

Borough of Freemansburg

600 Monroe St., Freemansburg, PA 18017

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 2, 2023-7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Mayor: Gerald Yob-*present*; **Council Members:** Homer Lorrhah-*absent*, Justin LaBar-*present*, Jim Smith-*present*, Charles Derr-*present*, Colleen Gallagher-*absent*, Margaret Lorrhah-*present*, Rudolph Gallich-*present*

Borough Secretary: Justine Rossi-*present*

Solicitor: Anthony Giovannini, Esq.-*present*

Borough Manager: Jonathan Itterly-*present*

Courtesy of the Floor

➤ Residents will be limited to five minutes.

1. *Victoria Cordero was present to thank Council for their support with their opposition of the landfill expansion. She asked for a member to be present at the next Conditional Use Hearing at Lower Saucon on Friday 5/5/2023.*
2. *Lara Lamb, resident of Main St. was present to represent her neighbors on her block opposing a possible road being built behind Main St. along the canal. She stated that most resident's already have off-street parking and the road would "not be a good idea for residents" as they are concerned with pollutants and their property values could decrease. Manager Itterly stated a survey has been completed and a feasibility study to look at property lines.*
3. *Glen Keiser, Madison & Main Streets resident was present and is also concerned with people behind their house if a new road goes in. He also is concerned about the condition on Madison St. (near the canal) and the concrete drain. He states he was told a new pipe would be installed. He stated that rain storms have washed portions of the street away.*
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Finance/Personnel

- Payroll Reports for paychecks dated 4/6/2023 & 4/20/2023, *informational*.
- List of bills dated 4/13/2023 previously signed by the Finance Committee, *authorization of payment*.
Motion-to pay all bills listed dated 4/13/2023 previously signed by the Finance Committee by Smith, 2nd M. Lorrhah-PASS 5-0.
- List of bills dated 5/2/2023 previously signed by the Finance Committee, *authorization of payment*.
Motion-to pay all bills listed dated 5/2/2023 previously signed by the Finance Committee by M. Lorrhah, 2nd Gallich-PASS 5-0.
- Generator purchase (CoStars Pricing) for the Sewer Pump Station, monies would be taken from the Capital Sewer Account, *for discussion*. *Item was tabled to be discussed in Executive Session.*
- Monthly Tax Collector Report for **March, 2023**, *informational*.

- Writ of Execution for (2) past due Sewer and Sanitation delinquent accounts currently with Portnoff Law & Associates for collections.

- ✓ 708 Bach Court- \$1,872.73 (Motion)

Motion-to authorize Writ of Execution for 708 Bach Court for delinquent Sewer and Sanitation accounts in collections with Portnoff Law & Associates, by Smith, 2nd Derr-PASS 5-0.

- ✓ 208 Clearfield Street- \$3,858.49 (Motion)

Motion-to authorize Writ of Execution for 708 Bach Court for delinquent Sewer and Sanitation accounts in collections with Portnoff Law & Associates, by Smith, 2nd M. Lorrh-PASS 5-0.

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- ✓ April 4, 2023

Motion-to accept Council Meeting Minutes without dated April 4, 2023 by M. Lorrh, 2nd Smith-PASS 5-0.

Community Development, Public Safety & Fire Company

- Monthly Fire Report for **March 2023**.

- After review from Solicitor and Engineer, a recommendation to remove language for a non-existent stormwater easement from the Title of 1600 Freemansburg Ave., *informational*.

Motion-to authorize the Attorney to address non-existent stormwater easement by Smith, 2nd M. Lorrh-PASS 5-0.

- *Manager Itterly commended the volunteer fire company for their response and quick timing of knocking the fire down on a house fire on Roosevelt St.*

Sewer, Sanitation, Streets/Public Works

- *Public Works Department has been busy with grass cutting and PW Building projects (painting, flooring, hanging drywall etc.).*

Police Department

- April 2023 monthly report will be distributed at this evening's meeting. *Chief Itterly stated the Police Department is moving along with accreditation and a new patrolman is ready to be sworn in.*

Parks & Recreation

- Spring Carnival fundraiser for Parks & Recreation will be held May 16-20.

Mayor, Manager & Council President

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Miscellaneous

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Open Meeting Adjourn: 7:46pm

Executive Session: litigation, property acquisition & personnel matters
Derr exited before ES

Exec Session- 8:22

Motion-to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an agreement of sale for Church Street property acquisition in the amount of \$20,000.00 by Smith, 2nd LaBar-PASS 4-0.

Motion-to adjourn at 8:29pm by LaBar-ALL AYES.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Justine A. Rossi, Borough Secretary

Approved by Council: _____ Certified: _____