

**FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
December 28, 2023**

Freedom Borough Council met this morning at 8:00 a.m. for a public meeting in the Municipal Complex with the following members of Council present: President; John Kaercher, Eric Climo-Vice president, Sydney Eckman, Bill Smith, Kevin Horan, Nadine Padezanin; Mayor, Bernie Rabik; Solicitor, Sharon Miller; Boro Secretary /Treasurer.

Absent: Mark Forrest.

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.

***Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 586 fixing the rate of tax at 4.7331 mills and levying the Borough real estate tax for the fiscal year 2024 was made by B. Smith and seconded by S. Eckman. All voted. Motion carried.**

Much discussion was made on the Freedom Vol. Fire Department and certifications.

A special Thank you to Bill Smith for all the years of service and dedication while he served as Freedom Borough Council member.

***Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:27 a.m. was made by E. Climo and seconded by K. Horan. All voted. Motion carried.**

APPROVED _____ ATTEST _____

MAYOR _____

Respectfully submitted by:

Sharon A. Miller; Freedom Boro Secretary / Treasurer