

# Borough of Freemansburg

600 Monroe St., Freemansburg, PA 18017

## Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday April 1, 2025-7:00 PM

➤ Pledge of Allegiance

➤ **Roll Call**

**Mayor:** Gerald Yob

**Council President:** Homer Lorrah

**Council Vice-President:** Jim Smith-**absent**

**Council Members:** Charles Derr, Colleen Gallagher-**absent**, Rudolph Gallich, Monica Elliott, Margaret Lorrah

**Council Secretary:** Ramona Ruiz

**Borough Manager:** Jonathan Itterly

**Solicitor:** Anthony Giovannini, Esq.

**Courtesy of the Floor-** Resident Dale Deitrich asked council if he may paint the curb and fire hydrant in front of his residence between 913 & 915 Lincoln St. due to people parking in front of the hydrant. Council President Homer Lorrah stated our Public Works Department would take care of that. Dale also mentioned there was a need for a sign to be replaced at Kossuth and Roosevelt for the large trucks. Currently big rigs are traveling up the street and then having an issue turning around due to parked cars on the sides of the street. Jonathan Itterly stated our Public Works Department can also take care of replacing that sign but in order to support & enforce, Council would need to authorize the expense of a traffic study. Dale stated he didn't want anyone to get into trouble nor did he want the Borough to incur extra costs associated with that route.

Resident Steve asked why the basketball area was locked. Jonathan Itterly responded it has been closed due to vandalism and trash being thrown all around the area. Steve also asked why the playground area was closed off to which Jonathan Itterly explained that a resident had complained about a safety and therefor, he had to get the area inspected which brought upon some repairs which are being worked on.

Stephanie Valez mentioned to Council that the lock on the fence surrounding the retention pond between the elementary school and the park was either missing or broken. Jonathan Itterly responded that he will let Public Works Department know and they will replace the lock.

### **Finance/Personnel**

- Payroll Reports for paychecks dated 3/6/2025 & 3/20/2025. *Informational.*
- Bills paid dated 3/20/2025 in view of due dates to avoid late fees, signed by council. *Informational.*
- Remittance Reports from Portnoff Law Associates, Ltd. for sewer fees (\$1,156.87), trash fees (\$1,067.31) & real estate taxes (\$216.19). *Informational.*
- Review Tax Collector's Monthly Report for the Month of February 2025. *Informational.*
- Authorize Application for Payment No. 5 period ending December 31, 2024 prepared by Construction Masters Services, LLC for the Main Street Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$102,281.45. **Motion Required.**  
Motion to authorize Application for Payment No. 5 to Construction Masters Services, LLC in the amount of \$102,281.45, by, Lorrah, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Elliott-PASS 5-0.

- Authorize Application for Payment No. 6 period ending January 31, 2025 prepared by Construction Masters Services, LLC for the Main Street Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$149,660.28. **Motion Required.**  
Motion to authorize Application for Payment No. 6 to Construction Masters Services, LLC in the amount of \$149,660.28 by M. Lorrach, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Elliott-PASS 5-0.
- Authorize the advertisement of Ordinance #2025-002 fixing the rate of compensation for members of council and the mayor and parameters of compensation of members of council. **Motion Required.**  
Motion to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance #2025-002 fixing the rate of compensation for members of council and the mayor and parameters of compensation of members of council by M. Lorrach, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Elliott-PASS 5-0
- Authorize Resolution #2025-017 approving the submission of a \$500,000.00 grant under the Local Government Emergency Housing Support towards the Community Center Project that will also serve as the Borough's Emergency Shelter. **Motion Required.**  
Motion to authorize Resolution #2025-017 approving the submission of a \$500,000.00 grant under the Local Government Emergency Housing Support by M. Lorrach, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Elliott-PASS-5-0.
- **Council Meeting Minutes: 3/4/2025 (absent Colleen Gallagher & Rudy Gallich). Corrections. 1.) "Motion Required" added to Fburg Carnival, Fire Company split item. 2.) Added item Police Report distributed at meeting, Informational. 3.) " Motion Required" added to Police Dept item re: executing and agreement for Norco County Drug Task force. Motion Required.**  
Motion to authorize Council Meeting Minutes with 3 corrections by M. Lorrach, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Elliott-PASS-4-1 (R. Gallich ABSTAIN).

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

- Review Fire Company's Call Run Reports for February 2025. *Informational.*
- Review information pertaining to the demolition along with road closure of 106 Jackson Street due to a fire, scheduled for April 2025. *Informational.*
- Review email from Jim Shantz @ Senator Lisa Boscola's office regarding Carlos Peres's discussion about the paving of his driveway at 324 Main Street. *Informational.*
- Phase II – Amphitheater Seating has been completed. We are hopeful to receive additional grant funding in July to move on to the next phase of Construction. *Informational.*
- A Zoning Hearing Board Meeting is scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. *Informational.*

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

- Authorize resident Homer Lorrach to relinquish 1 sanitation cart from their account due to residence having a dumpster. **Motion Required.**  
Motion failed due to 2 abstentions M. Lorrach & H. Lorrach, No quorum.
- Review Public Works February Report. *Informational.*
- Review Whitetail Disposal's Service Overview for February 2025. *Informational.*

### ***Parks & Recreation***

- Authorization for Stephanie Velez to organize a 5k walk/run on June 7<sup>th</sup> from 8-10AM which will require road closures, additional overtime hours for the Public Works and Police Departments, and the creation of a liability waiver, per email dated 3/19/2025. ***Motion Required.***  
Table discussion to authorize S. Velez to organize 5K walk/run due to parking issues and public safety on Main Street with current construction, expense incurred by rerouting PennDOT detours and lack of resources.  
Motion to authorize Borough Solicitor to review waiver for June 7<sup>th</sup>'s Fitness Fest by M. Lorrach, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Elliott-PASS-5-0.
- Review email notification of the Trail Tender cleanup event along the D&L Trail between Sand Island and Freemansburg on 4/22/2025. *Informational.*
- In 2025, Pennsylvania's trout season kicks off statewide opening day on April 5 at 8 a.m. The Canal is a stocked waterway and we will most likely see additional vehicular and pedestrian activity in the area. *Informational.*
- The Pembroke Choice Festival is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup> from 2PM-5PM at 1430 Fritz Drive. *Informational.*
- Request from Christina Krasnai, who was hoping to get permission to do some metal detecting in the park area behind the elementary school. ***Motion Required.***  
Motion to deny authorization of Christina Krasnai to conduct metal detecting in the park area behind the elementary school, by M. Lorrach, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Elliott-PASS5-0.

### ***Police Department***

- Review monthly Police Report for March 2025 (to be distributed at meeting). *Informational.*

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

### ***Miscellaneous***

Open Meeting Adjourn: 7:37PM

Executive Session: litigation, property acquisition & personnel matters

No Executive Session

Respectfully Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Ramona Ruiz, Council Secretary

Approved by Council: 6 MAY 2025

Date

Certified: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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