

**MINUTES OF NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
November 13, 2023**

New Freedom Borough Council met in Regular Session on Monday, November 13, 2023. 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  
Dennis Sarpen  
David Reisdorf  
Burnell Wildasin  
Dennis Cummings

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Kim Butcher, Mayor  
Jason Sabol, Solicitor  
Andrew Shaffer, Borough Manager

**ALSO ABSENT:**

None

**BOROUGH COUNCIL ABSENT:**

**2024 Draft Budget Presentation**

Manager Shaffer presented the initial draft of the proposed 2024 Budget. During discussion, President Bobby made a motion, seconded by David Reisdorf to include a contribution of \$75,200 in the 2024 budget to Rose EMS. Motion carried.

During an intermission, Mayor Butcher presented a Resolution of Respect to the New Freedom Lions Club for their 90 years of service to the New Freedom Community.

Council decided to hold a continuation meeting on November 28, 2023 at 6:00PM to finalize draft budget discussion.

Following draft budget discussion, Council recessed for five minutes.

**Public Comment / Visitors**

- 1) Myra Gillis updated Council on the status of the 2023 Christmas Parade that will occur on December 2. Myra requested a donation to offset costs associated with the parade. President Bobby made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross to approve an allocation of \$250 to the festivities. Motion carried.
- 2) Denise Butcher requested the parking space lines be re-painted at the Community Center lot. Additionally, a request was made to ask Tasteful Occasions to park box trucks in the rear stone lot.
- 3) Jeannine Herbert, questioned on the status of street light shield installation. Public Works has a list of lights for installation and will schedule the work.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held October 16, 2023, were presented to Council for their review. Burnell Wildasin made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross, to approve the minutes as presented. During discussion Erica Rearich provided suggested corrections. The motion was amended to include the suggested corrections. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

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

**Unfinished Business**Chapter 225, Zoning, Article VIII, Sign Regulations, Update Request

A draft ordinance was tabled to allow additional time for Council's review. Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin to move the proposed ordinance amendment to York County Planning Commission for their review. Motion carried with a Nay vote from Erica Rearich.

Stormwater Channel – North Constitution Avenue

Manager Shaffer reported that following the Technical Deficiency letter, a response was submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection.

Glen Rock Police Services Agreement

The agreement was approved and passed by all parties. The revised Intergovernmental Agreement is still outstanding and is expected for Council's review during the December meeting.

Draft Rental Housing & Occupancy Ordinances

Erica Rearich made a motion, seconded by Dennis Cummings to move forward with Glen Rock Borough's current Rental Ordinance as a guideline. Voting Aye, Erica Rearich and Dennis Cummings. Voting Nay, President Bobby, Ryan Ross, Dennis Sarpen, David Reisdorf, and Burnell Wildasin. Motion failed. President Bobby appointed a Committee of Dennis Sarpen, Dennis Cummings, David Reisdorf and Mayor Butcher to continue to evaluate the possibility of implementation of a Rental Housing & Occupancy Ordinance. Additionally, President Bobby appointed a Health and Safety Committee consisting of the Mayor, Council President, and Council Vice President.

Community Center Cleaning & Floor Sweeper Proposal

This item was previously tabled. Manager Shaffer updated Council on new initiatives including a cleaning checklist that must be executed by renter and a post rental checklist to be completed by staff.

Draft Employment Agreement

Erica Rearich made a motion to maintain the current regulations set in the Code of Ordinances (Chapter 30). Motion died for lack of second. Council will hold an executive session during an upcoming meeting to discuss.

**New Business**Request for Handicap Parking Space - 113 Waneta Street

Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by David Reisdorf to approve the handicap parking space at 113 Waneta Street. Following discussion, Ryan Ross and David Reisdorf withdrew the motion and second. The solicitor was asked to provide additional information for review by Council for the next meeting.

**Administrative Reports**Solicitor

Nothing additional.

Manager

Nothing additional.

President

Nothing additional.

Mayor

Nothing additional.

Police

The Southern Regional Police Department activity reports from September 10 to October 7 were presented to Council for their review.

The September 2023 Southern Regional Police Department financial report was provided to Council.

A draft 2024 budget was presented with New Freedom Borough's portion at \$762,976.77. David Reisdorf made a motion, seconded by President Bobby to approve the draft budget. Motion carried with Nay votes from Dennis Sarpen and Ryan Ross.

Engineer

Council was presented with monthly reports from Warehaus and ARRO.

Water System

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

Wastewater System

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

Zoning & Code Enforcement Report

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

Recreation Report

A November Meeting Report was not available for Borough Council. 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.

Personnel

Nothing to report.

Public Safety

Nothing to report.

2023 Sesquicentennial

Nothing to report.

**Correspondence**

York Adams Tax Bureau 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report

**Public Comment**

Nothing additional.

**Executive Session**

Not needed at this time.

**Continuation**

At 11:08PM, the meeting was recessed until a continuation meeting to be held November 28, 2023 at 6:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Andrew N. Shaffer*

Borough Manager