

**FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
July 12, 2023**

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, Eric Climo-Vice president, Bill Smith, Sydney Eckman, Kevin Horan, Bernie Rabik; Solicitor, Sharon Miller; Boro Secretary /Treasurer, Ron Miles; Road Foreman.

Absent: Mayor Padezanin, 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.

**PETITIONERS:**

Michael Szatkiewicz: 999 10<sup>th</sup> St. Concerned about the parking on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. at the bottom of 10<sup>th</sup> Street. I have been complaining for years. You should not be able to park there. You cannot see when you pull out. Much discussion was made on this topic. Per J. Kaercher we are waiting to hear back from PennDOT re: traffic study.

Jim Kronk of 653 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Re: following up with Solicitor Rabik to see if he spoke to Attorney Phillip Colavincezno. Per B. Rabik Solicitor is waiting for Phil to get back to him.

Jim Miller 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. here to observe.

David Churney 530 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. here to exonerate taxes.

**\*Motion to exonerate property taxes 2022 to the present on Parcel # 27-001-0925.000 was made by E. Climo and seconded by S. Eckman. All Voted. Motion Carried.**

**ENGINEERS REPORT:**

Youngblood say paving should begin around September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**STREET DEPT. REPORT:**

Review of street department report.

**\*Motion to accept the Street Department report as presented was made by B. Smith and seconded by S. Eckman. All Voted. Motion Carried.**

**MAYOR REPORT / POLICE REPORT:**

Mayor is excused and was not able to make it this evening. We did not receive a police report this evening, we will have it next month. The BVRPD meeting is tomorrow night.

**MINUTES:**

**\*Motion to approve the Borough monthly meeting on 06/14/2023 as presented was made by B. Smith and seconded by E. Climo. All voted. Motion Carried.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**\*Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by K. Horan and seconded by S. Eckman.  
All voted. Motion carried.**

**BILLS:**

**\*Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$32,702.87 any bills deemed necessary before next month's meeting or as money becomes available was made by E. Climo and seconded by S. Eckman.  
All voted. Motion Carried.**

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

We will go into executive at end of meeting to discuss insurance and vacant seat on Council. Good job on the review of the transparency on the process of reviewing insurance companies.

**\*Motion to accept the Solicitors report was made by E. Climo and seconded by B. Smith.  
All voted. Motion carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Code enforcement report from Troy Gump for June 2023. 1071 and 1551 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. are on the list to be demolished.

**\*Motion to accept the Code Enforcement report was made by K. Horan and seconded by E. Climo  
All Voted. Motion Carried.**

R.A.J.S.A. June 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 minutes.

**COMMITTEES:**

**Personnel:**

**Finance:** Everyone has received a year-to-date budget for review.

**Street Dept:**

**Recreation:** 52 people have signed up for the fall fest. I will remind all food vendors we will need proof of insurance and health certificate. Halloween costume parade on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. Christmas light up night Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Grants & Web site:** Kevin Horan was pleased to announce we have been awarded a \$9,000 parks and recreation grant for T.C. Energy.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mark is still serving as Emergency Management Coordinator in a temporary position if anyone is interested, please let Council know.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

We have been approved through the ARPA grant to purchase 6 lifetime resin tables and 36 chairs.  
Deadline to order memorial bricks is Friday July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Literature in center of table:**

- Pennsylvania Borough News June 2023

**\*Motion to enter into executive session at 6:37 pm for insurance purpose was made by B. Smith and seconded by K. Horan.**

**All voted. Motion carried.**

**\*Motion to reconvey meeting at 7:00 pm was made by S. Eckman and seconded by K. Horan.**

**All voted. Motion carried.**

**\*Motion to go with MRM Insurance Trust pending the further review of the policy as compared and presented by Anderson Insurance Group just to make sure we are comparing apples to apples, was made by E. Climo seconded by B. Smith.**

**All voted. Motion carried.**

**\*Motion to appoint Rick Ellis to the Council for the remaining 2-year seat that will have to go to the Solicitor that will then go through the Beaver County Court of Common Pleas for appointment and approval was made by E. Climo and seconded by S. Eckman.**

**Roll call vote:**

**S. Eckman - YES, B. Smith – NO, E. Climo - YES, K. Horan – NO, J. Kaercher – YES.**

**Three (3) YES, two (2) NO.**

**All voted. Motion Carried.**

**\*Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:07 p.m. was made by B. Smith and seconded by K. Horan.**

**All voted. Motion carried.**