

Borough of Freemansburg

600 Monroe St., Freemansburg, PA 18017

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 4, 2023-7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Borough Secretary: Justine Rossi-*present*

Solicitor: James Preston, Esq.-*present*

Borough Manager: Jonathan Itterly-*present*

Courtesy of the Floor

- Residents will be limited to five minutes.

Finance/Personnel

- Payroll Reports for paychecks dated 3/4/2023 & 3/18/2023, *informational*.
- List of bills dated 3/30/2023 previously signed by the Finance Committee, *authorization of payment*.
Motion-to pay all bills listed dated 3/30/2023 by M. Lorrh, 2nd Smith-PASS 7-0.
- Monthly Tax Collector Report for **February, 2023**, *informational*.
- Notice of payment from Liquid Fuels in the amount of \$78,827.91, *informational*.
- Copy of Invoice from Harmony Animal Hospital in the amount of \$350.00 for the cremation of two deceased cats. Disagreement between animal hospital and tenant. Pay or send to Riverpointe Town Homes, *for discussion*. *Tabled for Executive Session*.
- Copy of check dated 3/15/2023 in the amount of \$103,766.00 from Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) LSA (Local Shares Account) Northampton/Lehigh Counties Grant Funding. Funds are for reimbursement of two (2) police vehicles, *informational*. *Vehicles will be delivered April 2023*.
- Past due balances were submitted to the office by Portnoff Law from sale of property 211 ½ Clearfield St., in the amount of \$9,483.89 for payment of delinquent years back to 2007. Past due amounts for Sewer & Sanitation for 2022 were also paid at settlement of the property. Amounts for 2023 were invoiced to the new owner. Great job Borough Staff for preparing all documents required by Portnoff and settlement companies.
- Staff met with representatives from Fulton Bank regarding "Bridge" loans to cover construction costs for the Main Street Turn Back Program, Amphitheater Project, and Community Center Project until funds are reimbursed through grant programs. Bank is requesting motions from Council that any grant

reimbursement funding the Borough receives will be applied towards the applicable outstanding loan balance.

~~*Motion directing Borough staff to apply any and all grant reimbursements received for the “Main St. Turn-back Program” to any financial institution holding a loan or bond that funds the project.~~

*Motion directing Borough staff to apply any and all grant reimbursements received for the “Amphitheater Project” to any financial institution holding a loan or bond that funds the project.

Motion-directing Borough staff to apply any and all grant reimbursements received for the “Amphitheater Project” to any financial institution holding a loan or bond that funds the project by M. Lorrh, 2nd LaBar-PASS 7-0.

*Motion directing Borough staff to apply any and all grant reimbursements received for the “Community Center Project” to any financial institution holding a loan or bond that funds the project.

Motion- Motion directing Borough staff to apply any and all grant reimbursements received for the “Community Center Project” to any financial institution holding a loan or bond that funds the project by M. Lorrh, 2nd Smith-PASS 7-0.

Council Meeting Minutes

✓ February 7, 2023

Motion-to accept Council Meeting Minutes without additions or corrections by Smith, 2nd Gallagher-PASS 5-0 (Abstain-M. Lorrh and H. Lorrh).

✓ March 7, 2023

Motion-to accept Council Meeting Minutes without additions or corrections by Derr, 2nd Smith-PASS 6-0 (Abstain-Gallagher).

Community Development, Public Safety & Fire Company

- Comcast 3/28/23 Zoning Hearing Board meeting update.
- Monthly Fire Report for **February 2023**.
- Letter dated March 3, 2023 from “Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful” program that will be implemented on lower end of Clearfield St. and E. Market St. Hogar Crea is responsible for clean-up, *informational*.
- Borough was awarded \$620,600 for the phase one construction of a community center at Yob park. Grant award was received through the PA-DCED (Department of Community and Economic Development) LSA (Local Share Account) Statewide Award Program.
- Borough was awarded \$200,000 for Pedestrian Vehicular Safety and Streetscape Improvements on Main Street as part of a Main St. revitalization program. Grant award was received through the PA-DCED Multi-modal Transportation fund.
- Borough will receive notification in May in regard to application to PA-DCED Northampton/Lehigh LSA (Local Shares Account) for the amphitheater stadium seating project.

Sewer, Sanitation, Streets/Public Works

- Sanitation Invoices for 2023 were mailed to residents on 3/1/23 along with
- Public Works Staff did a great job installing drywall in the new office and bathroom at the Public Works Building.
- UGI will begin paving restoration soon on Green Street, and portions of Monroe and Market Street.

Police Department

- March 2023 monthly report will be distributed at this evenings meeting.

Parks & Recreation

- Parks & Rec Clothing & Shoe Drive Fundraiser-Saturday 4/29/23 (11am-12pm)
- Bike Night, Senior Citizen Health & Wellness Fair, Fall Fest and Craft Fair are all coming together nicely. Big thanks to the awesome Parks & Recreation Committee for all of their time & dedication!
- *Kids Easter Party was held Saturday 4/1/23 where 48 kids were registered. Big thanks to the volunteers who helped make the event possible.*

Mayor, Manager & Council President

- June 6,2023 Council Meeting will not be held due to PSAB Conference. Meeting will be rescheduled for Tuesday June 13, 2023.
- July 5,2023 Council Meeting rescheduled to Tuesday July 11, 2023.
- Motion to advertise changes for both meetings.
Motion-to advertise changes for meetings in June and July 2023 by Smith, 2nd Gallagher-PASS 7-0.

Miscellaneous

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Open Meeting Adjourn: 7:30pm

Executive Session: litigation, property acquisition & personnel matters

Open meeting-8:15pm

Motion-to issue Part Time Public Works employee Daniel D’Amico thirty-two (32) hours of Personal Time per calendar year subject to time off and or other regulations in the non-uniform employee manual by Gallagher, 2nd M. Lorrh-PASS 7-0.

Motion-to issue Part Time Public Works employees Daniel D’Amico and Charles Sabella paid holidays as defined in the non-uniform employee manual by M. Lorrh, 2nd Gallagher-PASS 7-0.

Motion-to authorize payment to Harmony Animal Hospital for the cremation invoice received stemming from the fire that occurred on January 31, 2023 by Smith, 2nd Derr-DOES NOT PASS-0-7.

Motion-to authorize payment to Verizon Wireless for the international roaming overage for the subaccount for Homer G. Lorrach by Smith, 2nd Gallich-PASS 6-0 (abstain H. Lorrach).

Motion-to adjourn at 8:28pm by LaBar-ALL AYES.

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

Approved by Council: _____ Certified: _____