

AGENDA
FREEBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MEETING
June 12, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC CONCERNS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING – May 15, 2025

APPROVAL OF THE CURRENT OUTSTANDING BILLS TO BE PAID – June 2025

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PA Environmental Solutions, Inc. (PESI) – report/filter plant issues, water issues, i.e. leaks

Nitrate Level – Current Nitrate levels are between 4.6 – 5.5 mg/l, they must be below 8.0. mg/l

Water Supply Inspection Report – Inspection was December 9, 2024,

- Violations addressed
- Josh Satteson has completed the permit; submission was approved at the January 2025 meeting.
- Permit has been submitted, DEP responded with some questions, working on reply

Corrosion Issue with Brine Solution on Pump –

Review of letter regarding pump corrosion issue sent to HRG.

Updated on HRG position and reimbursement for original damaged pump and 1st replacement pump.

- Design issues with project design.
- HRG to cover repairs to the design and two brine pumps that were damaged by the original design.
- The two replacement pumps have been covered by grant funds
- Jeff Pickens to make the repairs on May 15th 2025
- 1st replacement pump died from corrosion
- Second replacement pump has been installed
- New back-up pump needs to be ordered. Est. cost \$850.00

Air Compressor #2 Purchase – Quote received of \$7,422.30 for the second air compressor

- Air Compressor #2 has arrived, been installed, waiting for Atlas Copco to start up
- This purchase will be covered under CFA Grant #2

pH Meter – SC400 pH meter has been ordered. Quoted cost was \$3,200.00.

- New pH meter has been installed and calibrated, working well
- This purchase will be covered under CFA Grant #2

PLC Screen Revised Quote –

- The Authority has received a revised quote from Aira Filtra for a PLC screen of \$15,896.92.
- PLC ordered, should arrive mid-July 2025
- This purchase will be covered under CFA Grant #2

Water Leaks – No leaks currently

PA Small Water & Sewer Grant #1– Awarded \$418,302.00. All Documents Signed.

\$398,752.00 received so far from Grant,

Final Reimbursement submission has been paid.

Closeout of Grant #1 is pending.

Construction Loan – current balance is \$97,500, loan total \$150,000.00,

Loan end date October 5, 2026

Repayments begun January 2025 -\$2,500/month

PA SW&S Grant #2 – \$80,000 Grant awarded; all documents have been signed

New Filters and Equipment has been installed.

1st Grant submission sent in, received \$42,624.00 in reimbursement

Available to spend \$29,854.00 for reimbursement from Grant #2

Remaining Grant #2 Balance available - \$25,376.00

Source Water Protection Plan Steering Committee –

2025 Meeting was held February 25, 2025, 2025 report submitted

HRG to apply for 319 Watershed Grant on behalf of the FMA in 2025

American Tower Discussions – Current lease agreement ends August 23, 2039, Offer Tabled

Freeburg Water System Replacement Priorities Committee – Working on funding options

Local Share Account Grant Application – Submitted November 26, 2024, should be notified of any possible award of fund by Sept/Oct 2025 **0% Match**

Service Line Inspection – Completed, all but 3 units. Working on remediation follow-up

2024 Audit – Documents have been submitted to Wagner, Dreese and Elsasser for the audit to be completed.

PA SW&S Grant #3 Application - Project cost \$425,000.00 - **15% Match \$63,750**

- Application was submitted April 30, 2025

Appropriations Grant Submissions – Project cost \$1,792,000.00 - **20% Match \$358,400.00**

- Grant submission to Representative Glenn “GT” Thompson’s office
- Grant submission to Senator John Fetterman’s office

Well Shed – The shed covering the wells needs repaired. Discussion on possible options and cost. **\$1,400.00 approved for project supply costs**

Fire Protection Pressure Relief – Discussion of possible pressure relief for fire protection, opening more than one hydrant at a time to relieve pressure buildup

CORRESPONDENCE -None

NEW BUSINESS

Meter Reader Position – New employee needs to be hired. 4 times/year - quarterly

Project Funding Options for FMA Share if Grants are Received – Discussion

Sheralyn Hess Lawsuit – Possible Executive Session – Discussion

AUTHORITY MEMBER, SOLICITOR, EMPLOYEE CONCERNS

NEXT FREEBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MEETING – July 10, 2025 7 pm

APPROVAL OF ADJOURNMENT

2025 FMA Officers are:

Thomas Gingrich, President
Bruce Blades, Vice-President
John Reichenbach, Treasurer