

Borough of Freemansburg

600 Monroe St., Freemansburg, PA 18017

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 7, 2024-7:00 PM

➤ Pledge of Allegiance

➤ **Roll Call**

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

Council Secretary: Justine Rossi-*present*

Solicitor: James Preston, Esq.-*present*

Borough Manager: Jonathan Itterly-*present*

Courtesy of the Floor

Russell Sutton of Lower Saucon Twp. Was present to update Council on the landfill expansion. Mr. Sutton asked Council for their continued support. There is a hearing on 6/13/24 in regard to the conservation easements.

Finance/Personnel

▪ Payroll Reports for paychecks dated 4/4/2024 and 4/18/2024, *informational*.

▪ 4/16-5/1/2024 bills already paid due to due dates to avoid late fees, signed by Council, *authorization*.
Motion-to pay all bills listed dated 4/16/24-5/1/24 by M. Lorrh, 2nd Gallagher-PASS 6-0.

▪ Bills dated 5/7/2024, *authorization of payment*.

Motion-to pay all bills listed dated 5/7/2024 by M. Lorrh, 2nd Smith-PASS 6-0.

▪ Monthly Tax Reports for **March 2024**, *informational*.

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4/2/2024 (Absent: - Colleen Gallagher)

Motion-to authorize Council Meeting Minutes dated 4/2/2024 by Derr, 2nd M. Lorrh-PASS 5-0-abstain Gallagher due to meeting absence.

Community Development, Public Safety & Fire Company

▪ Monthly Fire Reports **March 2024**. *Fire Co. representative Monica Elliott was present and informed the Council that the spaghetti dinner that the church held profited \$1500.00 donation to the Fire Co.*

▪ *The Main Street revitalization project is out for bid on PennBID. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2024 at 11:00 am at Borough Hall. Three Council members are invited to attend. Bids are due May 29.*

▪ Email from borough resident Suki Anderson regarding the use of the pavilion on Saturdays at 9am for her free fit camp, for *authorization*.

Motion-to allow Suki Anderson to hold her free fit camp at the park on Saturdays 9am by M. Lorrh, 2nd Smith-PASS 6-0.

- *Monica Elliott stated that the fire co members have trainings coming up including Hazmat Refresher Course in May and Water Rescue in June. She also stated that the Relief Audit was held and the exit interview will be 5/13/24. She states that there are currently 8 probationary members. The company is in need of more volunteers. An ad has been placed for over a year on the digital billboard. She stated other departments give a stipend for calls attended and currently Freemansburg does not. Russell Sutton thanked members for their involvement of the train derailment.*

Sewer, Sanitation, Streets/Public Works

- Monthly Whitetail Disposal trash hauling Report for **March 2024**.
- Update from Whitetail Disposal regarding our sanitation contract extension. *Item was tabled for Executive Session.*
- Monthly Public Works Report for **April 2024**.

Police Department

- Monthly Police Report for **March 2024** *will be distributed this evening. Chief Itterly stated that Officers Conte and Sgt. Mead achieved their Tact Training renewals. Officer Conte also completed the firearms instructor and defensive control training.*

Parks & Recreation

- The Clothing Fundraiser for Parks and Rec that was scheduled to be picked up on Saturday 4/6/24 was canceled due to lack of participation. The company requires a minimum of 150 bags for pick up. Bags that were dropped off at the Borough Hall the week prior were donated to Green Drop Donations.
- The Spring Craft Show was held on Saturday 4/27/24. Vendors gave a donation for their table and the committee also sold hot dogs, snacks & drinks and had a bake sale as fundraisers for events.
- The Summer Carnival will be held June 25-28. This is Parks and Rec biggest fundraiser!
- Next Parks & Rec event will be Bike Night to be held Saturday 6/29/24 (5-8pm). The committee will be meeting on Wednesday 5/15/24 to discuss the event.

Mayor, Manager & Council President

- Mayors report on Freemansburg Elementary School playground project and recommendation for donation, *authorization*.

Motion-to authorize a donation from the Mayor’s line item in the Budget, with an amount to be determined later by M. Lorrh, 2nd Smith-PASS 6-0.

Miscellaneous

Open Meeting Adjourn: 7:26pm

Executive Session: litigation, property acquisition & personnel matters

Executive Session Ended and Open Meeting Resumed at 7:56pm

Motion- to authorize Manager to advertise for a special Council Meeting on May 30th at 7pm by M Lorrh, 2nd Smith-PASS 6-0.

Motion – to increase Devon Carlson’s pay rate from \$18.00/ hour to \$18.50 by M Lorrh, 2nd Smith-PASS 6-0.
Motion – to Adjourn by Labar, PASS 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Jonathan F. Itterly, Council Secretary

Approved by Council: _____ Certified: _____
Date Jonathan F. Itterly , Council Secretary