

Borough of Freemansburg

600 Monroe St., Freemansburg, PA 18017

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday August 20, 2024-7:00 PM

- Swearing in of new Council Member Monica Elliott.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- **Roll Call**

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

Courtesy of the Floor

Finance/Personnel

- Bills paid dated 8/14/2024 in view of due dates to avoid late fees, signed by Councils. *Informational.*
- Monthly Tax Report for July 2024. *Informational.*
- Remittance Report from Portnoff for the week of 7/31/2024 for Sewer Fees (\$4,741.26), Trash (\$5,058.49), and Real Estate Taxes (\$182.71). *Informational.*
- Remittance Reports from Portnoff for the week of 8/7/2024 for Sewer Fees (\$744.50) and Trash Fees (\$495.00). *Informational.*
- **Resolution #2024-027**, to memorialize the Marketing Agreement dated May 30, 2024 authorizing Ramona Ruiz and Jonathan Itterly to provide advertising and marketing services for the Borough Amphitheater. ***Motion Required.***

Motion to authorize Resolution #2024-027 memorializing the marketing agreement dated 5/30/24 between the Borough and Ramona Ruiz and Jonathan Itterly for marketing services for the Borough Amphitheatre by M. Lorrh, 2nd C. Derr -PASS 5-0.

- Authorize send out date and due date for 2025 Sewer and Sanitation billing to be sent together 1 time per year to reduce postage fees and to provide Residents with an extended time period to make payments. ***Motion Required.***

Motion to authorize mailing Sanitation and Sewer bills together 2/1/2025 with both payments due by 9/17/2025 by M. Lorrh, 2nd M. Elliott-PASS 5-0.

- ***Council Meeting Minutes: 8/6/2024 (Deceased: Justin LaBar - Absent: Colleen Gallagher). Motion Required***
Motion to authorize Council Meeting Minutes dated 8/6/2024 (deceased: Justin LaBar-Absent Colleen Gallagher) by M. Lorrh, 2nd C. Derr-PASS 4-0 Monica Elliott abstained.

Community Development, Public Safety & Fire Company

- Review Fire Company’s Monthly Treasurer’s Report for July 2024. *Informational.*

Sewer, Sanitation, Streets/Public Works

- Authorization of the 2025 Financial Requirement and Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Boroughs Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension Plans. ***Motion Required.***

Motion to Authorize the 2025 Financial Requirement and Minimum Obligation for the Boroughs Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension Plans by M. Lorrh, 2nd R. Gallich -PASS 5-0

- Authorization of Sewer and Sanitation Service Cancellation for 6 Jackson Street 1st and 2nd floor (SEW-360-4, SAN-360-4), due to a house fire that occurred 10/15/2023 where both units were condemned until further notice. ***Motion Required.***

Motion to authorize suspension of service for 6 Jackson Street for both Sewer and Sanitation services until notice is give that the home is habitable, by M. Lorrh, 2nd C. Derr -PASS 5-0.

- Whitetail Sanitation Monthly Report for July 2024. *Informational.*

Police Department

- Officer Clinton and Officer Elkadousy passed their weights and measures certification for commercial vehicles. Now they are able to enforce weight violations on the Main Street Extension. *Informational.*

Parks & Recreation

- Cancelled Clothing Drive due to lack of storage and the number of bags needed to make it beneficial. *Informational.*

Mayor, Manager & Council President

Miscellaneous

Open Meeting Adjourn: 7:13PM

Executive Session: litigation, property acquisition & personnel matters

Executive Session Start: 7:17PM, Adjourn: 8:36PM

Jim entered executive session at 7:21pm

Open Meeting rejoined 8:37PM Adjourn 9:04PM

8:37PM – Open Meeting was entered where the following Motions were made:

Motion to authorize creation of letter for Cherry @ Caribbean Palace to send to the state for a request for a grant due to her claim that business has declined due to construction in the area, by M. Lorrh, 2nd M. Elliott -PASS 6-0.

Motion to authorize 1 week suspension for Officer Eli Delgado for disciplinary action caused by 3rd offense by M. Lorrh, 2nd M. Elliott -PASS 6-0.

Motion to authorize Ramona Ruiz to book King Fish if Blue is higher and charge all RSVP's 50% of per person price for Christmas Dinner by M. Lorrh, 2nd M. Elliott -PASS 6-0.

Motion to authorize Attorney to draft property maintenance code to enforce strict maintenance guidelines and standards for Freemansburg Borough Residents properties by M. Lorrh, 2nd M. Elliott-PASS 6-0.

Motion to adjourn open meeting by R. Gallich– All Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Ramona Ruiz, Council Secretary

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