**FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL**
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**
**SEPTEMBER 16, 2026**

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; President, Kim Farrow; Vice-president, Kevin Horan; Pro-Tem, Michael Phillips, Katrina Copzek, Solicitor; Max Schmierer, Mayor Lou Armstrong, Sharon Miller; Boro Secretary/Treasurer, Ron Miles; Road Dept. foreman.

**ABSENT:** John Kaercher, Jon Kaercher.
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.

***PETITONERS:***
Mike Szatkiewicz: 999 10th street don't forget to paint the sidewalk yellow on Third Ave. in front of Boro office and remove handicap spot. Solicitor will look into it and see what we can do.

***ENGINEERS REPORT*:** No report

***STREET DEPT. REPORT:*** Review of street department report. President asked about crosswalks. 1/3 of town is painted. Exhaust fan has been installed in garage.
**Motion to approve the e-mail for the road dept. freedomborosd@outlook.com was made by K. Farrow and seconded by M. Phillips.**
**All Voted. Motion Carried.**
Friendly reminder Freedom Homecoming Parade will be Thursday September 24th@ 6:00 p.m. We also need to make sure garbage is being picked up on Third Ave. We have been receiving complaints. The dump needs to be locked after hours.
***Motion to approve the Street Department Report was made K. Horan and seconded by K. Farrow.**
**All Voted. Motion Carried.**

***MAYOR REPORT***:
We are still waiting on PennDOT for the Third Ave. signage. It's a slow process, but we are getting more cars towed. Mayor emptied garbage cans on Saturday and cleaned them out. Maybe we can have work session next month for further discussion on job duties. Sharon check with the pest control to see if we can get a safe spray to spray at the playground for insects.
***Motion to accept the mayor report was made by K. Horan and seconded by M. Phillips.**
**All Voted. Motion Carried.**

***POLICE REPORT***: 56 calls, 13.6 %. The plate smart cameras are being installed this week. There was a hold up waiting on Duquesne Light to approve the usage of the telephone poles. The Regional received a $125,000 DCED to complete the station renovations at the station in Conway. Also received additional 50,000 grant from Norfolk Southern to purchase vehicles. We were able to get 4 new vehicles all with grants with no tax payer dollars.
***Motion to accept the Police report was made by K. Horan and seconded by K. Czopek.**
**All Voted. Motion Carried.**

***MINUTES:***
***Motion to approve the Borough monthly meeting on 08/12/2026 was made by K. Farrow and seconded by K. Horan. All Voted Motion Carried.**

***TREASUER'S REPORT:***
***Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by K. Farrow and seconded by K. Horan.**
**All voted. Motion carried.**
***BILLS:***
***Motion to Pay the Bills in the amount of $44,532.78 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 M. Phillips.All Voted. Motion Carried.**

***SOLICITOR REPORT*:  I worked on the court order for Katrina to be appointed to Freedom Council.**
***Motion to accept the Solicitors report was made by K. Farrow and seconded by K. Horan.**
**All Voted. Motion Carried.**

***CORRESPONDANCE:*** **Code report from  Patrick McGuire for August 2026.**
Discussion was made if we should take the N.O.V. to the magistrate. Table to next meeting. Maybe go parcel by parcel.
***Motion to accept Code enforcement report was made by K. Farrow and seconded by K. Horan.**
**All Voted. Motion Carried.**

**Letter from Rite Touch re: permits / fees for skill games**. PA Supreme are saying October 14th the slot machines will be illegal and no taxes will be collected.

**E-mail from  Pense Productions  re:  Movie at the grange and asking for donations.** We cannot lend out our equipment.

**E-mail from TOUR OF HONOR – August 2026**

**R.A.J.S.A. July 9th 2026 minutes.**

**COMMITTEES: Personne**l:

**Finance**:

**Street Dept**:

**Recreation**: Halloween will be Sunday October 25th party on Third Ave. at 3:30 – 5:30 with a Halloween parade.  TRICK or TREAT from 6:00- 8:00 on Sunday October 25th also.
Sydney will send an e-mail re: Hometown Christmas to Vicary House and FVFD.
Per Lou: I will get the white soft lights for the black poles for Christmas.
FVFD will be giving out 40 dinners for Thanksgiving. Lou is asking all Council to give him 2 names that can be added to the list.

**Utilities**:

**Grants & Web site**:

**Fire Dept. Committee**:

***OLD BUSINESS:***

***NEW BUSINESS***:
***Motion to approve the 2027 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) in the amount of $23,485.04 was made by K. Farrow and seconded by K. Horan.**
**All Voted. Motion Carried.**
Approval for Max to look over the resolution for shared services within, Baden, Conway, Freedom and Rochester Twp.
We have not heard back from our insurance company regarding the water damage to the Borough building from the storm on August 2nd. Max will look into this for us.
There was discussion on planting young trees in the Borough. Council agreed to meet on an evening and decide where the best place is for the trees.

**Literature on the table:**
- Pennsylvania Boro News magazine August 2026.

***Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:23 p.m. was made by K. Farrow and seconded by M. Phillips.**
**All voted. Motion carried.**

APPROVED_____ ATTEST_____

MAYOR_____

Respectfully submitted by:

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Sharon A. Miller; Freedom Boro Secretary / Treasurer