

AGENDA FREEBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

February 17, 2026

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – January 20, 2026

PUBLIC CONCERNS (Time limit 5 minutes per issue)

REPORT FROM FREEBURG FIRE COMPANY –

COMMUNITY CENTER COORDINATOR REPORT – Trent Hoffman January 2026 Rental Income Report

REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) – Josh Owens and Wanda Kantz January 2026 Monthly Report from OPS – OPS services began 10/27/25

Corrective Action Plan (CAP) – CAP submitted to DEP on 12/1/2022, updated response provided on 10/9/2025. It has been one year since there was a physical overflow at the WWTP.

Local Share Account (LSA) Grant Request for Sewer Lining

- 2024 LSA Grant submitted for Market Street lining, project cost \$464,308.65. **Received 100% of grant request, project to begin Spring 2026.**
 - Application Authorization for Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) approved, 1/20/2026
 - Business Partner documentation – **Needs approval to complete**
- 2025 LSA Grant re-submitted for Market Street lining, project cost \$464,308.65.
 - Since we were awarded the 2024 Market Street Lining Project Grant, LSA-Statewide grant allowed us to revise our 2025 request. Proposed revised project: lining New Market Street, North Whitetop Road; from Route 35 to Academy Road; and North South Street from the intersection of New Market Street to Academy Road; estimated cost of project \$464,308.65.
 - Grant application revisions resolution approved, 1/20/2026
 - Grant application resubmitted, 1/27/26

Appropriations Requests

- Appropriations requests submitted to Representative Glenn “GT” Thompson and Senator John Fetterman’s offices. **Received \$750,000.00 toward our appropriations request for sewer lining and sanitation system rehabilitations, awaiting documentation to begin project.**

Door Repair at WWTP – Thomas Gingrich repaired WWTP door, cost of materials only \$43.86, no labor expenses. Ask solicitor about insurance coverage for volunteer work. Also, Tom requests approval to make repairs of \$500 or less without prior approval from council. **Needs to be approved.**

WWTP Planning (Act 537)

- Meeting with Mt. Pleasant Mills Municipal Authority Secretary – Tabbetha VanHorn Price and Sierra Zeigler met with Angela, secretary from Mt. Pleasant Mill Municipal Authority to discuss needs, exchange ideas, and learn helpful information regarding WWTP plant upgrades.

PA Small Water & Sewer Grant Application

- 2025 Grant Request – **Did not receive grant.**
- 2026 Grant Request – Possible grant request for 2 samplers for WWTP plant

Sewer Connection Violations – Working on resolving these issues

REPORT FROM MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – Tom Gingrich

20,000 Gallons/Day Water Leak – Currently working on detecting leak area.

2024 Local Share Account (LSA) Grant Request for Market Street Water Line Replacement

- Grant submitted (\$ 1 million), re-submitted for same project, 11/30/2025. **Did not receive grant.**

2025 Local Share Account (LSA) Grant Request for Market Street Water Line Replacement

- LSA grant submitted for 2025. Grant reviewed and forwarded to next round of review.

PA Small Water & Sewer Grant Application #3

- Submitted grant application for water line replacement on North South Street. Project estimated at \$425,000.00. **Did not receive grant.**

BOROUGH MAINTENANCE REPORT – Wayne Enders, Rob Heddens, John Stuck

Plowing Policy

Purchase of Snowblower – It would be beneficial for the borough to have a snowblower for use at the community center, fire company and post office.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE – Catherine Dent (Chair), Angela Weaver, Thomas Gingrich

Outstanding Bills to Be Paid, February, 2026 - Needs approval

Employee 6-Month Review – To be completed in February

Insurance Renegotiations – Wanda Kantz working on this.

Second Borough Credit Card – Credit card for Assistant Secretary, Sierra Zeigler. Approved, Wanda Kantz working on process.

Community Center Cost Analysis Review – Working on cost review and options.

Meetings with SEDA COG, DCED, Penn DOT, Local Government Representatives

ORDINANCES & PLANNING – Tabbetha Vanhorn-Price (Chair), Erica Stephenson, John Wiegler

Request for a Handicap Parking Sign at 18 East Market Street – Resident at 18 East Market Street has a disabled son; would like to know if handicap parking sign could be installed in front of home.

Street Renaming – Discuss renaming New East Street and South Street

Borough Master Projects Plan – Borough office suggests that a 10-Year Master Projects Plan be developed to assist in grant planning for funding and to keep the future borough council on task for borough issues.

Borough Ordinances Review/Website Update – Sierra Zeigler is working on this project

Freeburg Borough Property Maintenance Report – No patrols from Nov – March

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Erica Stephenson (Chair), Tabbetha VanHorn Price

Internet Service for Community Center – Penn Teladata internet has been installed in the Borough Office and the Community Center. There is a guest login for community center users to access.

Facebook – Erica Stephenson requests permission to post to Facebook. **Need to be approved.**

Hometown Hero Banners – 2026 Banner order has been submitted.

Memorial Day Events – Planning has begun for the 2026 Memorial Day celebration. Volunteers are needed to set up chairs, help monitor crowd, etc. Apply for Penn DOT Special Event Permit for May 25, 2026. **Needs to be approved.**

Golf Tournament – A golf tournament has been proposed to raise money to benefit the Freeburg-Washington Borough building (for upgrades and repairs). Volunteers needed to get the town involved, etc.

Yard Sales – Proposed dates of May 7-9, 2026. Post on website and Facebook. **Needs to be approved.**

DCNR Planning Grant Work – Grant application submitted for the Freeburg Commons Planning.

Received grant match of \$23,700.00. Borough match (50%) is \$23,700.00. Awaiting documentation to begin project.

Staff Introductions on Website – Borough Council and Staff member are posted on the website, with committee assignments and term ending dates.

National Register of Historic Places – Sierra Zeigler and Trent Hoffman are working on this application.

PUBLIC FACILITIES, SERVICES & SAFETY – Regina Moyer, Chair; Angela Weaver, Thomas Gingrich

DCED Multi-Modal Transportation Fund – Project(s) needs to be determined (for example, road paving) to apply for this grant. Application opens March 2026, due in July 2026.

Community Center Vision Casting – looking for potential sponsorships/partnerships

2026 County Aid Project – Need to determine 2026 projects: possibilities include Market St. Street signs, patching of potholes.

2026-2027 Costars Salt Contract – 2 truckloads of salt approved 1/20/2026, 44 tons, submitted.

New Basketball Goal for Gym – Estimated cost \$15,000; total funds received to date: \$5,670.00. Applied for Fern & Gladys Moyer Memorial Trust Grant for \$5,000.00

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, received grant for \$164,700.00. Awaiting grant documentation and results of insurance claim before starting project.**

Damage to East Front Street Bridge – Damaged by DH&L ambulance on 10/21/2025. Reported to EMC insurance, borough insurance, Kratzer’s Insurance Agency, DH&L Ambulance insurance. Bridge Closed, Cost - \$689.59, bills submitted to DH&L Insurance Carrier. William Orr & Sons inspected bridge for guiderail repairs; major repairs need to be made to the bridge before new guiderails can be installed. Bridge replacement quote submitted to DH&L’s insurance carrier.

West Front Street Bridge Replacement Project – Quote for engineered design from Stahl Sheaffer, \$14,000.00, *tabled 10/22/2025*. Engineered plan is needed for grant applications. Looking into other options for bridge replacement.

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

Manhole Noise at 405 East Market Street – Discussed previously; not a simple repair due to location. Quote received from Dave Gutelius, Inc. for repair, \$5,400.00. Requesting additional quotes. Project on hold until at least Spring 2026.

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 estimates for project.

CORRESPONDENCE

NEW BUSINESS

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 – March 17, 2026 at 7PM

APPROVAL OF ADJOURNMENT