

**MINUTES OF NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
July 8, 2024**

New Freedom Borough Council met for a Public Hearing on Monday, July 8, 2024 to allow public comments regarding the proposed Ordinance replacing Chapter 225, Zoning Article VIII, Sign Regulations. President Bobby opened the public hearing at 6:15PM and adjourned at 6:22PM.

New Freedom Borough Council met in Regular Session on Monday, July 8, 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  
David Jones, Solicitor  
Andrew Shaffer, Borough Manager

**ALSO ABSENT:**

**BOROUGH COUNCIL ABSENT:**

**Public Comment / Visitors**

John Woods with Rose Fire Company was in attendance to provide call reports for June 2024.

Residents of McCurley Drive were present to express their concerns over the property condition at 28 McCurley Drive. The residents provided pictures and a brief synopsis of the conditions. Staff will follow the documented complaints with code enforcement letters.

Manager Shaffer read a statement provided by Ginnie Neugebauer as it relates to actions during the June 10, 2024 meeting.

President Bobby read a statement also relating to actions during the June 10, 2024 meeting.

Marianne Michels rebutted the statements provided by Ginne Neugebauer and President Bobby and reiterated concerns on the handling of Recreation appointments.

Theresa Anzmann questioned Council for clarification on the public comment topics.

Sharon Boyle rebutted the statements provided by Ginne Neugebauer and President Bobby and reiterated concerns on the handling of Recreation appointments.

Joanie Mason questioned Council on previous actions of Council as it relates to appointments.

The agenda item to Consider Amending Robert's Rules as Adopted for the Inclusion of Public Statements within Official Minutes was not acted upon.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held June 10, 2024 were presented to Council for their review. Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a Nay vote from Andy Bobby.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2024 was presented to Council for their review. Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by David Reisdorf, to approve the report as presented. Motion carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

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

David Reisdorf made a motion, seconded by Dennis Sarpem to approve an ordinance replacing Chapter 225, Zoning, Article VIII, Sign Regulations. Motion carried with Nay vote from Erica Rearich and Dennis Cummings.

#### Stormwater Channel – North Constitution Avenue

Manager Shaffer reported there are no updates, except an evaluation of current conditions occurred. Flow through the pipe and swale is continual as it is spring fed, making a "low flow" situation difficult to obtain. Council discussed the situation and will re-evaluate during upcoming meetings.

#### Third Amendment to Peoples Bank Ground Lease

Following Council's decision to request an increase to \$12,0000 annually, People's Bank requested a new term of two years. Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by Dennis Cummings to approve the modification. Motion carried.

#### Ordinance Amending Chapter 207, Section 29, Special Purpose Parking Zones

Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded David Reisdorf to authorize advertisement of an ordinance amending Chapter 207, Section 29, Special Purpose Parking Zones to place a handicap space at 22 East Franklin Street. Motion carried with a Nay vote from Erica Rearich.

#### Public Comment Policy and Statement

Council reviewed a draft public comment policy and statement. Following discussion, Council obtained a consensus to keep the item on the agenda for future meetings.

**New Business****2023 Financial Report**

Manager Shaffer provided the 2023 Audit and Financial Report as prepared by Kochenour Earnest Smyser & Burg. Erica Rearich requested additional time to review the report.

**Tasteful Occasion Lease Renewal**

Council reviewed a draft lease agreement with Tasteful Occasion for space at the Community Center. President Bobby appointed a committee of Erica Rearich, Dennis Cummings, and Burnell Wildasin to evaluate the lease and report back to Council.

**Road Maintenance Agreement with Shrewsbury Township**

A draft maintenance agreement with Shrewsbury Township as it relates to the proposed New Haven Development was presented to Council. The draft agreement requires wording modification and therefore will remain on the agenda for upcoming meetings.

**Administrative Reports****Solicitor**

Nothing at this time.

**Manager**

Manager Shaffer provided a report for the month of June 2024, as well as a grant report listing closed and current grants since 2021.

**President**

Nothing at this time.

**Mayor**

Mayor Butcher thanked the Lions Club for a successful carnival and also thanked Recreation Director Gina for her efforts to handle the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

**Police**

The Southern Regional Police Department activity report for the period of May 19 to June 15 was provided to Council for their review.

The April 2024 Southern Regional Police Department financial report was provided to Council for their review.

In addition, Erica Rearich updated Council on department activities as reported during the June 2024 Southern Regional Police Department meeting.

**Engineer**

Council was presented with monthly reports from Warehaus and ARRO.

Water System

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

Wastewater System

Council was presented with the June 2024 Operating Report for their review. Erica Rearich made a motion, seconded by David Reisdorf to authorize public advertisement of future Sewer User Group meetings to allow additional council members to participate. Motion carried.

Zoning & Code Enforcement Report

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

Recreation Report

Ryan Ross provided a brief update from the June meeting. The July Southern York County Regional Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2024.

**Committee Reports**

Business Development

Nothing to report.

EMS & Fire Funding

Nothing to report.

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.

Community Center Cleaning

Nothing to report.

**Correspondence**

None

**Public Comment**

None

**Executive Session**

Council convened into Executive Session at 9:32PM to discuss a personnel matter.  
Council reconvened at 9:42PM.

**Adjournment**

At 9:42PM, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Andrew N. Shaffer*

Borough Manager