

**FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 12, 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, Sydney Eckman; Vice-president, Kim Farrow, Kevin Horan, Jeremy Valles, Jon Kaercher, Bernie Rabik; Solicitor, Sharon Miller; Boro Secretary / Treasurer, Ron Miles; Road Dept.

Absent:

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 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. Update from FBCCA we have a current ongoing situation on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. due to people flushing wipes and diapers down the toilet. This is second time the authority will have to pay thousands of dollars to correct the problem. Motion to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an ordinance in regards to this issue was made by K. Horan and seconded by Jon Kaercher.

All Voted. Motion Carried.

**ENGINEERS REPORT:** None

**STREET DEPT. REPORT:**

Review of street department report. We are currently getting ready for Spring. J. Valles requested if we can move the library box from the bottom of 11<sup>th</sup> street. It makes it hard to see to pull out. Council thinks it's best to move closer to the Boro Building. Drum and Sons, Stephaniks will look at the sewage issue. Per John K. I can honestly say we have had the best town in the County with snow removal. Greatly appreciated guys. Ron explained to Kim how the COSTARS salt bidding works.

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

**All Voted. Motion Carried.**

**MAYOR REPORT:** Everything looks good.

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

**All Voted. Motion Carried.**

**POLICE REPORT:** There was no report yet. They have a new admin that is trying to get up to speed. We have our monthly meeting tomorrow.

**MINUTES:**

**\*Motion to approve the Borough monthly meeting on 01/08/2025 as presented, was made by J. Valles and seconded by K. Farrow. President J. Kaercher, Sydney Eckman and Jon Kaercher all abstained from voting they were not at the meeting.**

**All voted. Motion Carried.**

**TREASUER'S REPORT:**

**\*Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by K. Horan 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 \$51,211.31 and any bills that are deemed necessary to be paid before the next monthly meeting as monies become available was made by S. Eckman and seconded by K. Farrow.**

**All Voted. Motion Carried.**

**SOLICITOR REPORT:** Complimentary was made from 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:** Spring Fest – Car Cruise May 17<sup>th</sup>. 12:00- 5:00

Charge vendors this year. \$50.00 deposit with \$25.00 refund if you stay the whole time.

Easter Egg hunt April 12<sup>th</sup>

Discussion on not having Fall fest and having a trunk or treat instead of Halloween.

Halloween / Fall Fest combined.

Set up a poll on website to see if they want traditional Halloween or trunk or treat.

Flower sale at Spring Fest?

July 19<sup>th</sup> movie night in the park.

Christmas Light-up night day of Thanksgiving, Friday Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 p.m.

Reach out to the Eagle Scout for renovation of Basketball court

**Utilities:**

**Grants & Web site:**

**Fire Dept. Committee:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Per mayor: Donations are welcome for flowers for the Freedom Memorial Foundation.

**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:

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Sharon A. Miller; Freedom Boro Secretary / Treasurer