

**FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 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: Jeremy Valles.

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: Donann Fadeley & Corey Fadeley purchased 611 5th Ave off repository list. Asking today to exonerate 653 5th Ave today and hoping to live in that property.

***Motion to exonerate taxes on Parcel # 26-001-0317.000-01-1 from year 2015 through 2022 @ 653 5th Ave Freedom was made by K. Farrow and seconded by K. Horan.**

All voted. Motion Carried.

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.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Update on LVDGR grant. It's progressing into the design stage /CAD. Jessica will get back to us in a couple of weeks regarding the Borough clearing off property.

STREET DEPT. REPORT: Review of Street department report. Ron was asked to get estimates for either purchasing or lease to loan for a brush attachment for skid steer for the cleaning of the streets.

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

All Voted. Motion Carried.

MAYOR REPORT / POLICE REPORT:

Discussion was made on the Regional Police report. Freedom represented 15.7% of calls for last month. Interest in getting

a K-9 for the department. This is solely by fundraising for this project. No tax payer dollars. There will be an officer for Spring Festival. Looking to have a canopy with medical supplies and water for officers and volunteers.

Asking all to attend the Memorial Day parade this year. Our guest speaker this year is Valerie Bonzo she will be flying in from Omaha. We have 5 cemeteries that need to have the Veterans flag placed on. Asking for volunteers to help with placement.

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

All voted. Motion Carried.

MINUTES:

***Motion to approve the Borough monthly meetings on 04/10/2024 as presented, was made by K.**

Horan and seconded by K. Climo.
All voted. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

*Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by K. Horan and seconded by Jon Kaercher.

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 \$43,390.82 and any bills deemed necessary before next month's meeting or as money becomes available was made by K. Farrow and seconded by S. Eckman.

All voted. Motion Carried.

SOLICITOR REPORT: Case management order that is in the packet. Freedom Borough does not have to worry about this. It will be attended by the insurance company.

*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.

COMMITTEES 2024:

Personnel:

Finance:

Street Dept:

Recreation:

Freedom Spring Fest and Memorial Car Cruise (Eric Climo) May 18th from 11:00-

6:00

*Motion for Freedom Borough to make a \$1,000 donation to the recreation committee to be used for potty rental, bounce house, band, DJ, dash plaques and other needs as ice and so forth was made by K. Horan and seconded by K. Climo. All voted. Motion Carried.

Utilities:

Grants & Web site: Per K. Horan I stopped in to see Sharon; I will get her an itemized inventory for her to submit to the ARPA grant for the community gardens.

Discussion was made on security cameras for the Borough office. Jon Kaercher will look into this.

Fire Dept. Committee:

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on FOE request for parking lot. K. Horan will contact Loren and tell him he will need all permitting from PennDOT and lead him to Rep. Matzie's office.

NEW BUSINESS:

•Motion to adopt Resolution No. 05082024-01 adopting a change in the application license fee for the Freedom Borough Occupancy Permit was made by S. Eckman and seconded by K. Climo. All Voted. Motion Carried.

Literature in center of table:

- Pennsylvania Borough News May 2024
- Kirby Built Magazine 2024

*Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:59 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