

Borough of Freemansburg

600 Monroe St., Freemansburg, PA 18017

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday February 18, 2025-7:00 PM

➤ Pledge of Allegiance

➤ ***Roll Call***

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

Courtesy of the Floor

Beth Derr expressed her concern with a particular flagger on Main Streett who is making it difficult for residents to get to their homes. She expressed how nasty this flagger is and that he is the only one who makes it difficult to get through. Jon replied that flaggers should be out of the area as there will be no need for them on the next phase of construction.

Finance/Personnel

- Payroll Reports for paychecks dated 1/23/2025 & 2/6/2025. *Informational.*
- Bills paid dated 1/30/2025, 2/11/2025 & 2/12/2025 in view of due dates to avoid late fees, signed by Council. *Informational.*
- Remittance Reports from Portnoff Law Associates, Ltd. for sewer fees (\$716.64), (\$715.98), (\$14.04) and trash fees (\$666.05), (\$199.20), (\$503.08). *Informational.*
- Return of Taxes for the Year 2024 Certification and Report with a total delinquency of \$19,310.07. *Informational.*
- **Resolution #2025-015** (a Resolution appointing Ramona Ruiz for Tax Collector and Lisa A. Mack as Deputy Tax Collector). ***Motion Required.***
Motion to authorize Resolution #2025-015 appointing Ramona Ruiz as Tax Collector and Lisa A Mack as Deputy Tax Collector by C. Derr, 2nd M. Elliott -PASS 5-0.
- **Resolution #2025-016.** (a Resolution appointing the authorized signatories for the Borough accounts). ***Motion Required.***
Motion to authorize Resolution #2025-016 appointing signatories for the Borough accounts and re-appointing Lisa A Mack as Treasurer by M. Lorrach, 2nd J. Smith -PASS 5-0.
- ***Council Meeting Minutes: 1/21/2025 (absent Colleen Gallagher & Rudy Gallich).*** ***Motion Required.***
Motion to authorize Council Meeting Minutes dated 1/21/2025 without additions or changes by M. Lorrach, 2nd M. Elliott -PASS 5-0.

Community Development, Public Safety & Fire Company

- Review application for Handicap Parking Sign for resident Maria Bonilla at property address 236 Juniata Street. ***Motion Required.***
Motion to deny application for Handicap Parking Sign for resident Maria Bonilla at property address 236 Juniata Street due to Ordinance #2021-001 which states no more than 3 permits shall be located on any block where parking is permitted on both sides of the street by J. Smith, 2nd M. Lorrach -PASS 5-0.
- Review FEMA's approval letter for Borough Resolution #2024-030 adopting the 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan. *Informational.*
- The Borough's Amphitheater project made the Lehigh Valley Top 2025 Project's List. The award Ceremony will be at DeSales University and take place on March 12, 2025 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Office staff will need confirmation of the number of attendees. *Informational.*
H. Lorrach, M. Lorrach, J. Smith, G. Yob, C. Derr, J. Itterly, N. Itterly, P. Elliott, R. Ruiz and L. Mack, to attend.
- Review Fire Company's Call Run Report for January 2025. *Informational.*

Sewer, Sanitation, Streets/Public Works

- Review Public Works January Report. *Informational.*
- Review Whitetail Disposal's Service Overview for January 2025. *Informational.*

Parks & Recreation

- The Ice Cream Social event scheduled for Saturday 2/15/25 was cancelled due to weather concerns.

Police Department

- Review January Police Report (to be distributed at meeting). *Informational.*

Mayor, Manager & Council President

Miscellaneous

Open Meeting Adjourn: 7:20PM

Executive Session: litigation, property acquisition & personnel matters

Executive Session Agenda:

Police Staffing

Hogar Crea Property Acquisition Update

Administration to create memorandum for Ramona and Lisa splitting the Tax Collector pay 50-50 per Mayor.

Executive Session Start: 7:27PM, Adjourn: 8:44PM

Motion to adjourn at 8:44PM by J. Smith, ALL ALYES.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Ramona Ruiz, Council Secretary

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