

AGENDA
FREEBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MEETING
October 16, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Leak Issue at 3 West Church Street

Groundhogs being shot at towards the water treatment plant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING – September 11, 2025

APPROVAL OF THE CURRENT OUTSTANDING BILLS TO BE PAID – October 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
- Permit for additional filter was approved July 10, 2025
- Quote for Permit work & application \$1,847.55 from HRG

Corrosion Issue with Brine Solution on Pump –

- HRG billed for portion of pump expenses not reimbursed by Grant #1
- Invoice for \$250.00.

Water Leaks – No known leaks currently

PA Small Water & Sewer Grant #1– Awarded \$418,302.00. Grant Closed out

Construction Loan – current balance is \$87,500, 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

2nd Grant reimbursement submission for **\$29,813.76**, has been submitted.

- Air Compressor #2 Purchase –\$7,422.30
- pH Meter – SC400 pH Purchases - \$6,410.00
- PLC Screen Purchased - \$15,981.46

Source Water Protection Plan Steering Committee –

- 2025 Meeting was held February 25, 2025, 2025 report submitted
- HRG to help Wanda Kantz apply for 319 Watershed Grant, possible SU involvement

American Tower Discussions – Current lease agreement ends August 23, 2039, No new offers

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
- Will be resubmitting same project for 2025, upon recommendation of grant specialist.

Service Line Inspection – Completed, all follow-up remediation has been 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

- Proposed Project, water line replacement on Front Street up to new connections, Church Street from Whitetop Road to the bridge at Willow Street, and New Market Street from Whitetop Road to the bridge at Willow Street.
- This project will be resubmitted again for the 2027 budget appropriations in 2026

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

Possible Lawsuit – No new updated on this issue.

Reservoir Roof Repairs – Thomas Gingrich to assess repairs needed.

2026 Draft Budget review – For review and discussion

2026 Rate Increase Resolutions – 2 options, one option needs to be approved

Notice of Insurance Renewal – Renewal date is October 7, 2025,

- EMC insurance renewal quote is \$13,416.00 for the 2026 policy. \$1,000 deductible
 - \$475.00 increase from 2025 policy amount of \$12,941.00
- EMC insurance renewal quote with a \$2,500.00 deductible is \$13,003.00
 - \$62.00 increase from 2025 policy amount of \$12,941.00
- Selective Ins Quote received - \$8,740.00, details included in packet.

Road Repairs on North South Street at Feb 2025 Water Break Site – Borough Staff and Tom Gingrich made needed repairs using cold patch. Cold Patch costed \$170.50, still need worked hours.

Review of Billing Procedures – Discussion Topic

CORRESPONDENCE -None

NEW BUSINESS

Cracks in Water Treatment Building – Heat loss, Thomas Gingrich will review repair option.

2026 Meter Reading Dates -

2026 Meeting Dates -

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Consideration, if needed, of a motion for additional agenda item(s) that need to meet one of the following criteria: emergency business, matters arising within the past 24 hours, minor business raised during the meeting, or agenda changes approved by majority vote (with expressed reasons for the amendment item being stated for the minutes and the same to be posted the next business day).

AUTHORITY MEMBER, SOLICITOR, EMPLOYEE CONCERNS

NEXT FREEBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MEETING – November 13, 2025 7 pm

APPROVAL OF ADJOURNMENT

2025 FMA Officers are:

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