

**MINUTES OF NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
November 18, 2024**

New Freedom Borough Council met in Regular Session on Monday, November 18, 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
Dennis Cummings
David Reisdorf

ALSO PRESENT:

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

ALSO ABSENT:

BOROUGH COUNCIL ABSENT:

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Public Comment - Agenda Items

Donna Russell, 212 North Constitution Avenue, requested Borough Council investigate the settling and erosion towards the rear of her property along the fence line following the Burkentine Freedom Square Development. Staff will coordinate with the Borough's Engineer to schedule a site visit and review the situation.

Terri Anzmann, 21 McCurley Drive, requested an update on the reported code violations at 28 McCurley Drive owned by Brenda Tanner. Additional addresses have been obtained and letters mailed.

Devin Taylor, 512 Boundary Drive, made a statement regarding meeting minutes and provided copies of complaints.

Ginnie Neugebauer, 45 South Constitution Avenue, requested clarification on the installation of a bench at Marge Goodfellow Park memorializing Tom Summers.

Myra Gillis, 29 South Third Street, updated Council on the upcoming Christmas Parade.

Visitors / Presentations

Chief Woods with Rose Fire Company was not available for tonight's meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held October 21, 2024 were presented to Council for their review. Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by Dennis Sarpen, to approve the minutes as presented. Erica Rearich requested a wording change to add "his" to indicate David Reisdorf's statement regarding his resignation. The original motion was amended. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Council Budget Meeting held November 4, 2024 were presented to Council for their review. Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by Dennis Cummings, to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Butcher noted one change from 20024 to 2024. The original motion was amended. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for the month of October 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 BusinessStormwater Channel – North Constitution Avenue

Manager Shaffer reported the remaining work will occur in the Spring.

Tasteful Occasion Lease Renewal

Manager Shaffer reported that the lease has been verbally agreed upon and will be executed later this month.

Legal Analysis – Code of Ordinances

Manager Shaffer is awaiting final language from General Code following Council's previous modifications.

New Business2025 Budget and Tax Resolution

Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by Dennis Sarpen to authorize advertisement of the 2025 Budget and Tax Resolution noting no increase for 2025. Motion carried.

York County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Due to the cancellation of the most recent York County Commissioners' meeting, this item will be tabled until December 2024.

2024 Street Improvement Project - Change Order

Dennis Sarpen made a motion, seconded by David Reisdorf to approve Contract Change Order #1, reducing the contract amount by \$22,666 to reconcile actual quantities used. Motion carried.

2024 Street Improvement Project - Payment Request

Dennis Sarpen made a motion, seconded by Dennis Cummings to approve Payment Request #1 (Final) in the amount of \$171,407.25. Motion carried.

Joan Davis Community Park Playground Equipment Purchase

David Reisdorf made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross to approve the purchase of the playground equipment for Joan Davis Community Park. \$40,000 of the \$66,555 will come from the awarded York County Marcellus Shale Grant. Motion carried.

Administrative ReportsSolicitor

Nothing additional at this time.

Manager

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

In addition, Manager Shaffer provided a quick summary of the Complete Streets concept and played a video created by the York County Planning Commission to act as an introduction.

President

President Bobby requested the Paul Smith Library be added to December's Council Meeting Agenda for discussion.

Mayor

Mayor Butcher reported on the status of fire and EMS services.

Police

The Southern Regional Police Department activity report for the period of September 8 to October 5 was provided to Council for their review.

The September 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 October 2024 Southern Regional Police Department meeting.

Engineer

Council was presented with monthly reports from Warehaus and ARRO.

Water System

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

Wastewater System

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

Zoning & Code Enforcement Report

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

Recreation Report

Ryan Ross provided a brief update from the November meeting. A profit and loss report was also provided, however Council requested that future reports include more line item detail. A request was also made for a detailed report on programs and participants.

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. This will be combined with Health and Safety moving forward.

Rental Housing and Occupancy Ordinance

Mayor Butcher requested additional time to meet with the Committee.

Community Center Cleaning

Nothing to report. This Committee will be dissolved.

Correspondence

Nothing additional.

Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items

Micheal Werdin, 10 Meadow Street, requested direction from Council on establishing a Community Block Watch program. Council requested he attend the next Southern Regional Police Department meeting. Additionally, Mr. Werdin expressed concern with the recent painting of traffic lines on Constitution Avenue. This work was completed by PennDOT.

Adjournment

At 8:09PM, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session to consult with Legal Counsel which concluded at 8:40PM. The next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2024 at 6:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew N. Shaffer

Borough Manager