

Freedom Borough
Reorganization Meeting MINUTES
January 5th 2026

Present: Mayor Armstrong, President Sydney Eckman, Vice-President Kim Farrow, Pro-Tem Kevin Horan, Krysta Climo, Jon Kaercher, Jeremy Valles and Michael Phillips, Sharon Miller; Secretary.

Visitors: none

Mayor swears in newly elected individuals. Sydney Eckman, Jeremy Valles and Michael Phillips.

Mayor Armstrong calls the reorganization meeting to order with the Pledge of allegiance.

***Mayor Armstrong asked for nominations for Council President. Krysta Climo nominated Sydney Kaercher. Mayor Armstrong asked again Jeremy Valles nominated Kim Farrow. Mayor Armstrong asked the third time for nominations for President.**

Roll Call Vote for Sydney Kaercher for President:

Jon Kaercher: Yes, Krysta Climo: Yes, Jeremy Valles: No. Michael Phillips: Yes, Kim Farrow: Yes, Kevin Horan: No.

4 Yes, 2 No

Sydney Kaercher was elected President of Council, All Voted. Motion Carried.

*** Council President S. Eckman asked three times for nominations for Vice-President. Krysta Climo nominated Kim Farrow all Voted yes unanimously. Kim Farrow was elected Vice-President.**

*** Council President S. Eckman asked three times for nominations for the President Pro-Tem. Kim Farrow nominated Kevin Horan seconded by K. Climo all Voted unanimously. Kevin Horan was elected President Pro-Tem.**

***Motion to retain Bernie Rabik as Borough Solicitor was made by Jon Kaercher and seconded by Kevin Horan. All Voted. Motion Carried. Bernie will be done with Solicitor July 1st. 2026.**

***Motion to retain MS Consultants as Borough Engineer was made by Kim Farrow and seconded by Kevin Horan. All voted. Motion Carried.**

***Motion to retain Sharon Miller as Borough Secretary/Treasurer was made by Krysta Climo and seconded by Kim Farrow. All Voted. Motion Carried.**

***Motion to retain Ron Miles as Street Commissioner and Robert Kumrow as Laborer for Street Department was made by Krysta Climo and seconded by Jeremy Valles. All Voted. Motion Carried.**

***Motion to retain WesBanco as our Borough depository was made by Kim Farrow and seconded by Kevin Horan, all Voted. Motion Carried.**

***Motion to retain Mark Turnley as Borough Auditor was made by Jeremy Valles and seconded by Mike Phillips. All voted. Motion Carried.**

*** Motion to retain Parick McGuire with 3City Health as the Code and Zoning officer was made by Kevin Horan and seconded by Jon Kaercher. All Voted. Motion Carried.**

***Motion to retain Dennis Smith with United Code Consultants as the UCC inspector was made by Kim Farrow and seconded Mike Phillips. All Voted. Motion Carried.**

***Motion to appoint Kim Farrow and Jeremy Valles to the BVRPD Commission and Kevin Horan and Michael Phillips as alternates was made by Krysta Climo and seconded by Jon Kaercher. All Voted Motion carried.**

Committees will be appointed at the next monthly meeting on January 14, 2025.

FINANCE:

PERSONNEL:

STREET DEPT.:

RECREATION:

GRANTS/WEBSITE:

UTILITIES:

FIRE DEPT. COMMITTEE:

Zoning hearing Board:

Norma Freed Michael Hildman

Paul Dambach

***Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 588 Appointing Melissa Kaercher delinquent tax Collector pursuant to the direction and authority of the Act of December 2000 (Act No. 104) was made by K. Farrow and seconded by S. Eckman. All Voted. Motion Carried.**

***Motion to conduct an audit on the exiting Freedom Borough Real Estate Tax Collector was made by K. Farrow and seconded by K. Climo. All Voted. Motion Carried.**

***Motion to approve Resolution No 01052025-01 supporting the Pennsylvania Commission for the Unites States Semi quinentennial (AMERICA250PA) was made by Kim Farrow and seconded by Mike Phillips. All Voted. Motion Carried.**

***Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:25 p.m. was made by Krysta Climo and seconded by Jeremy Valles. All Voted. Motion Carried.**

APPROVED_____ ATTEST_____

MAYOR_____

Respectfully submitted by:

Sharon A. Miller; Freedom Borough Secretary / Treasurer