

**MINUTES OF NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
August 19, 2024**

New Freedom Borough Council met in Regular Session on Monday, August 19, 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 *(via phone)*  
Burnell Wildasin *(via phone)*  
Dennis Cummings  
David Reisdorf

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Kim Butcher, Mayor  
Walter Tilley, Solicitor  
Andrew Shaffer, Borough Manager

**ALSO ABSENT:**

**BOROUGH COUNCIL ABSENT:**

Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by David Reisdorf to allow the participation of Councilmembers Sarpen and Wildasin via telephone. Motion carried.

**Public Comment / Visitors**

Jim and Jean Holley were in attendance to speak on behalf of the Paul Smith Library and to inform Council of the potential to make the library a branch of the York County Library System. This would result in numerous changes with a result of loss of all local control of the library. Paul Smith Library is currently operated as an independent library of the York County Library System. Council asked that they continued to be updated on the status and offered support in keeping the library locally and independently operated.

Devin Taylor read a statement regarding previous meetings. Copies of the statement were provided to Council and Mayor.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held July 8, 2024 were presented to Council for their review. Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin, to approve the minutes as presented. Two spelling errors were noted. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report for the month of July 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**Stormwater Channel – North Constitution Avenue

Manager Shaffer provided an opinion of probable cost as prepared by ARRO Consulting. Residents Brad Hittie, Sam Hittie, and Donna Russell were in attendance to clarify project details and needs. Following discussion, Andy Bobby made a motion, seconded by Erica Rearich to authorize Manager Shaffer to obtain written quotes. Motion carried. Additionally, due to time constraints, Andy Bobby, made a motion, seconded by Erica Rearich to authorize Manager Shaffer to proceed with the lowest quote as long as it does not exceed \$25,000. Motion carried.

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

Burnell Wildasin made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross to approve 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.

Road Maintenance Agreement with Shrewsbury Township

Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by David Reisdorf to approve a road maintenance agreement with Shrewsbury Township for a portion of the roadway (Concord Drive) in the proposed New Haven Development. Motion carried with Nay votes from Erica Rearich and Dennis Cummings.

2023 Financial Report

Council requested that future audits be presented and explained to Council by the certified public accountant completing the annual audit.

Tasteful Occasion Lease Renewal

Ryan Ross made a motion, to approve the draft lease with Tasteful Occasions. This motion was later withdrawn. The appointed committee of Erica Rearich, Dennis Cummings, and Burnell Wildasin presented their findings regarding the lease. Following discussion, David Reisdorf made a motion, seconded by Erica Rearich to amend the draft lease to reflect a monthly amount of \$2,596. Motion carried.

Public Comment Policy and Statement

Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by David Reisdorf to approve a resolution adopting a public comment policy and statement with a change of per person public comment time frame from three minutes to five minutes. Motion failed with Nay votes from Erica Rearich, Dennis Cummings, Andy Bobby, and Burnell Wildasin.

**New Business**Advertisement of Phase 1 Aeration Improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Facility

Dennis Sarpen made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross to authorize advertisement of the Phase 1 Aeration Improvement Project at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Motion carried.

Advertisement of Orwig Road / Bee Tree Pump Station Stormwater Improvement Project

Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by Dennis Sarpin to authorize advertisement of the Orwig Road / Bee Tree Pump Station Stormwater Improvement Project. Motion carried.

Road Closures – New Freedom Fest

Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by Erica Rearich to approve the proposed road closures for New Freedom Fest on September 21. Motion carried.

2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation to Non-Uniformed Pension Plan

Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by Burnell Wildasin to approve the minimum obligation to the non-uniformed pension plan for 2025 in the amount of \$87,539. Motion carried.

Southern York County Regional Recreation Commission By-Laws

Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by David Reisdorf to approve the Southern York County Regional Recreation Commission By-Laws as presented. Motion carried with Nay votes from Erica Rearich and Dennis Cummings.

**Administrative Reports**Solicitor

Nothing at this time.

Manager

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

President

Nothing at this time.

Mayor

Mayor Butcher thanked all those involved for implementing and funding the EMS chase truck.

Police

The Southern Regional Police Department activity report for the period of June 16 to July 13 was provided to Council for their review.

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

The June 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 July 2024 Southern Regional Police Department meeting.

Engineer

Council was presented with monthly reports from Warehaus and ARRO.

Water System

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

Wastewater System

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

Zoning & Code Enforcement Report

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

Recreation Report

Ryan Ross provided a brief update from the July meeting.

**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**

None

**Adjournment**

At 9:37PM, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Andrew N. Shaffer*

Borough Manager