

**FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 9, 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: Sydney Eckman; Vice-president, Kim Farrow, Kevin Horan, Krysta Climo, Jeremy Valles, Jon Kaercher, Bernie Rabik; Solicitor, Sharon Miller; Boro Secretary / Treasurer, Ron Miles; Road Dept.

Absent: John Kaercher; President

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 Szatkiewicz 999 10th St. Need to spray 8th Avenue wall. When is Freedom Borough going to paint the sidewalk yellow in front of Borough Building on 3rd Avenue.

Rachel & Tom Smrzlick 1744 8th Ave. Complaints on house on 1698 7th Ave. with trash left behind when moved out. Storm drains at 18th St. & 8th Ave. is full of dirt. Not stopping at the stop sign on 8th Ave. in front of school. Need police presence. Complaints on elementary dismissal due to congestion of cars, that is not monitored.

Mile Phipps 601 5th Ave. Here to observe.

Dan Delucey 1101 6th Ave. Complaints on trash and removed porch roof on properties between 11th St. & 6th Ave.

ENGINEERS REPORT: None

STREET DEPT. REPORT:

Review of street department report.

•**Motion to approve Ron to put the wideout snowplow on Facebook marketplace and Municibid to sell was made by K. Farrow and seconded by J. Valles.**

All Voted. Motion Carried.

***Motion to approve the Street Department Report was made K. Climo and seconded by K. Farrow.**

All Voted. Motion Carried.

MAYOR REPORT: Do we need approval for the Freedom SOI to sell alcohol at Spring Fest.

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

All Voted. Motion Carried.

POLICE REPORT: Review January, February and March 2025 police report.

Motion to ratify the Beaver Valley Regional Police Commission Resolution No. 2025-01 for the admission of Bridgewater Borough to the Beaver Valley Regional Police Department was made by Jeremy Valles and seconded by Kevin Horan.

All voted. Motion Carried.

***Motion to accept the Police report was made by K. Climo and seconded by K. Horan.**

All Voted. Motion Carried.

MINUTES:

***Motion to approve the work session 03/03/2025 and the Borough monthly meeting on 02/12/2025 as presented, was made by K. Farrow and seconded by Jon Kaercher.**

All voted. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

***Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by K. Horan and seconded by J. Valles.**

All voted. Motion carried.

BILLS:

***Motion to Pay the Bills in the amount of \$40,066.71 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:

***Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 588 protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens by holding those responsible for the clogging of sewer lines with a summary offense to be made effective April 9, 2025 was made by K. Farrow and seconded by J. Valles. All Voted. Motion Carried.**

***Motion to accept the Solicitors report was made by K. Farrow and seconded by J. Valles.
All voted. Motion carried.**

CORRESPONDANCE:

RAJSA February 13, 2024 minutes

COMMITTEES REPORTS:

Personnel:

Finance:

Street Dept:

Recreation: Spring Fest – Car Cruise May 17th. 12:00- 5:00 (Road closure 8:00- 6:00)
Easter Egg hunt April 12th. @ 1:30 p.m. Meet here at municipal building at 10:30.
Kevin will check the playground on Friday evening for trash pick-up.
Halloween / Fall Fest combined on Thursday Oct. 30 costume parade at 5:00 p.m.
Food trucks, crafts, Trick or treat 6:00- 8:00 in town / you can put up a table in town with your treats.
Flower sale at Spring Fest?
July 19th movie night in the park.
Christmas Light-up night day of Thanksgiving, Friday Nov. 28th @ 5:30 p.m.

Utilities:

Grants & Web site: Updated the website with Easter Egg Hunt / Spring Fest.

Fire Dept. Committee:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion to adopt a new resolution of fee schedule. This can be done annually.

Per Patrick McGuire. Solicitor will give a copy from Center Twp.

Garbage renewal has been advertised will open the bids Wednesday May 14, 2025

@ 10:00 a.m. at Borough office.

Resident request from Shawna Allen who would like to use the community park empty lot to get married. There will be no more than 20-30 people. Bernie will prepare a document to release Freedom Borough from being held liable for anything.

Literature on the table:

- Pennsylvania Boro News magazine January 2025
- 2024/2025 Emergency Preparedness Information packet

Reminder State Ethics forms to be returned by May 1, 2025.

***Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:21 p.m. was made by K. Climo and seconded by K. Horan.
All voted. Motion carried.**

APPROVED _____ ATTEST _____

MAYOR _____

Respectfully submitted by:

Sharon A. Miller; Freedom Boro Secretary / Treasurer