

**FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 11, 2026**

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: Sydney Eckman; President, Kim Farrow; vice-president, Kevin Horan; Pro-Tem, Jon Kaercher, Michael Phillips, Mayor Lou Armstrong, Sharon Miller; Boro Secretary/Treasurer, Miles; Road Dept. Foreman,  
Absent: Jeremy Valles, Krysta Climo  
Solicitor Bernie Rabik was on the phone.

Pledge of allegiance was held.

Reminder 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:**

Mike Szatkiewicz: 999 10<sup>th</sup> Street Here again for painting the curb yellow in front of the Boro Building.

**ENGINEERS REPORT:** No report

**STREET DEPT. REPORT:** Review of street department report. Mayor is still going to work with Ron and have a pick up at the FVFD for banners once the weather gets a little better.

Discussion on No Left hand turns for Third Ave. Ron will look into it on ordering new signs.

Ron and Rob did a wonderful job on the roads during the winter storm.

Update on Sink holes: 1601 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. & 10<sup>th</sup> St and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Sewage leak at 6<sup>th</sup> Ave and Mine Street.

**\*Motion to approve the Street Department Report was made K. Farrow and seconded by K. Horan.**

**All Voted. Motion Carried.**

**MAYOR REPORT:** I would like to give credit to the Police dept. for a quick response to the semi-truck getting stuck on 5<sup>th</sup> street and we are getting cars ticketed.

**\*Motion to accept the mayor report was made by M. Phillips and seconded by Jon Kaercher.**

**All Voted. Motion Carried.**

**POLICE REPORT:** We had 19% of the police calls.

**\*Motion to accept the Police report was made by K. Horan and seconded by Jon Kaercher.**

**All Voted. Motion Carried.**

**MINUTES:**

**\*Motion to approve the Borough monthly meeting on 01/14/2026 was made by Jon Kaercher and seconded by K. Horan.**

**All Voted. Motion Carried.**

**TREASUER'S REPORT:**

**\*Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by K. Farrow and seconded by M. Phillips.**

**All voted. Motion carried.**

**BILLS:**

**\*Motion to Pay the Bills in the amount of \$39,693.09 and any bills that are deemed necessary to be paid before the next monthly meeting as monies become available was made by K. Farrow and seconded by Jon Kaercher.**

**All Voted. Motion Carried.**

**SOLICITOR REPORT:** Discussion was made on looking for a new Solicitor. We will need to find someone who will stay in our price range and work best with Freedom. I recommend asking a firm or individual to submit a resume and what their price per hour or retainer is, then you can review them and at that time ask for an interview.

**Motion to accept the Solicitors report was made by M. Phillips and seconded by Jon Kaercher.**

**All Voted. Motion Carried.**

**CORRESPONDANCE:**

**Patrick McGuire Code Enforcement report for January 2026.**

Effective March 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 Patrick’s Hourly rate will be \$65.00 per hour.

**Motion to adopt a Resolution at next month’s meeting to increase the Occupancy inspection from \$75.00 to \$150.00 was made by K. Farrow and seconded by K. Horan**

**All Voted. Motion Carried.**

Patrick said it takes an average of 2 hours to complete an Occupancy inspection.

**RAJSA January 2026 minutes.**

**COMMITTEES:**

**Personnel:**

**Finance:**

**Street Dept:**

**Recreation:** Easter Egg Hunt Saturday March 21, 2026.

Spring festival & Car Cruise May 16<sup>th</sup> 2026.

Memorial Day Parade Monday May 25<sup>th</sup> 2026.

**Utilities:**

**Grants & Web site:** Sharon has applied for two grants. America250 grant with B.C. Recreation and Tourism and also DCED grant for War memorial through Rep. Rob Matzies office. Per Mayor we will be receiving a \$30,000 grant for the war Memorial from Rep. Matzies office.

**Fire Dept. Committee:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Motion to Adopt previous Resolution No. 01252026-02 Declaring a State of Disaster Emergency within the Borough due to a pending severe winter storm was made by K. Farrow and seconded by M. Phillips**  
**All Voted. Motion Carried.**

This was a unanimous phone vote conducted by the Secretary on Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup> 2026 to all Freedom Borough Council members.

- **Motion to Adopt previous Resolution No. 01272026-03 Amending Resolution No. 01252026-02 with extension of date was made by K. Farrow and seconded by Jon Kaercher.**  
**All Voted. Motion Carried.**

This was a unanimous phone vote conducted by the Secretary on Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup> 2026 to all Freedom Borough Council members

- **Motion to approve MK Events food truck to use the Freedom Borough parking lot on Ash Wednesday Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> and Good Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> was made by K. Farrow and seconded by K. Horan.**  
**All Voted. Motion Carried.**

They will make a donation to Freedom Borough Recreation.

**Literature on the table:**

- Pennsylvania Boro News magazine February 2026.

**\*Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:47 p.m. was made by M. Phillips and seconded by Jon Kaercher.**  
**All voted. Motion carried.**

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted by:

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Sharon A. Miller; Freedom Boro Secretary / Treasurer