

Borough of Freemansburg

600 Monroe St., Freemansburg, PA 18017

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday June 18, 2024-7:00 PM

➤ Pledge of Allegiance

➤ **Roll Call**

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

Council Secretary: Ramona Ruiz - Absent

Solicitor: James Preston, Esq.

Borough Manager: Jonathan Itterly

Courtesy of the Floor

Finance/Personnel

Due to a last minute item needing to be added to the agenda, M. Lorrh made a motion to open the agenda to add an agenda item. J. Smith seconded the motion. Motion to amend the agenda passed 6-0.

*M. Lorrh made a motion to add the proposed draft lease agreement between the Borough of Freemansburg and Bethlehem Area School District, which would allow the Borough to lease vacant property described in the lease agreement from BASD and permit the Borough to construct additional parking areas for Borough and BASD use. **For Discussion, motion required.** The motion was seconded by Smith. Motion passed 6-0.*

▪ Approval of the list of bills dated 6/18/24, ***motion required.***

Motion to approve the list of bill dated 6/18/24 by M. Lorrh, 2nd by Gallagher. Motion passed 6-0.

▪ Borough Resolution #2024-019, a Resolution approving conditional final plan approval for 1600 Freemansburg Avenue - Freemansburg Industrial. The Freemansburg Planning Commission has made the recommendation for Borough Council to approve the final plan, contingent on the conditions listed in the Resolution and the Borough Engineer's Review Letter. ***Motion required.***

Motion to approve final plan approval for 1600 Freemansburg Avenue - Freemansburg Industrial, contingent on the conditions listed in the Resolution and the Borough Engineer's Review Letter by Gallich, 2nd by M. Lorrh. Motion passed 5-1, Derr abstained.

▪ Authorization for Manager to Submit a Northampton County Hotel Tax Grant for the Amphitheater Seating Project in the amount of \$50,000. ***Motion Required.***

Motion to authorized Borough Manager to submit a Grant for the Amphitheater Seating Project in the amount of \$50,000 the Northampton County Hotel Tax Grant Program by Gallagher, 2nd by M. Lorrh. Motion passed 6-0.

▪ Authorization for hire Part-time Public Works Employee Dan Damico Full-Time. ***Motion Required.***
Tabled for Executive Session discussion.

▪ Public Works Summer Schedule. *Discussion in Executive Session.*
Tabled for Executive Session discussion.

Community Development, Public Safety & Fire Company

- Preconstruction Meeting for the Main Street Revitalization Project is scheduled for tomorrow morning At Borough Hall. Up to three Council Members may attend.
- The Community Town Hall Meeting for the Main Street Revitalization Project is scheduled for July 1, 2024 at 6:00 PM. Location will be at Borough Hall.

Sewer, Sanitation, Streets/Public Works

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Police Department

- Civil Service Exam for Full-time Police Officer Position. Discussion in Executive Session. ***Motion required.*** Tabled for Executive Session discussion.

Parks & Recreation

- Representatives from Freemansburg Parks and Rec committee will be present to address Council. Steph, Barb and Jim from Parks and Rec addressed Council and requested a key for the building, and permission to create a Freemansburg Parks and Rec Facebook Page. Council granted both requests.

Mayor, Manager & Council President

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Miscellaneous

Open Meeting Adjourn to Executive Session at 7:45 PM

Executive Session: litigation, property acquisition & personnel matters

Market Street Properties for Discussion

Police Personnel

Open Meeting resumed from Executive Session at 8:10 PM

Motion to termination Probationary Full-Time Police Officer Martin Ramirez by Gallagher, 2nd by M. Lorrh. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor to provide the prospective lease agreement to BASD by M. Lorrh, 2nd by Smith. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion to authorize the Civil Service Commission to conduct testing for a full-time police officer position(s) in order to provide Council with an eligibility list for review by Gallagher, 2nd by M. Lorrh. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion to hire Part-Time Public Works Employee Dan Damico as a Full-Time Public Works Employee with an hourly rate of \$19.00 per hour by Gallagher, 2nd by M. Lorrh. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 Pm by M. Lorrh. Motion passed 6-0.

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

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