and calculations concerning the per hour charge for Southern Regional Police Department services. Mr. Merrill provided documents outlining calculations of per hour costs in 2022 and offered his services to committee members.

Following the implementation of a burn ban from the York County Commissioners, New Freedom Lions Club, Patti Wurzbacher requested permission from Borough Council to hold their fireworks event on July 7, 2023. David Reisdorf made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin to approve the fireworks display in coordination with Rose Fire Company. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held May 8, 2023, were presented to Council for their review. Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by David Reisdorf, to approve the minutes as presented. During discussion, Erica Rearich requested the individual votes be recorded on the Amusement Tax Ordinance Repeal motion and requested clarification on the Marge Goodfellow Park Feasibility Study and Master Site Plan Project costs. The motion and second was amended to the requested changes and carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report for the Month of May 2023 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 received questions at 2:00PM on the day of the meeting and did not have sufficient time to develop a response. Responses will be emailed after complete. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business**Marge Goodfellow Park Improvements

President Bobby appointed members to the Committee for the Feasibility Study and Master Site Plan. Members include Marianne Michels, Robert Dickson, Ginnie Neugebauer, Ryan Ross, Andrew Shaffer, and Andy Bobby.

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 no additional approvals have been received.

Amusement Tax – Chapter 199 Article VII

Ryan Ross requested discussion on applicability of amusement tax regulations and applying to other entities within the Borough. After discussion, no amendments were proposed.

Ordinance Amendment – Chapter 188 – Stormwater Management

David Reisdorf made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross to amend Chapter 188 - Stormwater Management. Motion carried.

**New Business**Land Development Plan for New Freedom Business Park Solar Array

Following review by the Borough's Engineer, York County Planning Commission, and New Freedom Borough Planning Commission, the plan was presented to Council for final approval. Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by David Reisdorf to contingently approve the plan with the stipulation that the plan meet the engineer's comments on stormwater management. The motion was withdrawn. David Reisdorf made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross to approve the waiver request of Section 194.305.A.1. Motion carried. David Reisdorf made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin to contingently approve the plan with the stipulation that the plan meet the engineer's comments on stormwater management. Motion carried.

Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a DCNR Circuit Rider Grant

Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by Inga Andrews to approve a resolution authorizing the submission of a DCNR Circuit Rider Grant. Motion carried with a Nay vote from Erica Rearich.

Payment Application #3 (Final) – Office Roof Replacement Project

Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by Inga Andrews, to approve Payment Application #3 (Final) in the Amount of \$16,242.58 to Liberty Restoration for the Office Roof Replacement Project. Motion carried.

### Senior Center Lease Revision Request

Manager Shaffer presented requested revisions to the previously approved Senior Center Lease for space at the Community Center. The consensus of Council was to keep the provisions of the previously approved leased in place.

### **Administrative Reports**

#### Solicitor

Solicitor Jones is working to review a few sections of the Code of Ordinances as part of the legal analysis process with General Code.

#### Manager

Manager Shaffer provided a brief report for May 2023. In addition, data from the radar speed signs placed along Leader Road was presented to Council. Average speeds and 85 percentile speeds were within tolerated speeds.

#### President

President Bobby provided a summary of bidding requirements for Pennsylvania Boroughs. President Bobby made a motion, seconded by David Reisdorf to place borough bid requirements in the newsletter and on the website. Motion carried with a Nay vote from Erica Rearich.

#### Recreation Report

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

At this time, 9:42PM, Council moved into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. Council reconvened at 10:18PM.

#### Mayor

The police activity reports from April 23 to May 20 were presented to Council for their review.

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

Rose Ambulance is experiencing mechanical issues with one of the rigs. Additionally, funding sources will need to be evaluated during the 2024 budget preparation.

#### Engineer

Council was presented with monthly reports from Warehaus and ARRO.

#### Water System

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

Wastewater System

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

Zoning & Code Enforcement Report

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

**Committee Reports**

Business Development

Nothing to report.

EMS & Fire Funding

Nothing to report.

Infrastructure

Nothing to report.

Personnel

A vacant Public Works position was filled.

Public Safety

Nothing to report.

2023 Sesquicentennial

Nothing additional.

**Correspondence**

An invite was provided for the York County Borough's Association meeting on June 22, 2023.

**Public Comment**

None at this time.

**Executive Session**

Not needed at this time.

**Adjournment**

Adjournment was at 10:58PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Andrew N. Shaffer*

Borough Manager