

**FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 10, 2025**

Freedom Borough Council met this evening at 6:00 PM for their regular monthly meeting in the Municipal Complex with the following members of Council present: John Kaercher; President, S. Eckman; vice-president, Kim Farrow, Jeremy Valles, Jon Kaercher, Mayor Lou Armstrong, Sharon Miller; Boro Secretary/Treasurer, Miles; Road Dept. Foreman, Bernie Rabik; Solicitor,

Absent: Kevin Horan, Krysta Climo.

Pledge of allegiance was held.

Reminder present Council members and petitioners that all cell phones cannot be on during the meeting. They should be placed on vibrate and you will need to leave the building if you want to use your cell phone.

PETITIONERS:

Mike Phillips, 601 5TH Ave. here to observe.

Mike Szatkiewicz painting the curb yellow in front of the Boro Building.

Jim Miller 1498 8th Ave. Here to thank John Kaercher for his years of service and dedication.

Ron & Jackie Golletti; 8th Ave. Here to observe.

ENGINEERS REPORT: No report

STREET DEPT. REPORT: Review of street department report. How will we be picking up the banners? Ron said he can do whatever is best. Ron put a steel plate over 1601 4th and it is going out to bid per Toni. Discussion on other sink holes. Stephaniks will be out to look at 6th Ave. sewage leak.

***Motion to approve the Street Department Report was made S. Eckman and seconded by Jon Kaercher.**

All Voted. Motion Carried.

MAYOR REPORT: Freedom has around 653 houses / apartments in Freedom. We have 106 vehicles out of inspection / broken down. Mayor will get a list to give to the Police Commission.

***Motion to accept the mayor report was made by K. Farrow and seconded by J. Valles.**

All Voted. Motion Carried.

POLICE REPORT: Review November 2025 police report. Freedom had 14.8 % of the calls. We have our police meeting tomorrow. It is not a done deal with Pulaski Twp. joining the Regional. I will probably know more tomorrow.

***Motion to accept the Police report was made by Jon Kaercher and seconded by S. Eckman.**

All Voted. Motion Carried.

MINUTES:

***Motion to approve the Borough monthly meeting on 11/12/2025 as presented, was made by S. Eckman and seconded by J. Valles.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

***Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by K. Farrow and seconded by S. Eckman.**

All voted. Motion carried.

***Motion to adopt RESOLUTION No. 12102025-01 approving the 2026 Freedom Borough Annual budget in the amount of \$738,478.13 was made by K. Farrow and seconded by J. Valles.**

All Voted. Motion Carried.

***Motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 12102025-02 fixing the tax rate at 5.023 mills on all real estate in the Borough of Freedom was made by K. Farrow and seconded by Jon Kaercher.**

All Voted. Motion Carried.

***Motion to advertise Ordinance of the Borough of Freedom appointing a delinquent Tax Collector pursuant to the direction and authority of the act of December 20, 2000 Act No. (104) was made by K. Farrow and seconded by S. Eckman. All Voted. Motion Carried.**

***Motion to reimburse \$24,468.13 to General Fund Account from PLGIT Account for the cost of street lights was made by K. Farrow and seconded by J. Valles. All Voted. Motion Carried.**

BILLS:

***Motion to Pay the Bills in the amount of \$36,082.23 and any bills that are deemed necessary to be paid before the next monthly meeting as monies become available was made by K. Farrow and seconded by J. Valles. All Voted. Motion Carried.**

SOLICITOR REPORT: John, you have filled our hearts with extraordinary memories as a Freedom Borough citizen, member of its Council and governing of that Council as its President. It has been my privilege and honor to serve as Freedom Borough Solicitor and at that same capacity in other municipalities in Western Pennsylvania. There is no doubt in my mind that you are a member of the municipalities Hall of Fame. (I forgot the trophy). John a ton of thanks for filling our hearts to last a generation.

CORRESPONDANCE:

Patrick McQuire Code Enforcement, no report this month.
Tour of Honor stopping Freedom e-mail.
RAJSA Nov. 13, 2025 minutes

COMMITTEES REPORTS:

Personnel:
Finance:
Street Dept:
Recreation:
Utilities:
Grants & Web site:
Fire Dept. Committee:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: *Motion to advertise Freedom Borough 2026 monthly meetings, work session and Re-Organization meeting. Re-organization meeting is mandatory and will be held Monday January 5th @ 6:00 pm. was made by K. Farrow and seconded by J. Valles. All Voted. Motion Carried.

***Motion to approve a floating holiday for Sharon, Ron and Robert to be used Dec. 24th or Dec. 25th and Dec. 31st or Jan. 2 was made by K. Farrow and seconded by J. Valles. All Voted. Motion Carried.**

Literature on the table:

- Pennsylvania Boro News magazine December 2025.

***Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:30 p.m. was made by J. Valles and seconded by S. Eckman. All voted. Motion carried.**

APPROVED _____ ATTEST _____

MAYOR _____

Respectfully submitted by:

Sharon A. Miller; Freedom Boro Secretary / Treasurer