

**FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes- October 12, 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, Vice-President Eric Climo, Bill Smith, Sydney Eckman, Kevin Horan, Mark Forrest; Bernie Rabik; Solicitor, Sharon Miller; Boro Secretary /Treasurer. Road Foreman; Ron Miles.

Absent: Dan Baker; Council.

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:**

Ed Sporcic of 1150 6th Ave. upset over all the garbage bags at 1155 6th Ave. which is across the street from his house.

Donna & Mike Miller of 1395 8th Ave. re: 1071 8th Ave. The house has been condemned for years and keeps getting sold in and out of repository for over 15 years. Animals live in the house and no one cuts the grass. What can we do about people buying houses out of repository and not doing anything with the property. Per Solicitor is to call Peggy to see what she can do.

Dan Delucey of 1101 6th Ave.

\*Motion to approve the exoneration of taxes on Parcel 26-001-0826.000 from 2016 - 2021 was made by K. Horan and seconded by E. Climo.

All Voted. Motion Carried.

Paul Carter of Kappaco Investment Group, LLC purchased 1847 4th Ave. would like to have the Borough open the paper road for better access to the properties. This would benefit the vacant lots located in this same area. J. Kaercher asked Paul write a request to give to the engineer and Peggy Griffith so we can get a feasibility on how much this would cost.

Kerry Kryder from HMT & Assocs. along with Zach Zurn of KLH & Assocs., the two companies have merged the beginning of October. Introducing themselves and their company to provide Code and Zoning for Freedom Boro. Solicitor Rabik suggests talking with Peggy Griffith to see what she provides for Freedom Borough.

**ENGINEERS REPORT:**

No report

**STREET DEPT. REPORT:**

Great job on the lamp posts they are sturdy and look brand new. Couple street lights out in town. Once truck returns, we are ready for leaf pick-up. The water run off from Central school is coming out from under their wall and then under sidewalk. I believe it's a spring. Per. J. Kaercher; The water runoff behind the paper road on 7th Ave. going down by the steps. Three people have looked at different times and the pipe is bone dry. There was no water running out of the pipe.

Review of the street department report.

\*Motion to approve the Street Department report as presented was made by E. Climo and seconded by M. Forrest.

All Voted. Motion Carried.

**MAYOR REPORT / POLICE REPORT:**

Review of the September police report. Meeting tomorrow Oct. 13 in Conway for the Regional Police Department. I am still going to follow-up with Bernie on the Freedom steps and the logging.

Good News we now have 2 bus stops in Freedom that were never there before. This will keep the children from walking the steps.

\*Motion to accept Police and Mayor report was made by B. Smith and seconded by K. Horan.

All Voted. Motion Carried.

**MINUTES:**

\*Motion to approve the Borough monthly meeting on 09/14/2022 and work session minutes from October 3rd, 2022 as presented was made by E. Climo and seconded by S. Eckman.

All voted. Motion Carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

\*Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by M. Forrest and seconded by S. Eckman.

All voted. Motion carried.

Fireman's Relief Funding in the amount of \$6,170.82 was mailed to Freedom Vol. Fire department Treasurer Gary Gilarno.

2022 Municipal Pension State Aid allocation was direct deposit on September 28, 2022 in the amount of \$15,541.35.

Notice of ESTIMATED allocation municipal liquid Fuels for 2023 is \$49,095.23.

### **BILLS:**

\*Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$17,901.70 any bills deemed necessary before next month's meeting or as money becomes available was made by M. Forrest and seconded by E. Climo.

All voted. Motion Carried.

### **SOLICITOR REPORT:**

Solicitor Rabik explained the difference between a resolution and an Ordinance.

\*Motion to accept the Solicitors report was made by S. Eckman and seconded by M. Forrest.

All voted. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Peggy Griffith Code Enforcement report for September 2022. Was discussed at work session.

Code Enforcement report from Brian Richards for September 2022.

Rochester Area Joint Sewer Authority minutes September 8th, 2022.

## **COMMITTEES:**

**Bill Smith- Personnel:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Mark Forrest- Finance:** Will be going over 2023 budget with the committee. Will be ready to advertise at our November meeting.

**Eric Climo- Street Dept:** Still waiting for pricing on side by side. I might have to do a phone vote depending on when / what information I get back. I will be bringing truck back over the weekend. Old leaf machine might need some work, going to see what it needs. If fixable we can sell on Municibid. When doing leaf pick-up this year we will have someone working the hose.

**Sydney Kaercher- Recreation:** Had a very good Fall fest. Thank you to Mark Forrest and Bob Smith from Economy Plumbing and heating for getting us the tables we needed. Halloween parade will be Sunday October 30th at noon at Boro parking lot. Dec. 3rd we are looking to have light up night in Freedom. Once we get a good weather day closer to event, we will invite community to help decorate gazebo and town. Mark asked Melissa to get a flyer to FVFD so they can put in mailboxes when delivering the 2023 calendars on Thanksgiving Day.

**Kevin Horan- Grants & Web Site:** I will be meeting with John Balewski to go over grants for 2023. Web site is up and running. I will have an IT consultant meet with us to have live streaming on our web site, auto dialer, is set for next Friday. Discussion on the outlet in the park, I have someone willing to do this work for us. I will start tree planting this weekend around the town.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

\*Motion to approve the phone vote on 09/20/2022 to renew the Freedom Boro and Freedom Vol. Fire Department workman's comp insurance from 10/01/2022 – 10/01/2023 with the annual amount of \$13, 731.00 with Amtrust North America was made by M. Forrest and seconded by E. Climo.

All Voted. Motion Carried.

Beaver County Auxiliary Appeal Board for Parcel 27-001-0226.000 at Beaver County Courthouse on October 17, 2022 @ 3:15 pm. Per Solicitor do not worry about it.

Tire Collection Event Beaver County Conservation Dist. Oct. 22 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Participate in a Clinical Trial to end Lyme Disease see flyer located at Beaver Valley Mall.

Literature in center of table:

Pennsylvania Borough News magazine October 2022

Per S. Eckman would anyone like to donate to the Halloween event, we are in need of small pumpkins or basket to be raffled off of gift cards for adults.

\*Motion to adjourn at 7:37 PM was made by M. Forrest and seconded by K. Horan.

All voted. Motion carried