

Borough of Freemansburg

600 Monroe St., Freemansburg, PA 18017

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday July 1, 2025-7:00 PM

➤ Pledge of Allegiance

➤ ***Roll Call***

Mayor: Gerald Yob
Council President: Homer Lorrach
Council Vice-President: Jim Smith
Council Members: Charles Derr-***absent***, Colleen Gallagher, Rudolph Gallich, Monica Elliott, Margaret Lorrach
Council Secretary: Ramona Ruiz
Borough Manager: Jonathan Itterly
Solicitor: Anthony Giovannini, Esq.

Courtesy of the Floor

Finance/Personnel

- Payroll Reports for paychecks dated 6/12/2025 & 6/26/2025. *Informational.*
- Bills paid dated 6/26/2025 & 6/27/2025 in view of due dates to avoid late fees, signed by council. *Informational.*
- Remittance Reports from Portnoff Law Associates, Ltd. for the week of June 25, 2025, for sewer fees in the amount of (\$831.57) & trash fees in the amounts of (\$990.00). *Informational.*
- Authorize CoStars quote from Hilltop Sales & Service, Inc. for the purchase of a Z950M ZTrak mower for Public Works in the amount of \$12,875.92. ***Motion Required.***
Motion to authorize the purchase of a Z950M ZTrak mower for Public Works in the amount of \$12,875.92 by J. Smith, 2nd M. Lorrach -PASS 6-0.
- **Resolution #2025-018** - A Resolution authorizing the 2025 Fee Schedule for the Borough of Freemansburg. ***Motion Required.***
Motion to authorize Resolution #2025-18 approving the Fee Schedule for the Borough of Freemansburg by M. Lorrach, 2nd J. Smith -PASS 6-0.
- **Resolution #2025-019** - A Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the PA DCED LSA Monroe Grant Program in the amount of \$398,000 for the Amphitheater Project Phase 4. ***Motion Required.***
Motion to authorize Resolution #2025-19 approving the submission of a grant application to the PA DCED LSA Monroe Grant Program in the amount of \$398,000 for the Amphitheater Project Phase 4 by C. Gallagher, 2nd M. Lorrach-PASS 6-0.

- **Resolution #2025-020** - A Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the PA DCED LSA Northampton/Lehigh Grant Program in the amount of \$398,000 for the Amphitheater Project Phase 4. ***Motion Required.***
Motion to authorize Resolution #2025-020 - A Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the PA DCED LSA Northampton/Lehigh Grant Program in the amount of \$398,000 for the Amphitheater Project Phase 4 by M. Lorrach, 2nd C. Gallagher -PASS 6-0.
- **Resolution #2025-021** - A Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the PA DCED LSA Monroe Grant Program in the amount of \$475,000 for the Community Center Project Phase 4. ***Motion Required.***
Motion to authorize Resolution #2025-021 approving the submission of a grant application to the PA DCED LSA Monroe Grant Program in the amount of \$475,000 for the Community Center Project Phase 4 by C. Gallagher, 2nd M. Lorrach -PASS 6-0.
- **Resolution #2025-022** - A Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the PA DCED LSA Northampton/Lehigh Grant Program in the amount of \$475,000 for the Community Center Project Phase 4. ***Motion Required.***
Motion to authorize Resolution #2025-022 approving the submission of a grant application to the PA DCED LSA Northampton/Lehigh Grant Program in the amount of \$475,000 for the Community Center Project Phase 4 by M. Lorrach, 2nd C. Gallagher -PASS 6-0.
- **Resolution #2025-023** - A Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the PA DCED LSA Statewide Grant Program in the amount of \$895,000 for the Community Center Project Phase 5. ***Motion Required.***
Motion to authorize Resolution #2025-023 approving the submission of a grant application to the PA DCED LSA Statewide Grant Program in the amount of \$895,000 for the Community Center Project Phase 5 by C. Gallagher, 2nd M. Elliott -PASS 6-0.
- Solicitor's Report - Per Capita & Occupational Assessment Tax Ordinances. *Informational*
- ***Council Meeting Minutes: 6/17/2025 (absent-Rudy Gallich, Margaret Lorrach & Colleen Gallagher). No corrections/changes. Motion Required.***
Motion Failed due to lack of quorum of voting members.

Community Development, Public Safety & Fire Company

- Authorize Borough Solicitor to research the pros and cons of a Health Bureau within the Borough. ***Motion Required.***
Motion to authorize Borough Solicitor to research the pros and cons of a Health Bureau within the Borough by M. Elliott, 2nd M. Lorrach -PASS 6-0.
- Authorize application for a Handicap Parking Sign for resident Elizabeth Derr at property address 113 Main Street. ***Motion required.***
Motion to authorize a Handicap Parking Sign for resident Elizabeth Derr in front of property address 117 Main Street by M. Lorrach, 2nd C. Gallagher -PASS 6-0.

- NIC Members met for the first time on June 26th to discuss problematic properties within the Borough. A more aggressive enforcement process will be utilized moving forward along with assistance from the Borough Solicitor's office. *Informational*
- The amphitheater grass seating section retaining wall went out for bid on PennBID on Friday June 27, 2025. The Borough's Engineer will provide a recommendation letter to Council for review once the bid closes and the bid amounts are received. *Informational*

Sewer, Sanitation, Streets/Public Works

- Review Whitetail Disposal's Service Overview for May 2025. *Informational.*

Parks & Recreation

Police Department

Mayor, Manager & Council President

Miscellaneous

Open Meeting Adjourn: 7:35PM

Executive Session: litigation, property acquisition & personnel matters

Executive Session Start: 7:40PM

Executive Session Agenda:

Executive Session Adjourn: 7:55PM

Open Meeting Start: 7:55PM

Motion to authorize Solicitor to send letter (draft reviewed) regarding "Land Swamp" to Hogar Crea regarding tapping fees.

Motion to adjourn by J. Smith, 2nd M. Lorrach – ALL AYES.

Open Meeting Adjourn: 7:59PM