

Borough of Freemansburg

600 Monroe St., Freemansburg, PA 18017

Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 06, 2024-7:00 PM

➤ Pledge of Allegiance

➤ **Roll Call**

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

Courtesy of the Floor

Finance/Personnel

- Payroll Reports for paychecks dated 10/17/2024. *Informational.*
- Bills paid dated 10/15/2024, 10/17/2024 & 10/28/2024 & 11/1/2024 – 11/6/2024 in view of due dates to avoid late fees, signed by Council. *Informational.*
- Remittance Report from Portnoff dated 10/23/2024 for Sewer Fees (\$834.38) and Trash Fees (\$892.47). *Informational.*
- Authorize Termination of Easement for 1600 Freemansburg Ave., between Barnsdale Associates, LLC. and Borough of Freemansburg. ***Executive Session. Motion Required.***
Motion to authorize termination of easement for 1600 Freemansburg Ave by J. Smith, 2nd C. Derr -PASS 5-0. (Discussed in Open Meeting) (Discussed in open meeting).
- ***Council Meeting Minutes: 10/15/2024 (Colleen Gallagher absent). Motion Required***
Motion to approve meeting minutes 10/15/2024 by J. Smith, 2nd M. Elliott -PASS 5-0.

Community Development, Public Safety & Fire Company

- Authorize execution of Commonwealth and Municipal Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement between DOT and Borough of Freemansburg for 1600 Freemansburg Ave. ***Motion Required.***
Motion to authorize execution of Commonwealth and Municipal Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement by J. Smith, 2nd M. Elliott -PASS 5-0.
- Borough received a \$485,000.00 grant from LSA Statewide Program towards the Community Center Project. *Informational.*

Sewer, Sanitation, Streets/Public Works

- Review Public Works monthly report for October. *Informational.*
- Discussion for hiring Full-Time Public Works employee. *Executive Session. Motion Required.*

Parks & Recreation

- Review email from Jim Schmiedeberg advising the Borough of his withdrawal from the Parks and Rec Committee. He will continue to participate as Santa and the Easter Bunny only. *Informational.*
- Holiday Craft Fair November 16th 10am – 2pm. Approximately 9-10 vendors.

Police Department

- Review monthly report for October (to be distributed at meeting). *Informational.*

Mayor, Manager & Council President

Miscellaneous

- Freemansburg Elementary School’s Veterans Day Parade November 8th starting at 9:30. *Informational.*

Open Meeting Adjourn: 7:26 PM

Executive Session: litigation, property acquisition & personnel matters

Executive Session Start: 7:33 PM, Adjourn: 8:51 PM

Motion to terminate employment for Susan Finlay -All Ayes

Motion to hire FT Public Works Employee Jayden Caraballo @ \$20.00/hr -All Ayes

Motion to increase pay rate for Dan D’Amico to \$20.00/hr effective December 2024 -All Ayes

Motion to authorize Borough Manger to contact Attorney Shapiro regarding RACP application to take a further look into why the Borough was not awarded the grant– All Ayes

Motion to authorize the Police Department to place NO-Parking Signs on Monroe Street during the BASD Freemansburg Elementary’s Parade on 11/8/2024 – All Ayes

Open Meeting Start: 8:52 PM, Adjourn: 9:03 PM

Respectfully Submitted by: _____

Ramona Ruiz, Council Secretary

Approved by Council: _____ Certified: _____

Date

Ramona Ruiz, Council Secretary