

AGENDA
FREEBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MEETING
February 12, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC CONCERNS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING – January 15, 2026

APPROVAL OF THE CURRENT OUTSTANDING BILLS TO BE PAID – February 2026

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Owen Professional Services (OPS) – January 2026 report

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

Corrosion Issue with Brine Solution on Pump –

- Brine Pump corrosion issue has been resolved currently

Heater Issues at Water Treatment Plant - Temporary repairs made.

Drain Hoses – Thomas Gingrich suggested installing 2 drain hoses to system relief valves.

- Estimated cost \$50 or less
- Thomas Gingrich can to the repair for the cost of parts only, no labor expense.

Water Leaks – No known leaks at this time.

Drought Watch –Voluntary Water Conservation Notice was issued February 5, 2026.

Meter Issues – Working with OPS to resolve ongoing meter reading issues. i.e. reading issues, fences, puck locations, etc.....

300 East Academy Road Receiving Public Water– Water meter to be installed per owner request

Construction Loan – current balance is \$77,500.00, loan total \$150,000.00,

- Loan end date October 5, 2026
- Repayments begun January 2025 -\$2,500/month
- Discuss refinancing remaining balance, review options.

Source Water Protection Plan Steering Committee –

- 2026 Meeting was held Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 1 pm
- 2026 Report will be submitted by February 28, 2026

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

- ATC's Right of First Refusal (ROFR) – \$5,000 signing bonus
- FMA countered with an \$8,000 request for the ROFR, originally declined by American Tower, then upon second review approved the \$8,000.00 ROFR request.
- Approved ROFR signing, authorized Thomas Gingrich as signer.

Freeburg Water System Replacement Priorities Committee – Working on funding options

Local Share Account Grant Application – 0% match required

- 2025 LSA grant has been submitted for \$980,668.00.

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

- Application was submitted April 30, 2025, **Did Not Received this grant.**
- Same project will be submitted for the 2026 grant application period.

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

Developing a Phased Water Line Replacement Project – Planning Phases starting in 2027, with discussion on possible PennVest loan/grant options for funding.

Possible Lawsuit – No new updated on this issue.

Reservoir Roof Repairs – Quote from Weatherproof Roofing, Inc. \$2,980.00 Discuss and Approve

CORRESPONDENCE -None

NEW BUSINESS

Updates to Water Service Rules and Regulations – i.e. Frozen pipes and meter/horn damages.

Purchase of New Water Meter Readers – 2 readers needed in the future. Quote for new meter readers is \$1,150.00, for a reader that will read the iPearl pods (old meters) and the Neptune Pods (new meters).

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 – March 12, 2026 7 pm

APPROVAL OF ADJOURNMENT

2026-2027 FMA Officers

Thomas Gingrich, President
Bruce Blades, Vice-President
John Reichenbach, Treasurer
Wanda Kantz, Secretary

The 2026 meter reading dates will be as follows, Approved 10/16/2025

1st Quarter – March 16 to 19, 2026

2nd Quarter – June 15 to 18, 2026

3rd Quarter – September 14 to 17, 2026

4th Quarter - December 14 to 17, 2026