

**FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 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: John Kaercher; President, S. Eckman; vice-president, Kim Farrow, Kevin Horan, Jeremy Valles, Jon Kaercher, Mayor Lou Armstrong, Sharon Miller; Boro Secretary/Treasurer, Ron Miles; Road Dept. Foreman.

Absent: Krysta Climo, Bernie Rabik; Solicitor,

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

ENGINEERS REPORT: No report

STREET DEPT. REPORT: Review of street department report.

Update on dump truck will pick up next week.

Discussion with Ron / Robert where and when to help with the Halloween Parade.

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

All Voted. Motion Carried.

MAYOR REPORT: Really don't have much to say. Recovering from radiation treatments.

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

All Voted. Motion Carried.

POLICE REPORT: Review September 2025 police report. Freedom had 16.5 % of the calls.

Discussion was made on the budget for year 2026.

***Motion to approve the Beaver Valley Regional Police Department 2026 annual budget in the amount of \$240,314.92 with it showing a 2% decrease for Freedom Borough and a savings of \$4,141.03 annually was made by K. Horan and seconded by K. Farrow.**

All Voted. Motion Carried.

***Motion to accept the Police report was made by S. Eckman and seconded by J. Valles.**

All Voted. Motion Carried.

MINUTES:

***Motion to approve the Borough monthly meeting on 09/10/2025 as presented, was made by J. Valles and seconded by S. Eckman.**

All voted. Motion Carried. John Kaercher abstained from voting he was not at the meeting.

TREASUER'S REPORT:

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

All voted. Motion carried.

Freedom Borough 2025 Municipal Pension State Aid Allocation was direct deposited in the General fund on September 24, 2025 in the amount of \$19,997.00.

***Motion to approve check # 8221 to the Freedom Volunteer Fire Dept. on 10/09/2025 in the amount of \$7,273.28 for the 2025 Fire Relief payment Act 205 was made by K. Horan and seconded by K. Farrow.**

All Voted. Motion Carried.

The direct deposit was made to the Freedom Borough General fund account on 09/17/2025.

BILLS:

*Motion to Pay the Bills in the amount of \$32,014.79 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 K. Horan. All Voted. Motion Carried.

SOLICITOR REPORT: President John Kaercher spoke with Solicitor Rabik and he will continue to take phone calls and zoom the monthly meetings through June 15th 2026.

CORRESPONDANCE: RAJSA September 11, 2025 minutes

No report - Patrick McQuire September 2025 Code Enforcement.

Letter from Freedom FOE

JOB FAIR October 23 @ PA CareerLink office at Beaver Valley Mall

COMMITTEES REPORTS:

Personnel:

Finance:

Street Dept:

Recreation: Sun. Oct 26th Freedom Borough Kids Costume Parade and Trick or Treat Night.

3:30-5:30 Food truck, crafts, petting zoo, reptiles (main street)

5:00-5:15 Line up for costume parade in magistrates parking lot. Parade over at 5:30.

6:00- 8:00 Freedom Borough Trick or Treat night. Would like to ask FVFD to help with Halloween. Recreation is decorating the gazebo for Christmas season on Nov. 1st. Discussion on poles being wrapped with lights instead of putting up wreaths.

Utilities:

Grants & Web site:

Fire Dept. Committee:

OLD BUSINESS: We talked about not putting up the Christmas Banners.

Will need to start looking for a Solicitor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on sharing services with other municipalities. The discussion was on shared services involving Code Officer. Freedom is not having issues with our Code Officer. Maybe sharing road projects also. More funding where communities work together.

Interest coming from whom we share our Regional Police Services with.

2026 Budget should be ready for advertisement for next month's meeting.

Literature on the table:

- Pennsylvania Boro News magazine August 2025

*Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:00 p.m. was made by J. Valles and seconded by K. Farrow.

All voted. Motion carried.

APPROVED _____ ATTEST _____

MAYOR _____

Respectfully submitted by:

Sharon A. Miller; Freedom Boro Secretary / Treasurer