

Borough of Freemansburg

600 Monroe St., Freemansburg, PA 18017

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday July 16, 2024-7:00 PM

➤ Pledge of Allegiance

➤ **Roll Call**

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

Council Secretary: Ramona Ruiz-*present*

Solicitor: Anthony Giovannini, Esq. -*present*

Borough Manager: Jonathan Itterly-*present*

Courtesy of the Floor

- Monika gave report for fire company. 4 members passed water rescue. They worked the hill climb, covered Twshp 6/12-15 for carnival. Assisted with parking for FBurg carnival while handling fire called every day due to the storms. Rolling fire in Twshp. They will use monies received from Motion to get lettering for pickup truck.

Finance/Personnel

- Payroll Reports for paychecks dated 6/13/2024 and 6/27/2024, *informational*.
- 6/26/2024, 6/27/2024 & 7/11/2024- bills paid in view of due dates to avoid late fees, signed by Council **Motion required**.
Motion-to pay bills listed from 6/26/2024, 6/27/2024 & 7/11/2024 by M. Lorrh, 2nd C. Gallagher-PASS 5-0.
- Authorization to pay bills dated 7/16/2024, (to be distributed at meeting). **Motion required**.
Motion-to pay bills listed dated 7/16/2024 by M. Lorrh, 2nd C. Gallagher-PASS 5-0.
- Authorize for Borough Manager to execute the writs of execution for Portnoff Law Associates, Ltd. to file for the collection of delinquent Sewer and Sanitation fees for properties 440 New Street & 159 Green Street. **Motion Required**.
Motion-for Borough Manager to execute write of execution for Portnoff Law Associates, Ltd. For 440 New St. & 159 Green St by M. Lorrh, 2nd C. Derr-PASS 5-0.
- **Resolution #2024-022**, a Resolution approving conditional final plan approval for 1600 Freemansburg Avenue - Freemansburg Industrial. This Resolution was previously passed on the May 30, 2024 Council Meeting with a Resolution number that was already assigned to another Resolution. *Informational*.
Motion-to approve adopting Resolution #2024-022 in place of Resolution #2024-19 which was already assigned to another Resolution on May 30th 2024. by C. Gallagher, 2nd M. Lorrh -PASS 5-0.
- **Resolution #2024-023**, a Resolution of the Borough of Freemansburg, Northampton County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereby requesting a statewide local share assessment grant of \$550,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Phase 3 of the Community Center Project at the Gerald C. Yob Community Park. **Motion Required**.

Motion-to authorize Resolution #2024-023, a resolution requesting a statewide local share assessment grant of \$550,000 from Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Phase 3 of Community Center Project by C. Gallagher 2nd M. Lorrh-PASS 5-0.

- **Resolution #2024-024**, a Resolution of the Borough of Freemansburg, Northampton County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereby requesting a Monroe County local share assessment grant of \$390,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Phase 3 of the Amphitheater Program at the Gerald C. Yob Community Park. *Motion Required.*

Motion-to authorize Resolution #2024-024 a resolution requesting a Monroe County local share assessment grant of \$390,000.00 from Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Phase 3 of the Amphitheatre Program at the Gerald C. Yob Community Park by M. Lorrh, 2nd C. Gallagher-PASS 5-0.

- **Resolution #2024-025**, a Resolution of the Borough of Freemansburg, Northampton County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereby requesting a Northampton & Lehigh Counties local share assessment grant of \$390,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Phase 3 of the Amphitheater Program at the Gerald C. Yob Community Park. *Motion Required.*

Motion-to adopt Resolution #2024-025, a Resolution of the Borough of Freemansburg, Northampton County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereby requesting a Northampton & Lehigh Counties local share assessment grant of \$390,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Phase 3 of the Amphitheater Program at the Gerald C. Yob Community Park by C. Gallagher, 2nd M. Lorrh -PASS 5-0.

- **Resolution #2024-026**, to authorize Ramona Ruiz to become Additional Signatory of all Departmental items. *Motion Required.*

Motion-to adopt Resolution #2024-026, to authorize Ramona Ruiz to become Additional Signatory of all Departmental items by C. Gallagher, 2nd M. Lorrh-PASS 5-0.

- **Council Meeting Minutes:**
5/30/2024 (Absent: Colleen Gallagher & Justin LaBar)

Motion-to authorize Council Meeting Minutes dated 5/30/2024 by M. Lorrh, 2nd C. Derr-PASS 4-0 (abstain C. Gallagher).

6/18/2024 (Absent: Ramona Ruiz & Justin LaBar)

Motion-to authorize Council Meeting Minutes dated 6/18/2024 by M. Lorrh, 2nd C. Gallagher-PASS 5-0.

Community Development, Public Safety & Fire Company

- Update from the Community Town Hall Meeting for the Main Street Revitalization Project that was held on 7/1/2024. *Informational.*

Sewer, Sanitation, Streets/Public Works

- Public Works Monthly Report for May 2024 & June 2024. *Informational.*
- Monthly Whitetail Disposal trash hauling Report for May & June 2024. *Informational.*

Police Department

- Acknowledgement of a Northampton/Lehigh County Award given to Officer Ahmed Elkadousy on 7/1/2024 for his extraordinary DUI efforts in 2023. Officer Elkadousy had 26 DUI arrests in 2023, which was the most

DUI arrests for a single officer from any of the Borough’s located in Northampton and Lehigh Counties. *Informational.*

- Review of Monthly Police Report (to be distributed during meeting). *Informational.*

Parks & Recreation

- Authorization request from Fire Department regarding splitting the profits 25% Fire Company, 75% Parks and Rec for hours worked at Carnival 6/25 – 6/28 by Fire Dept. ***Motion Required.***

Motion-to authorize Fire Department to receive \$2,000.00 for work performed at carnival 6/25-6/28 by J. Smith, 2nd M. Lorrh-PASS 5-0.

- Authorize BASD Art teacher to utilize Pavilion August 9, 2024 10:30-12:00pm for Summer School. ***Motion Required.***

Motion-to authorize BASD Art teacher to utilize Pavilion August 9, 2024 10:30-12:00pm for Summer School by C. Gallagher, 2nd C. Derr-PASS 5-0.

Mayor, Manager & Council President

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Miscellaneous

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Open Meeting Adjourn: 7:30 PM

No Executive Session

Executive Session Start: _____, Adjourn: _____

Executive Session: litigation, property acquisition & personnel matters

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Ramona Ruiz, Council Secretary

Approved by Council: _____ Date _____ Certified: _____
Ramona Ruiz, Council Secretary