

**FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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: President; John Kaercher, Vice-President; Sydney Eckman, Krysta Climo, Kim Farrow, Kevin Horan, Jon Kaercher, Jeremy Valles, Bernie Rabik; Solicitor, Sharon Miller; Boro Secretary /Treasurer.

Absent: Mayor Padezanin, Ron Miles; Road Dept.

Pledge of allegiance was held.

President John Kaercher reminded everyone 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:**

Ethan Rupprecht; Park Road Ambridge, my intentions are to fix it up and rent.

**\*Motion to exonerate taxes on Parcel # 27-001-0613.000-01-1 from year 2020 to the present @ 445 3<sup>rd</sup> street Freedom was made by K. Farrow and seconded by K. Horan.  
All voted. Motion Carried.**

Michael Szatkewicz 999 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Would still like to paint the road yellow in front of Borough office. Complaints of Kemrlawns when they wash out their trucks.

Gary Gilarno 1399 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. here to represent the FVFD, Devyn Lindeman; 1135 6<sup>th</sup> Ave; FVFD.

Lou Armstrong 1146 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. asking for flower donations for the Freedom Memorial can be dropped off with the Freedom Borough Secretary.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Update on LVDGR grant. Sanitary and storm line is moving along on 11<sup>th</sup> street. The paving Should begin in a few weeks for completion.

**STREET DEPT. REPORT:**

Review of Street department report. Ron could not make it tonight.

**\*Motion to accept the Street Department report as presented was made by K. Climo and seconded by Jon Kaercher.  
All Voted. Motion Carried.**

**\*Motion to order 200 gallons of Deisel fuel for the tank at the garage was made by Jon Kaercher and seconded by K. Horan.  
All voted. Motion carried.**

**MAYOR REPORT / POLICE REPORT:**

Mayor was excused this evening.

Discussion was made on the Regional Police report. Freedom represented 15.2% of calls for last month.

**\*Motion to accept the Police / Mayor report as presented was made by K. Farrow and seconded by K. Horan.  
All voted. Motion Carried.**

**MINUTES:**

**\*Motion to approve the Borough monthly meetings on 03/13/2024 as presented, was made by Jon Kaercher and seconded by K. Climo.  
All voted. Motion Carried.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**BILLS:**

**\*Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$30,996.39 and any bills deemed necessary before next month's meeting or as money becomes available was made by K. Farrow and seconded by Jon Kaercher.  
All voted. Motion Carried.**

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

Much discussion by the Solicitor and Council was made on the pending issues with the Freedom Volunteer Fire Department. I would suggest quarterly meetings with FVFD and the Freedom Borough Council.

**\*Motion to accept the Solicitors report was made by K. Farrow and seconded by Jon Kaercher.  
All voted. Motion carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Dennis Smith of United Code Consultants report for March 2024.  
Freedom FOE requesting information on helping with a new parking lot. K. Horan will reach out to Loren to see what he can offer. Any permitting they will have to get will go through PennDOT.

**COMMITTEES 2024:**

**Personnel:** Sharon will be off Mon, Tues and Wed. of next week. Will post.

**Finance:**

**Street Dept:**

**Recreation:** \*Motion to order the new updated playground equipment with platform, tunnel and water fountain at the price of \$132,335.25 which will be funded with the ARPA grant was made by Jon Kaercher and seconded by K. Climo. All voted. Motion carried.

Freedom Spring Fest and Memorial Car Cruise (Eric Climo) May 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-6:00

Easter Egg hunt was a huge success. Beautiful day and turn out.

Halloween Parade Oct 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Earth day celebration Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>. 2024.

**Utilities:**

**Grants & Web site:**

**Fire Dept. Committee:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

\* Motion to give Parcel number 27-001-0113.000 the street address of 61 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Freedom, Pa. 15042 due to the consolidation of three parcels was made by J. Valles and seconded by K. Horan.

All voted. Motion carried.

Need to advertise for a letter of interest on the Planning Commission due to the open seat. Please respond by next months meeting.

**Literature in center of table:**

- Pennsylvania Borough News March 2024

\*Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:11 p.m. was made by Jon Kaercher and seconded by K. Farrow. All voted. Motion carried.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sharon A. Miller; Freedom Boro Secretary / Treasurer