

**FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
June 12, 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, Mayor Padezanin, Bernie Rabik; Solicitor, Sharon Miller; Boro Secretary /Treasurer. Ron Miles; Road Dept.

Absent:

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: Virginia Jeffries 572 4th Ave. Complaint on 580 4th Ave. property has not been cut this year. Cannot walk on sidewalk due to the grass. There are rodents living in the yard the grass is so bad.

Michael Szatkewicz 999 10th Street. Would still like to paint the road yellow in front of Borough office w no parking. 14th Street catch basin needs looked at. Dead tree on 8th Ave.

Tom Smerlzek 8th Ave. Complaining about the noise from the railroad. People running the stop sign on 8th Ave. and neighboring properties that need to be reported to Code enforcement how long does this take? We have had Council in the past that have tried to fight the RR and there was nothing we could do. Per J. Kaercher.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

***Motion to pay MS Consultants \$4,733.00 for engineer's services for the LVDGR project grant was made by Jon Kaercher and seconded by K. Farrow.**

All Voted. Motion Carried.

***Motion to pay Youngblood Paving for final payment for Freedom Borough Paving Contract No. 2023-01 in the amount of \$28,135.87 out of the PLGIT (liquid Fuels) Account was made by K. Farrow and seconded by S. Eckman.**

All Voted. Motion Carried.

***Motion to accept the Engineer report was made by S. Eckman and seconded by K. Farrow.**

All Voted. Motion Carried.

STREET DEPT. REPORT: Review of Street department report.

***Motion to purchase a Bobcat from Pittsburgh Street sweeper attachment for the Skid steer in the amount of \$9,777.04 from the PLGIT (liquid fuels) account was made by J. Valles and seconded by K. Climo.**

All voted. Motion Carried.

There was discussion on the delivery date for the playground. Sharon will call tomorrow to check.

There was approval to purchase a cylinder that was damaged on the skid steer.

There was discussion on dumping at the site and who is using it.

***Motion to accept the Street Department report as presented was made by S. Eckman and seconded by K. Farrow.**

All Voted. Motion Carried.

MAYOR REPORT / POLICE REPORT:

Discussion was made on the police report Freedom had 14.5 % for the region.

I cannot make our regional meeting tomorrow, can one of our alternates make the meeting? Kim Farrow will be there.

Will start fundraising for a K-9. We will be applying for grants.

***Motion to accept the Police / Mayor report as presented was made by Jon Kaercher and seconded by S. Eckman.**

All voted. Motion Carried.

MINUTES:

***Motion to approve the Borough monthly meeting on 05/08/2024 and work session on 06/03/2024 as presented, was made by S. Eckman and seconded by K. Farrow.**

All voted. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

***Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by S. Eckman and seconded by K. Farrow.**

All voted. Motion carried.
Also, in the packet you will see we have a monthly report from our Tax Collector.

BILLS:

*Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$32,964.51 and any bills deemed necessary before next month's meeting or as money becomes available was made by K. Farrow and seconded by K. Climo.
All voted. Motion Carried.

SOLICITOR REPORT: Happy Father's Day to all.

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

CORRESPONDANCE: Dennis Smith of United Code Consultants report for April 2024.

New Sewickley Twp. Comprehensive Plan

PennDOT District 11 pleased to invite you to attend the Beaver County Community Stakeholder Meeting. Our event is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10th at 1:00 p.m. at the Conway Volunteer Fire Department Banquet Hall. Please see attached flyer for details and please RSVP to me if you plan to attend.

COMMITTEES 2024:

Personnel: Sharon will have vacation Jun 24- 28

Finance:

Street Dept:

Recreation:

July 26 will be a Christmas in July movie night. Lou will have donations for hotdogs, we will provide snow cones. Sharon will call Doit Best to rent a snow cone machine.

September 21, 2024 Fall Festival

October 27, 2024 Halloween Parade

December 7, 2024 Light-up night

May 17, 2025 Spring Festival date

Discussion was made on making changes to the Sign up for Fall festival.

Thank you to all who have made our Spring Festival / memorial cruise a successful event!

Jeremy and Ron will look into getting a 220-amp electric in the parking lot.

Utilities:

Grants & Web site: Kevin will send information to Sharon on the TC Energy grant. Discussion was made on security cameras for the Borough office. Jon Kaercher will look into this.

Fire Dept. Committee:

*Motion to approve the purchase of the movie projector for the Borough which will be reimbursed by the ARPA grant was made K. Climo and seconded by K. Farrow.

All voted. Motion Carried.

*Motion to approve the purchase of security cameras not to exceed \$1,800.00 to be reimbursed by the ARPA grant if acceptable was made by Jon Kaercher and seconded by K. Climo.

All Voted. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

*Motion to approve a handicap parking place at 1600 4th Ave. Apt. 1 Freedom, PA 15042, pending approval from the BVRPD was made J. Valles and seconded by K. Climo.

All voted. Motion Carried.

A handicap parking place is for anyone with a handicap placard. This is good for one year. Then must reapply.

There was a question on the 2022 Audit. This will be put on the Agenda for Monday July 1. 2024.

Reminder that anything purchased for the Borough over \$250.00 must get approval from Council.

Literature in center of table:

- Pennsylvania Borough News May 2024
- Kirby Built Magazine 2024

***Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:18 p.m. was made by Jon Kaercher and seconded by K. Climo.
All voted. Motion carried.**

APPROVED _____ ATTEST _____

MAYOR _____

Respectfully submitted by:

Sharon A. Miller; Freedom Boro Secretary / Treasurer