

# Borough of Freemansburg

600 Monroe St., Freemansburg, PA 18017

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 20, 2023-7:00 PM

## *Pledge of Allegiance*

## *Roll Call*

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

**Borough Secretary:** Justine Rossi

**Solicitor:** ~~Anthony Giovannini, Esq.~~ Leo DeVito, Esq.-*present*

**Borough Manager:** Jonathan Itterly-*present*

## *Courtesy of the Floor*

Motion-to open agenda to add three items to the agenda by Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Lorrh-PASS 7-0.

Motion-to add Conditional Land Development Approval for 1529 Freemansburg Ave. (Comcast Cable Vision of Southeast PA Inc.), via Resolution # 2023-017, based off recommendation of the Freemansburg Planning Commission and Borough Engineers review letter, by M. Lorrh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Smith-PASS 7-0.

Motion-to add the Execution of Agreement of Sale of Church Street property to the agenda by M. Lorrh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gallagher-PASS 7-0.

Motion-to add to the agenda a motion to rescind the motion made on May 2, 2023, to remove language for a non-existent stormwater easement from the Title of 1600 Freemansburg Ave M. Lorrh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gallagher-PASS 7-0.

- Residents will be limited to five minutes.

*Borough Resident Terry Solliday was present in regard to a complaint that he received on his property located at 213 Clearfield St. He wanted to inform Council that he is being “picked on” and wants the Police Department to stop. Chief Itterly explained that Council is not able to assist him and that he needs to express his complaint/concern with District Magistrate at the hearing. Mr. Solliday also had an issue regarding his trash not being picked up at 213 Clearfield. He was told that there is currently only one cart per unit and he had two at 213. He was told if the second cart was moved back to his previous property at 202 Clearfield, the cart would be emptied.*

*Comcast representative Jeff Bechtal was present in regard to the Comcast building that would be constructed on the Freemansburg side of the proposed location. He stated that it will be a public utility station (relay) for telecommunication signals. The old sewer pump station that is currently on the property, will be demolished.*

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## *Finance/Personnel*

- Payroll Reports for paychecks dated 5/4/2023, 5/18/2023, & 6/1/2023, *informational*.
- List of bills dated 6/2/2023 previously signed by the Finance Committee, *authorization of payment*.

Motion-to pay all bills listed and previously signed by the Finance Committee by Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gallagher-PASS 7-0.

- List of bills dated 6/20/2023, *authorization of payment.*

Motion-to pay all bills listed dated 6/20/2023 by Derr, 2<sup>nd</sup> Smith-PASS 7-0.

- Monthly Tax Collector Reports for **April & May, 2023**, *informational.*
- Fire Company Pick-up Truck Purchase request, *Executive Session.*
- Authorization to advertise Full-Time Officer position and testing dates for Civil Service Process.

Motion-to authorize the advertisement for a Full-Time Officer position and testing dates for Civil Service Process by Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Lorrh-PASS 7-0.

- Police enclosed trailed sold on Municibid for \$5,800.00. Funds deposited into General Fund account, *Informational Only. \*Correction-funds will be deposited into the Facility Account for new Emergency Management supplies per Lisa Mack, Borough Treasurer.*
- **Resolution #2023-016**– A resolution authorizing the submission of a PA DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant in the amount of \$350,000.00 for lighting and pedestrian/traffic safety impartments as part of the Main Street revitalization project, *for authorization.*

Motion-to authorize Resolution #2023-016, authorizing the submission of a PA DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant in the amount of \$350,000.00 for lighting and pedestrian/traffic safe impartments as part of the Main Street revitalization project by Gallagher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Smith-PASS 7-0.

- Labor only estimates from B.F. Brown Paving in the amount of \$7,500.00 for paving the Public Works Building existing entrance. Borough to supply material, *for authorization.*

Motion-to authorize labor only estimates from B.F. Brown Paving in the amount of \$7,500.00 for paving the Public Works Building existing entrance, with the Borough to supply material by M. Lorrh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gallagher-PASS 7-0.

- Labor only estimates from B.F. Brown Paving in the amount of \$7,500.00 for paving the Public Works Building new entrance. Borough to supply material, *for authorization.*

Motion-to authorize labor only estimates from B.F. Brown Paving in the amount of \$7,500.00 for paving the Public Works Building new entrance, with the Borough to supply material by M. Lorrh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Smith-PASS 7-0.

- A huge thank you to Bernie Brown Paving for loaning the Borough a John Deere 550 Dozer that was utilized to prep the driveways for paving, *informational.*
- A huge thank you to Council President Lorrh for operating the John Deere Dozer loaned to us and our backhoe, assisting the public works department with the driveway preparation and Washington Street stormwater outfall bank stabilization, *informational.*
- Congratulations to Lisa Mack and Gerald Yob for receiving awards at the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) annual conference in Hershey PA last week. Lisa received the “Distinguished Service Award” for her 20 years of dedication working in the Borough Offices as Executive Assistant and Borough

Treasurer. The mayor received the “Anthony DeFilippi Government Affairs Service Award”. Thank you both and congratulations.

Motion-to authorize Council President to execute the Agreement of Sale of Church Street property by M. Lorrh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gallagher-PASS 7-0.

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✓ May 2, 2023

Motion-to approve Council Meeting Minutes dates May 2, 2023 by Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Lorrh-PASS 5-0, 2 Abstention-Gallagher/H. Lorrh due to meeting absence.)

***Community Development, Public Safety & Fire Company***

- Monthly Fire Report for **May 2023**.
  - Agreement of Sale for Church St., *informational*.
- Motion-authorization of the Agreement of Sale for Church Street property acquisition in the amount of \$20,000.00 by M. Lorrh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gallagher-PASS 7-0.

- Update from the Planning Commission Meeting on 6/1/2023 regarding 1529 Freemansburg Avenue and Comcast.

Motion-to authorize Resolution # 2023-017, a resolution providing conditional approval for the land development plan for Comcast Cablevision of Southeast Pennsylvania, Inc. by Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Derr-PASS 7-0.

***Sewer, Sanitation, Streets/Public Works***

- The Public Works Department did a great job installing 36 feet of concrete sidewalk and curbing, 14 garage door bollards, and two landings at the Public Works Building, *informational*.
- Portnoff Law & Associates mailed 144 “Notices of Delinquency” via Certified Mail for delinquent taxes, sewer and trash fees due to the Borough, *informational*.
- Lisa, Justine and Cindy did a great job completing sewer billing that went out on 6/1 in the middle of all of the other projects!

***Police Department***

- May 2023 monthly report will be distributed at this evening’s meeting.

***Parks & Recreation***

- Next Event Reminder Bike Night Saturday June 24 (6-9pm)-Live Band, Food Truck, Raffles, Free Iced Coffee from Dunkin Donuts. *Event is possibly postponed due to impending weather event.*
- Public Works complete the work required under the \$4,000.00 D&L grant to repair the tow path. Repairs significantly improved the condition and appearance of the trail. Bernie Brown “BF” Paving donated A VIBRATORY ROLLER THAT WAS USED DURING THE PROJECT, *informational*.

***Mayor, Manager & Council President***

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***Miscellaneous***

- Solicitor update on Lower Saucon Conditional Use Hearing for Landfill Expansion

**Open Meeting Adjourn:** 7:42pm

**Executive Session:** litigation, property acquisition & personnel matters

**Open Meeting:** 9:03pm

Motion-to rescind the motion made on May 2, 2023, to remove language for a non-existent stormwater easement from the Title of 1600 Freemansburg Ave Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Lorrh-PASS 7-0.

Motion-to authorize payment from the Borough to the Freemansburg Fire Co. in the amount of \$30,000 from LST (Local Services Tax) towards a 2023 Ford F350 by LaBar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gallich-PASS 7-0.

Motion-to appoint Philip Elliott as the Supervisor of Public Works with a rate of \$20.00/hour with a six-month probation by LaBar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Smith-PASS 7-0.

**Adjourn: 9:16pm by LaBar, ALL AYES.**

Respectfully Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Justine A. Rossi, Borough Secretary

Approved by Council: \_\_\_\_\_ Certified: \_\_\_\_\_

