

FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes- July 13, 2022

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, William Smith, Dan Baker, Sydney Kaercher, Kevin Horan. Bernie Rabik; Solicitor and Sharon Miller; Boro Secretary /Treasurer.

Absent: Mark Forrest; Council, Nadine Padezanin; Mayor

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:

James Kronk of 611 6th Avenue. Re: Emergency management in town. Was thinking of having a community involvement. Maybe have a CPR or first Aid class. S. Kaercher will get in contact with someone to help have this event.

Zabriawn Smith of 106 Wykes St. Aliquippa

Motion to exonerate taxes on Parcel 27-001-0816.000 @ 450 4th Avenue was made by B. Smith and seconded by K. Horan. All voted. Motion carried.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Engineer not with us this evening.

We need to get the 7th Ave. brick issue resolved. Per E. Climo, I believe it needs to be worked out between all three parties, Boro and the 2 home owners.

STREET DEPT. REPORT:

Ron questioned about repair on the dump truck bed. E. Climo is waiting on an estimate of the steel. E. Climo said it would take him 2 weeks to repair. Ron said I will be putting

the leaf box on the truck in end of September we don't have a lot of time. Ron asked if we are looking into buying an attachment to do sidewalks in winter?

Discussion was made on a lease to own UTV or quad for road dept. Will get some pricing.

Motion to accept Street Department Report was made by S. Kaercher and seconded by K. Horan.

All voted. Motion carried.

Set up date for PennDOT and the agility program. Have not heard back from Youngblood on if they are honoring the bid from 9/21/2022. Discussion was made on removing the brick prior to paving the road paving. Council agreed on staying with Martino in Rochester for fuel for road dept. and fire trucks. Council approved to put the new tank at the garage to hold diesel fuel. Put two heavy coats of oil paint on tank and label.

MAYOR REPORT / POLICE REPORT:

Mayor was excused she is on vacation. Important meeting for the Regional Police this Thursday July 14th @ 6:00 p.m. in Baden, please try to attend.

MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes from the monthly meeting on 6/8/2022 was made by S. Kaercher and seconded by K. Horan.

All voted. Motion Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by B. Smith and seconded by E. Climo.

All voted. Motion carried

BILLS:

Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$12,570.23 and any bills deemed necessary before next month's meeting or as money becomes available was made by E. Climo and seconded by S. Kaercher.

All voted. Motion Carried.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor has nothing to report.

CORRESPONDANCE:

Code Enforcement report from Peggy Griffith for June 2022.

No report from B. Richards he is on vacation. D. Baker asked about a few properties within the boro that are in need of attention. The 9th street property is being addressed. Sharon call and check on dumpster that is still on 3rd avenue since May.

Friends of Old Economy Village "Good Neighbor Pass"

FBCCA May 3, 2022 Board minutes

RAJSA minutes from June 9, 2022

Rochester Area Sewage Treatment Plant operations & Maintenance report June 2022

PennDOT will perform sealcoat operations on Harvey Run Road and Unionville Road both starting at 3rd Avenue sometime in late July.

COMMITTEES:

Bill Smith- Personnel:

Nothing at this time.

Mark Forrest- Finance:

Absent; excused due to work.

S. Kaercher: Recreation:

Aiming for a movie night July 23. Lighthouse Lutheran said they will send a donation. Sharon will call Duquesne Light to get power outlet on light pole in Ashland Park.

Kevin Horan- Grants:

No updates

E. Climo- Street Dept:

Guys have been painting curbs and crosswalks. We need to replace / repair signs. Ron and Robert have been getting a lot done. Light posts; have a couple people coming out to get estimates. Concerned we will have the funds. Another option is having our guys do the work and I can give a hand with finishing the cement.

D. Baker should we put caution tape around the pole that is leaning? We should put a wedge to stabilize the pole.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to pay for Service agreement on the generator that services the Boro building and Fire Dept. to share payment every other year. Fire Dept. paid this year @ \$325.00 was made by B. Smith and seconded by K. Horan.

All voted. Motion Carried.

Comcast upcoming program changes.

Thank you from Lou Armstrong for the Memorial Day Contribution.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

**Motion to adjourn at 6:59 PM was made by K. Horan and seconded by D. Baker.*

All voted. Motion carried.