

**FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 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: Kim Farrow, Kevin Horan, Jeremy Valles, Bernie Rabik; Solicitor, Sharon Miller; Boro Secretary / Treasurer, Ron Miles; Road dept.

Absent: John Kaercher; President, Sydney Eckman; Vice-president, Jon Kaercher; Councilman

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:

Matt Hogue 125 6th Ave. Update from FBCCA. Work will be done on 8th Ave starting in Spring w new catch basins. We received a grant for 150,000 from Federal government. We will be relining sewer lines between 12th and 18th street. Not finalized yet. A lot of work coming up this spring and summer.

James Wingrove 420 6th street, here to observe.

Mike Phillips 601 5th Avenue, here to observe.

ENGINEERS REPORT: The LVDGR grant is over budget in the amount of \$1,099.40. Sharon will reach out to MS Consultants to see if there is any play in the engineers' fees.

STREET DEPT. REPORT:

***Motion to purchase a new western plow squeegee for the F-550 dump in the amount of \$525.00 plus 203.00 to ship was made by J. Valles and seconded by K. Climo.**

All Voted. Motion Carried.

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

All Voted. Motion Carried.

MAYOR REPORT:

Report of box truck parking on 6th Ave. I did not buy a sign nor did I put the sign up on Third Ave. re: Moose

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

All Voted. Motion Carried.

POLICE REPORT: Freedom Borough had a total of 15 % of all calls for the year 2024. Will have the first meeting tomorrow for the new year and select the Commission.

MINUTES:

***Motion to approve the Borough monthly meeting on 12/11/2024 as presented, was made by K. Climo and seconded by K. Horan.**

All voted. Motion Carried.

TREASUER'S REPORT:

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

All voted. Motion carried.

Discussion to hold off for the next few months on paying off the new zero turn until out tax monies come in.

BILLS:

***Motion to Pay the Bills in the amount of \$40,373.33 and any bills that are deemed necessary to be paid before the next monthly meeting as monies become available was made by K. Horan and seconded by K. Climo.**

All Voted. Motion Carried.

SOLICITOR REPORT: Complimentary report was made form Solicitor to the Freedom Council.

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

CORRESPONDANCE:

**Patrick McQuire December 2024 report
RAJSA November 15, 2024 minutes**

COMMITTEES REPORTS:

Personnel:

Finance:

Street Dept:

Recreation: Will wait for Vice-President S. Eckman to return for discussion.

Utilities:

Grants & Web site:

Fire Dept. Committee:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

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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 6:25 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