

**FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
September 11, 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: Krysta Climo, Kim Farrow, Kevin Horan, Jeremy Valles, Mayor Padezanin, Bernie Rabik; Solicitor, Sharon Miller; Boro Secretary / Treasurer.

Absent: President John Kaercher, Vice-President; Sydney Eckman, Jon Kaercher, Councilman, Ron Miles; Road Dept.

Pledge of allegiance was held.

Councilwoman Kim Farrow conducted meeting this evening due to the President and Vice President being absent.

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:

Silvio Rosati 1700 7th St. Re: road in front of house. Thanks for the no outlet sign. Any word on tar n chip?

Michael Szatkiewicz 999 10th St. re: Painting the curb yellow in front of Boro building. Wall on 8th Ave. belongs to Borough, Boro should be taking care of it. Property next to me needs to be looked at by Code Enforcement.

Justin Capovellez: Beaver County Association of Realtors: Here to discuss Community Gardens. Solicitor asked Justin to come back to the Work Session October 7th when all Council members will be present.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

***Motion to approve the advertisement for the opening of the bids for the LVDGR project Contract No. 2024-01 9th street /Laurel Alley Road and Drainage improvements was made by J. Valles and seconded by K. Climo.
All voted. Motion Carried.**

STREET DEPT. REPORT: Ron Miles was asked to be excused from meeting tonight and Robert Kumrow had arrangements already. Copy of monthly report is in the packet.

No dumping sign for the dump? We need to look at all the signs that are in the playground area. Table until next meeting.

***Motion to approve a ZT7061SP Bobcat zero turn riding mower municipal lease at a total price of \$13,359.20 with a monthly payment of \$262.34 a month for 5 years with NCL Government Capital was made by K. Climo and seconded by K. Horan.**

All voted. Motion Carried.

Motion to purchase one more LED light for the black street lights in the amount of \$1,759.00 with ARPA grant?

Let the minutes reflect that the Council agrees we are no longer in need of this motion, it was not passed.

***Motion to approve the 2009 Ford F-550 dump truck w plow and salt spreader, 2011 Toro grand stand, old paint machine to be put on the Municibid website and any other equipment that the Street Department can resale to help pay for the new Zero turn mower was made by J. Valles and seconded by K. Horan.**

All Voted. Motion Carried.

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

All Voted. Motion Carried.

MAYOR REPORT / POLICE REPORT:

We have both July and August reports. Both months combined Freedom Borough made up 17% of all calls. Most of Freedom calls were ambulance calls. Budget will be presented at the months BVRPD meeting along with the Chiefs contract. I will not be attending as I am submitting my resignation tonight. We will need Kim Farrow and Jeremy Valles to attend as our Alternates. Mayor Padezanin submitted a letter of resignation tonight which was hand delivered to Freedom Borough Secretary at this evening's meeting. Kevin Horan will advertisement on the website the requirements for the mayor position and ask all interested parties to submit the information by noon of the November 4th workshop.

Trick or Treat in Freedom Borough on October 31st, 2024 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 p.m.

***Motion to accept the Police / Mayor report as presented was made by K. Horan and seconded by K. Climo.**

All voted. Motion Carried.

MINUTES:

***Motion to approve the Borough monthly meeting on 08/14/2024 as presented, was made by K. Climo and seconded by J. Valles.
All voted. Motion Carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

***Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by K. Climo and seconded by J. Valles.
All voted. Motion carried.**

***Motion to approve the 2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Freedom Borough (Beaver County) Pension Plan (04-066-3 N) in the amount of \$21,551.37 was made by K. Climo and seconded by J. Valles.
All Voted. Motion Carried.**

BILLS:

***Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$30,469.94 and any bills deemed necessary before next month's meeting or as money becomes available was made by K. Climo and seconded by K. Horan.
All voted. Motion Carried.**

SOLICITOR REPORT: On a personal note, as my family and our Council, we need to offer all our hope, prayers and encouragement to Sydney, John and all of the family.

I personally would like to Thank the Mayor on a job well done. Good Luck to you.

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

CORRESPONDANCE:

Patrick McGuire August 2024 Code Enforcement report

RAJSA minutes from August 8, 2024.

Beaver County Hazardous Waste event October 12, 2024, see flyer

COMMITTEES 2024:

Personnel: Nothing

Finance: Sharon and Kim will be taking a class on budgeting. If anyone has anything they would like to submit for the 2025 budget please see Sharon.

Street Dept: Discussion on the mulch at Gazebo Park.

Recreation: September 21, 2024 Fall Festival next week. I made flyers if anyone would like to take to distribute. Recreation Booth will be selling water, candy, soda and orange bracelets for Holden for \$2.00. I would appreciate any help that we can get from the Council.

***Motion to spend \$200.00 for the DJ that will be working at the Freedom Borough Fall Festival 2024 was made by K. Horan and seconded by J. Valles.**

All Voted. Motion Carried.

October 27, 2024 Halloween Parade

December 7, 2024 Light-up night

May 17, 2025 Spring Festival date

Utilities:

Grants & Web site: Sign ups and registration is on the website for the community gardens. Will add the new dates to website. Sharon will check to see if Security cameras at the new Ashland Park will be approved through the grants. Duquesne Light and all the street lights on 65. Duquesne light is aware of problem.

Fire Dept. Committee:

OLD BUSINESS: ARPA grant update. Everyone has updated packet.

NEW BUSINESS:

***Motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 09112024-02 of the Freedom Borough Winter Maintenance Services agreement with PennDOT with a 5-year agreement was made by J. Valles and seconded by K. Climo.
All Voted. Motion Carried.**

Sharon is working with PennDOT and Duquesne Light on the bypass lighting.

Beaver County GIS Data Distribution Procedure

Are we still doing banners? Freedom class of 1969 is questioning. Sharon will contact Vanport Twp. Re: Veterans banners.

Literature on the table:

- Masters of the Air Veterans Breakfast Club
- Pennsylvania Boro News magazine August 2024

***Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:02 p.m. was made by K. Climo and seconded by K. Horan.**

All voted. Motion carried.

APPROVED_____ ATTEST_____

MAYOR_____

Respectfully submitted by:

Sharon A. Miller; Freedom Boro Secretary / Treasurer