

AGENDA FREEBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – September 16, 2025

APPROVAL OF THE OUTSTANDING BILLS TO BE PAID – October 2025

PUBLIC CONCERNS (Time Limit 5 minutes Per Issue)

REPORT FROM FREEBURG FIRE CO.

REPORT FROM PA ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTION INC. (PESI) – Contract started Dec 1, 2021

October 2025 Monthly Report – Review of recent DEP results submitted and issues.

Issue with sewer plant -

CAP Response - Corrective Action Plan was submitted to DEP on December 1, 2022

WWTP Upgrades Permit – Permit has been approved

LSA Grant Request for Sewer Lining – Local Share Account Grant Request Submitted (\$500,000)

Appropriations Requests – Appropriations requests submitted to Representative Glenn “GT” Thompson and Senator John Fetterman’s offices have been forwarded to the next round of consideration.

PA Small Water & Sewer Grant Application – Submitted grant request for \$499,941.00

Sewer Connection Violations – Working on resolving those issues

RCAP Solutions, Inc Fee-For-Service Agreement – Needs to be approved. **\$250.00/1 year agreement**

Manhole Noise at 405 East Market Street – Discussed previously, not a simple repair due to location. Working on quote for repairs.

REPORT FROM MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY –

2025 LSA Grant Request for Market Street Water Line Replacement – Grant submitted (\$ 1 million), Re-submitting same project by Nov 30, 2025.

PA Small Water & Sewer Grant Application #3 – Submitted grant application for water line replacement on North South Street. Project estimated at \$425,000.00

2026 LSA Grant Request for Market Street Water Line Replacement –

- Encouraged by LSA grant coordinators to apply for same project as in 2025.
- Working on 2026 LSA grant application.

2026 Draft Budget Approved for Advertisement -

2026 Rate Increase Approved – from base rate of \$143.50 to \$160.00, effective 1st quarter 2026.

BOROUGH MAINTENANCE REPORT –

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE– *Catherine Dent, Chair; Angela Weaver, Tabbetha Vanhorn-Price*

2026 Budget – Draft budgets for review

Grants/Funding Report – Report of all Grants/Funding that the borough and FMA have applied for

ORDINANCES & PLANNING – *Tabbetha Vanhorn-Price, Chair; Erica Stephenson, John Wiegler*

Freeburg Aerial Photo – Approve Digital Purchase \$50.00, framed 20 X 28 Photo \$195.00

Freeburg Borough Property Maintenance Patrol for October 2025.

CK-COG Report – September 2025

Stray Cats Committee – The Stray Cat Committee has been working on trapping and spay/neutering appointments of the stray cats, Bruce and Sandy have been paying for additional vet care for the cats out of their pocket, donations for additional expenses can be given to Bruce and Sandy Blades. Spay/neutering now costs \$25.00/cat, plus travel expenses and meds.

*****Funding for this project has been cut for the spay/neuter of cats, additional funding is needed from borough for this project to continue. *****

Borough Ordinances on Website – Sierra Zeigler is working on this project

Ordinance Review – Start review and updating borough ordinances.

Hometown Hero Banners – Starting another round of Hometown Hero banner orders.

Borough Master Plan – The borough office suggests that a borough master plan (10-year plan) be developed to assist in grant planning for funding and to keep the future borough council on task for borough issues. Council members and change every two years.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – *Erica Stephenson, Chair; Catherine Dent, Weston Hoffman*

Internet Service for Community Center – Looking into other internet options, Penn Teladata.

Property Improvement Award – in addition to focusing on properties that are in disrepair, perhaps we could have a monthly or quarterly spotlight on properties that are looking good.

Staff Introductions on Website – Would staff (and members of the council and the authority) be interested in being featured on the website so that the community can get to know us.

Trick or Treat Night – Friday, October 31, 2025 for 6-8 pm, Council to approve

PUBLIC FACILITIES, SERVICES & SAFETY – *Weston Hoffman, Chair; Angela Weaver, Regina Moyer*

October 2025 Rental Income Report –

New Basketball Goal for Gym – *Estimated cost \$15,000* **Total donation received \$5,670.00**

Received \$5,000 from Battram Family Foundation Grant for this project.

Applied for a grant for a \$5,000 Walmart grant. Received \$500.00 grant.

Donations received - \$170.00

DCNR Grant Applications – Grant application has been submitted for the Freeburg Commons Planning.

East Front Street Bridge Replacement Project –

- R K Webster Working Project Design- \$39,900.00, Approved.
- Approved a Precast Concrete Box Culvert Bridge option – Est. cost \$164,700.00
- DCED Multimodal Grant request submitted and is being reviewed.

West Front Street Bridge –

- Quote for engineered design from Stahl Sheaffer, **\$14,000.00**
- Engineered plan is needed for grant applications.

TIP request letter – All other bridges have been requested to be added to Penn DOT TIP program for funding assistance.

Storm Drains– Borough Staff is working on some repairs for these issues

- Storm Water drainage along Front & South Street – Borough Staff and Engineer working on cost estimated for project.

Baseball Field Drainage Issues – repairs to be made during upcoming dry weather.

Handicap Ramp at Office Entrance –

- Cost estimated at \$43,000 from Stahl Sheaffer,
- Quote for engineered plan from Stahl Sheaffer, Needed for grant application.
- Possible LSA project for 2025
- 3 reported falls in the last two years, effecting our insurance coverage rates

CORRESPONDENCE - None

NEW BUSINESS

2026 Meeting Dates – Need to approve to advertise.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA & AMENDMENT TO AGENDA FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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).

COUNCIL, MAYOR, SOLICITOR, EMPLOYEE CONCERNS

NEXT BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS – November 18, 2025 at 7 pm

APPROVAL OF ADJOURNMENT