

**FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 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:

Lou Armstrong: 6th Ave. selling bricks for memorial for \$25.00 a piece. Up to 3 lines on each brick.

Michael Szatkiewicz: 999 10th St. When is borough going to kill the weeds on the black wall on 8th Ave. between 10th st. & 11th St. Also, cut the grass on 8th Ave. ext. bordering his property. E. Climo will stop up after the meeting is over. Kemerer vehicles are dropping fuel on 8th Ave.

Virginia Jeffrey of 572 4th Ave. serious problem with house next door, grass on sidewalk. And back yard never cut. Battling for years. Code enforcement will look into this.

Jim Kronk of 653 5th Ave. Re: lost property 611 6th Ave. to bankruptcy in 2009, but the bank never recorded it at the County. Solicitor Rabik will speak to Attorney Phillip Colavincezno

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Sharon talked with John Balewski and Youngblood say paving should begin around September 1st.

STREET DEPT. REPORT:

Review of street department report.

J. Kaercher complimented the good job the Road Dept is doing. Town looked great for Memorial Day.

Ron will look for an auger for the salt spreader on Municibid and bring back the price for the next meeting.

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

Review of e-mail re: the signs from PennDOT. Much discussion was made on this subject, including the water runoff.

Still waiting from PennDOT re: parking on the Third Ave.

E. Climo spoke on property on 8th St. that Taggart Plumbing purchased in March 2023. There is a dispute over property lines. Sharon will pull Penn Energy folder to see if a survey is in there. J. Kaercher will also reach out to John Balewski on a survey.

***Motion to have a key made for B.F.M.A. to have access to the upper dump at the Ashland Park was made by E. Climo and seconded by S. Eckman. All Voted. Motion Carried.**

Make sure they stock pile the sand and gravel to the left or right to give access to our vehicles.

Need to get pricing for privacy fence at the dump.

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, I believe it had to do with the regional police just taking over.

MINUTES:

***Motion to approve the Borough monthly meeting on 05/10/2023 as presented was made by K. Horan and seconded by S. Eckman. All voted. Motion Carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

BILLS:

***Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$20,403.87 any bills deemed necessary before next month's meeting or as money becomes available was made by E. Climo and seconded by K. Horan. All voted. Motion Carried.**

B. Smith was going to ask the FVFD at the next meeting if they would cover the annual cost of the annual generator maintenance plan.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Discussion was made on vacant seat on Council.

***Motion to accept the Solicitors report was made by B. Smith and seconded by S. Eckman. All voted. Motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

No report from Troy Gump Code Enforcement for May 2023.

Letter from Loren Mosholder to Council re: F.O.E. purchasing the property parcel adjacent to the rental house on 3rd Ave. Parcel # 26-001-0202.000. J. Kaercher stated we must put Borough property out to bid.

***Motion to have Solicitor Bernie Rabik advertise all Borough properties that are vacant for sale was made by B. Smith and seconded K. Horan. All Voted. Motion Carried.**

COMMITTEES:

Personnel: Sharon will be on vacation July 28th, July 31st, August 1, 2, 3 & 4th.

Finance:

Street Dept:

Recreation: Would like to advertise for Fall Fest Sept. 23, 2023. Per B. Smith would like to purchase lifetime tables and lifetime chairs.

***Motion to purchase 6 lifetime tables or equivalent to and 36 lifetime chairs for use for Recreation and Borough was made by B. Smith and seconded by E. Climo.
All Voted. Motion Carried.**

E. Climo will bring up at next BVPD meeting that the police would lock the fence at dusk at Ashland Park and Freedom Borough Road Dept. would unlock in the mornings.

Sharon will contact the County office to see if the tables and chairs are covered under the ARPA grant money.

Grants & Web site: I submitted a grant for Parks and Recreation per K. Horan.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mark is still serving as Emergency Management Coordinator.

NEW BUSINESS:

RAJSA has invited the Council to attend the tour of the new Sewage Treatment Facility on Thursday July 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. location is 200 Water Street Rochester, PA. 15074. Please rsvp if attending.

Motion to recess the monthly meeting of the Freedom Borough at 7:20 p.m. and reconvene Tuesday June 27 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Freedom Borough Building for a fact-finding gathering information on Freedom Borough insurance was made by E. Climo and seconded by B. Smith. All Voted. Motion Carried.

Literature in center of table:

- Pennsylvania Borough News June 2023