

Borough of Freemansburg

600 Monroe St., Freemansburg, PA 18017

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 5, 2023-7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Borough Secretary: Justine Rossi-*present*

Solicitor: Anthony Giovannini, Esq. 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 8/24/23, *informational*.

- List of bills dated 9/5/2023, *authorization of payment*.

Motion-to pay all bills listed dated 9/5/2023 by LaBar, 2nd M. Lorrh-PASS 4-0.

- Reimbursement from Bethlehem Area School District for Crossing Guard Reimbursement for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$24,690.70 has been received. Reimbursement includes Crossing Guard wages, Workers Comp, and expenses
- Finance Committee will be meeting in September (dates to be determined) with Lisa Mack and Manger Itterly to begin 2024 Budget discussion, *information*.
- Estimates for the Public Works Building Stucco façade will be distributed at the meeting, for discussion. *Item was tabled for Executive Session.*

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- August 22, 2023

(Item was tabled until next Borough Council Meeting due to lack of quorum permitted to vote on these minutes-M. Lorrh and H. Lorrh were absent from August 22, 2023 Council Meeting.)

Community Development, Public Safety & Fire Company

- Fire Co.- August monthly reports were distributed this evening.

Sewer, Sanitation, Streets/Public Works

- Public Works-August monthly reports were distributed this evening.

Police Department

- Police Dept.-August monthly reports were distributed this evening.
- Full Time Officer Position-three (3) Part Time Officers will be taking the Physical Agility/Written Exams on Friday 9/8/2023.

Parks & Recreation

- Clothing & Shoe Drive Fundraiser was held Saturday 8/20/2023 and Parks & Recreation profited \$218.20.
- Senior Health & Wellness Fair was held Wednesday 8/23/23 and was a big success! Lots of great compliments and feedback has been received. Thanks to those who attended.
- Fall Fest & Bonfire will be held Saturday 10/14/2023 (3pm-6pm with Bonfire at 6:15pm). More food trucks will be there this year. Please let the committee know if you are available to help with the event that day. Set up begins at 9am. Thank you for your support!

Mayor, Manager & Council President

Miscellaneous

Open Meeting Adjourn: 7:11pm

Executive Session: litigation, property acquisition & personnel matters

Executive Session Ended 8:03pm

Open Meeting Commenced where the following Motions were made:

8:03 PM – Open Meeting

Motion- to donate \$500.00 to New Bethany Ministries by Derr, 2nd M. Lorrh-PASS 4-0

Motion- to award Public Works Stucco project to the lowest estimate received (Brickcote) in the amount of \$25,00.00 by M. Lorrh, 2nd Derr 2nd-PASS 4-0.

Motion to approve the purchase of an e-bike for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00 by M. Lorrh, 2nd LaBar-PASS 4-0.

Motion to retroactively increase the pay rate for Public Works Supervisor from \$20.00 per hour to \$22.00 per hour effective the date of appointment by M. Lorrh, 2nd LaBar-PASS 4-0.

Motion to adjourn by LaBar-PASS-ALL AYES.

Meeting closed at 8:15 PM.

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

Approved by Council: _____ Certified: _____

