

**MINUTES OF NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
February 12, 2024**

New Freedom Borough Council met in Regular Session on Monday, February 12, 2024. 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  
Dennis Sarpen  
Burnell Wildasin  
Dennis Cummings  
David Reisdorf

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO ABSENT:**

David Jones, Solicitor

**BOROUGH COUNCIL ABSENT:**

**Public Comment / Visitors**

John Woods with Rose Fire Company was in attendance to introduce himself as Chief for 2024 and provide call reports for January 2024.

Ginnie Neugebauer updated Council on the installation of additional signage in Marge Goodfellow Park in recognition of the sesquicentennial. The committee will also partner with the New Freedom Lions Club for the installation of benches and landscaping around the signage.

Krystal Pinto, 27 South Broad Street, expressed concerns over snow removal, trash services, and past and proposed residential developments.

John King, 2 McCurely Drive, questioned the past bids on the refuse contract. Two bids were received for once-a-week collection, where only one bid was received for twice a week collection.

Patti Wurzbacher with New Freedom Lions Club reiterated the desire to place a memorial bench within Marge Goodfellow Park along with updated sesquicentennial signage. Borough Staff will assist with selection and installation.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the Organization Meeting held January 2, 2024 and the Regular Council Meeting held January 8, 2024 were presented to Council for their review. Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin, to approve the January 2, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion carried. Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by David Reisdorf, to approve the January 8, 2024 minutes as presented. During discussion Erica Rearich provided the following suggested corrections.

1. Approval of Minutes - provide a list of noted revisions within the minutes.
2. Under the Manager's Report - add "Phase 1" under the wastewater treatment plant grant award notice.

Additionally, President Bobby clarified that Bernadette Reineburg was not directed to obtain a third party to document occurrences. President Bobby requested the following statement be added to the minutes - "President Bobby reminded Ms. Reineburg that there is no need for monitoring and monitoring has not been requested by the Borough. It will be her choice to proceed with additional measures."

The motion was amended to include the suggested corrections. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report for the Month of January 2024 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

Manager Shaffer reported the York County Planning Commission did not recommend approval and provided a list of suggested revisions. Staff will work to incorporate these changes.

Stormwater Channel – North Constitution Avenue

Manager Shaffer reported that the permit review is still listed as pending.

**New Business**Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Program

Manager Shaffer presented a grant opportunity under the Department of Economic Development Community, Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Program. Funds would be pursued to evaluate the current community center, feasibility, and possible renovation or construction of a new facility. Burnell Wildasin made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross to authorize the Borough Staff to proceed with a grant application. Motion carried.

Volunteer Service Credit Roster

Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin, to approve the Volunteer Service Credit Roster for 2023. Motion carried.

Resolution Authorizing Rose Fire Company Services

Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by Dennis Sarpen, to approve a resolution authorizing Rose Fire Company services and participation at events. Motion carried.

**Administrative Reports**

Solicitor

Nothing at this time.

Manager

Manager Shaffer provided a report for the month of January 2024.

A discussion occurred regarding awarded and pending grants. Ryan Ross requested the addition of a grant status report to be included with the monthly Manager's Report.

President

Nothing at this time.

President Bobby temporarily stepped out of the meeting at 7:32PM and returned at 7:36PM.

Mayor

Mayor Butcher recognized the provided 2024 Directory and Budget document.

Police

The Southern Regional Police Department activity reports from December 2 to December 31 were presented to Council for their review.

The Southern Regional Police Department activity reports from January 1 to January 27 were presented to Council for their review.

The November 2023 Southern Regional Police Department 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 January 2024 Operating Report for their review.

Wastewater System

Council was presented with the January 2024 Operating Report for their review.

Zoning & Code Enforcement Report

The Permit, Code Enforcement, and Land Development Reports for January 2024 were presented to Borough Council for their review.

Recreation Report

The February Meeting Report was presented to Borough Council. Ryan Ross provided a summary of the meeting.

**Committee Reports**

Business Development

Nothing to report.

EMS & Fire Funding

A discussion occurred regarding updating the credit matrix for fire and EMS volunteers.

Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Infrastructure

Nothing to report.

Personnel

Nothing to report.

Public Safety

Nothing to report.

Rental Housing and Occupancy Ordinance

Nothing to report.

**Correspondence**

Nothing additional.

**Public Comment**

Nothing additional.

**Executive Session**

Not needed at this time.

**Adjournment**

At 8:20PM, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Andrew N. Shaffer*

Borough Manager