

**FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 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, S. Eckman; vice-president, Kim Farrow, Kevin Horan, Jeremy Valles, Jon Kaercher, Krysta Climo, Mayor Lou Armstrong, Sharon Miller; Boro Secretary/Treasurer, . Bernie Rabik; Solicitor,

Absent: Miles; Road Dept. Foreman

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.

Mike Szatkiewicz painting the curb yellow in front of the Boro Building. What are the Boro properties that they mow?

ENGINEERS REPORT: No report

STREET DEPT. REPORT: Review of street department report.

***Motion to be reimbursed from the PLGIT account in the amount of \$847.11 for the snowplow cutting edge that was purchased from Winter Equipment Inc. was made by K. Farrow and seconded by K. Horan.**

All Voted. Motion Carried.

***Motion to approve the Street Department Report was made J. Valles and seconded by Jon Kaercher.**

All Voted. Motion Carried.

MAYOR REPORT: Happy that we got 2 abandoned cars removed. We are working on that with Code Officer and the Chief. There is a truck parking on 9th street and it is blocking the view pulling off of 4th Ave.

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

All Voted. Motion Carried.

POLICE REPORT: Review October 2025 police report. Freedom had 15.6 % of the calls.

Pulaski Twp. has voted to join the Regional Police as contracted Services starting January 1, 2026. They are just contracted services and do not have a seat at the table or voting position. There was disappointment with the actions of the officer that was at the Halloween event. Per John Kaercher let the minutes note that there is a new Contracted Services with Pulaski Twp. for 125,000.00 for full service and we passed a motion last month for 2026 Freedom Borough in the amount of \$240,314.92. which if we were a contracted service, it would be 115,314.92 savings approximately.

***Motion to accept the Police report was made by K. Climo and seconded by K. Horan.**

All Voted. Motion Carried.

MINUTES:

***Motion to approve the Borough monthly meeting on 10/08/2025 as presented, was made by K. Climo and seconded by K. Horan.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

All voted. Motion carried.

***Motion to pay the 2026 PA UC Solvency Fee in the amount of \$266.65 was made by K. Farrow and seconded by J. Valles. All Voted. Motion Carried.**

Estimated 2026 Liquid Fuels amount is \$47,998.50 which will be deposited in March 2026.

BILLS:

***Motion to Pay the Bills in the amount of \$35,798.80 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 J. Valles. All Voted. Motion Carried.**

SOLICITOR REPORT: Nothing for the meeting.

CORRESPONDANCE:

Patrick McQuire September & October 2025 Code Enforcement.

Invoice from Gilarnos Auto Repair for the 2016 dump truck in the amount of \$3,954.47.

***Motion to pay Gilarnos Auto Repair \$791.00 for 5 months until paid in full of the invoice of \$3,954.47 for the 2016 dump truck repairs was made by K. Horan and seconded by J. Valles. All Voted. Motion Carried.**

COMMITTEES REPORTS:

Personnel:

Finance:

Street Dept:

Recreation: Thank you to everyone for a Great Halloween festival, parade and Trick or Treat. It was so nice to see the streets filled with kids again for 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: Send me the minutes for the meeting Sharon. Sharon asked permission and access the website to put the information on herself.

Fire Dept. Committee:

OLD BUSINESS: We talked about not putting up the Christmas Banners. We are going to wrap the poles this year. Will need to start looking for a Solicitor.

NEW BUSINESS:

***Motion to advertise the balanced 2026 Freedom Borough budget in the amount of \$ 738,478.13 for propose adoption at the December 10th 2025 monthly meeting was made by K. Farrow and K. Horan. All Voted. Motion Carried.**

Mayor has organized free everything you need for Thanksgiving Dinners to Freedom residents. We have enough to serve 30 dinners. Please let us know of anyone in need. Please reach out to Kim and Sharon with names.

Literature on the table:

- Pennsylvania Boro News magazine October 2025.

***Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:40 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