

**FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2025**

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: John Kaercher; President, Sydney Eckman; Vice-president, Kim Farrow, Kevin Horan, Krysta Climo, Jeremy Valles, Bernie Rabik; Solicitor, Sharon Miller; Boro Secretary/Treasurer.

Absent: Jon Kaercher, Ron Miles; Road Dept.

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 10th St. 3 catch basins on 8th Ave. need to be cleaned out. From top of 10th St. and the 2 on 8th Ave ext. near Kemerer's lawn. Freedom Borough needs to paint the sidewalk yellow in front of Borough Building on 3rd this is on you, your responsibility. 10th street needs to be patched up a bit.

Lou Ann Marangone 952 6TH Ave.

I am complaining about 960 6th Ave. There are so many critters living in there. I have an exterminator I pay every other month to keep the rodents away. There is so much stuff in the yard that they have left behind. Sharon will reach out to Patrick and have the house condemned with the priority of having exterminated prior to tearing down.

ENGINEERS REPORT: *Motion to approve the Duquesne Light new pole location at the corner of 4th Ave and 5th street in Betz Park was made by Jeremy Valles and seconded by Krysta Climo.

All Voted. Motion Carried.

STREET DEPT. REPORT: Review of street department report.

Had a complaint about the green space peninsula by Ashland Park that the Borough is not maintaining. S. Eckman stated the peninsula is not maintained by the Borough with the recent agreement. K. Horan said he weed whacked it last week.

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

All Voted. Motion Carried.

MAYOR REPORT: Had issues with teenagers ringing door bells and knocking on doors. This happened at 1:00 am. Police were notified and caught the juveniles. I walked 4 blocks in Freedom and found on the streets 26 vehicles not inspected on our streets.

*Motion to accept the mayor report was made by K. Climo and seconded by K. Farrow.

All Voted. Motion Carried.

POLICE REPORT: Review May 2025 police report. We had 16.9 % of the calls.

Officer Dunmyer will be competing in the dog's days of summer.

*Motion to accept the Police report was made by K. Climo and seconded by S. Eckman.

All Voted. Motion Carried.

MINUTES:

*Motion to approve the Borough monthly meeting on 05/14/2025 as presented, was made by S. Eckman and seconded by K. Farrow.

All voted. Motion Carried.

TREASUER'S REPORT:

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

All voted. Motion carried.

BILLS:

*Motion to Pay the Bills in the amount of \$36,289.54 and any bills that are deemed necessary to be paid before the next monthly meeting as monies become available was made by S. Eckman and seconded by K. Farrow.

All Voted. Motion Carried.

SOLICITOR REPORT: Silence is golden.

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

CORRESPONDANCE: May and June Code enforcement report.

COMMITTEES REPORTS:

Personnel:

Finance:

- **Motion to increase Road department Laborer Robert Kumrow and Secretary / Treasurer Sharon Miller hourly rate \$1.50 an hour due to the 3-year anniversary of both of them this year was made by K. Farrow and seconded by K. Climo.**

All voted. Motion Carried.

Approval for Sharon and Kim to talk with First National Bank to review options.

Street Dept:

Recreation: Water fountain at Ashland Park- Talked with Ron, he said we need to talk with BFMA.
Try to get this done before the end of summer.

Thursday Oct. 30 5:30 – 6:30 Trunk or Treat / parade / food trucks. With regular trick or
Treat from 6:30 – 8:00 in town to suit all the needs.

Cancel Christmas in July and plan a Back-to-School celebration tentatively August 2nd.

Utilities:

Grants & Web site:

Fire Dept. Committee:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Much discussion on banners in the town.

Per president John Kaercher has reached out to Rob Matzies office to complain of the garbage trains sitting in Freedom all day long, with the garbage falling out. Also, commented on the human waste trains.

We need to look into the Ferrel cats running through the town. Complaints have been coming in.

Literature on the table:

- Pennsylvania Boro News magazine May 2025

***Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:59 p.m. was made by K. Horan and seconded by K. Farrow.**

All voted. Motion carried.

APPROVED _____ ATTEST _____

MAYOR _____

Respectfully submitted by:

Sharon A. Miller; Freedom Boro Secretary / Treasurer