

**FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 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, Jeremy Valles, Krysta Climo, Jon Kaercher, Michael Phillips, Solicitor; Bernie Rabik, Mayor Lou Armstrong, Sharon Miller; Boro Secretary/Treasurer, Miles; Road Dept. Foreman,

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. Thank you for taking care of the 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. Wall.

**ENGINEERS REPORT:** No report

**STREET DEPT. REPORT:** Review of street department report.

Ron will be down on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> to set up tables for Easter Egg hunt.

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 set up a phone line with internet, computer through Comcast for the Freedom Road Dept. garage at 880 8<sup>th</sup> St. was made by K. Horan and seconded by J. Valles**

**All Voted. Motion Carried.**

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

**All Voted. Motion Carried.**

**MAYOR REPORT:**

I see there has been action taking with getting rid of abandoned cars.

Mayor will have the pick-up of banners at the FVFD on Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup> 2026 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday March 28th from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Mayor is ready for donations for flowers for the War Memorial. I will be placing more flags that last year for the Memorial Day Parade. Whoever would like to help reach out to the mayor.

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

**All Voted. Motion Carried.**

**POLICE REPORT:**

Review of February 2026 police report. Freedom had 38 calls. 13.3 % of total calls.

BVRPD correspondence re: License plate readers, area cameras.

**\*Motion to approve BVRPD to install 2 antennas on Boro building for Wi-Fi access for license plate readers and cameras to be placed on Third avenue in Freedom was made by K. Climo and seconded by K. Horan.**

**All Voted. Motion Carried.**

**\*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 02/11/2026 was made by Jon Kaercher and seconded by K. Farrow. All Voted. Motion Carried.**

**TREASUER'S REPORT:**

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

**All voted. Motion carried.**

**BILLS:**

**\*Motion to Pay the Bills in the amount of \$38,980.07 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 K. Climo. All Voted. Motion Carried.**

**SOLICITOR REPORT:** I will keep my speaking for the Executive session.

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

**CORRESPONDANCE:** No report or invoice from Patrick McGure for month of February 2026.

**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:**

**Fire Dept. Committee:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Please fill out Statement of Financial Interest Forms by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Kevin would like to do something on Saturday April 25th for Earth Day. Kevin would like to plant 2 trees in Town square.

Discussion was made on Springfield Hardwood.

Permission was given to Mayor to call and visit with Springfield Hardwood for informational purposes only.

**Literature on the table:**

- Pennsylvania Boro News magazine February 2026.

**\*Motion made by Jon Kaercher and seconded by K. Climo to enter into executive session regarding the Solicitor at 6:42 p.m.**

**All voted. Motion Carried.**

**\*The Council exited executive session at 6:50 p.m., and upon returning to open session a motion was made to agree to pay Solicitor Bernie Rabik \$150.00 a month for services through the end of this year was made by K. Horan and seconded by M. Phillips.**

**All Voted. Motion Carried.**

**\*Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:51 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