

## AGENDA FREEBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

May 19, 2026

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES** – April 21, 2026

**PUBLIC CONCERNS** (Time limit 5 minutes per issue)

### FREEBURG FIRE COMPANY REPORT –

**Firemen’s Carnival** – June 24 to 27, 2026, Parade Thursday, June 25 at 7 pm

### COMMUNITY CENTER COORDINATOR REPORT – Trent Hoffman

**April 2026 Rental Income Report**

**Community Center Vision Casting** – looking for potential sponsorships/partnerships

#### Gym Renovation

Ceiling Replacement – Quote with discount: \$10,950.00 from Timber Haven

Flooring Quotes – Waiting on quotes

Wall Padding Quotes – Waiting on quotes

**Golf Tournament** – June 11, 2026

### REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) – Josh Owens and Wanda Kantz

**April 2026 Monthly Report from OPS** – OPS services began 10/27/25

**Sampler Ordered** – \$11,180.00/sampler.

**Bio-Neutralizer** – Price Quote from L/B Water \$170.00/bucket, currently paying \$198.25/bucket. Approved.

#### 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 – Approved 3/17/2026, Submitted
  - Grant Contract documents have been received
  - Grant Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 10:30 am

**Sewer Connection Violations** – Working on resolving these issues

### REPORT FROM MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – Thomas Gingrich

**Solar Field Discussion** – Led by Thomas Gingrich and Catherine Dent

**Water Leaks** – Working on additional leak detection.

#### 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.

#### Appropriations Request

- Submitted to Glen “GT” Thompson, John Fetterman, and Dave McCormick’s office.
- Glen “GT” Thompson selected our project as one of 20 forwarded to Senate Appropriations committee.

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

### REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

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

**Outstanding Bills to Be Paid, May 2026 - Needs approval**

**Insurance Renegotiations** – Wanda Kantz contacted Purdy Insurance for Insurance quote.

**Employee Training Opportunities**

**Community Center Cost Analysis** – Working with Rec Association

**Budget Review** – First quarter review underway

**Next committee meeting** – June 30, 3:00

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

**Freeburg Borough Property Maintenance Report** – May 2026 report for review

**CK COG Report** - Review

**Code Assessment Professionals** – Review information regarding their services and costs.

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

**Borough Ordinances Review/Website Update** – Committee input required. Report Attached

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

**Memorial Day Events** – May 25, 2026

**Shared Computer Files for Borough Council Member to Access** – Discussion topic

**Comcast Franchising Agreement** – Representative to attend June 16, 2026 meeting

**Freeburg Commons Planning** – Received DCNR grant match of \$23,700.00. Borough match (50%) is \$23,700.00. Grant documentation received. Project officially started.

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

**Willow Street Paving Project** – Review bids and possibly award project

**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.

\*\*Review estimates for bridge and road repairs.\*\*

**2026 County Aid Project** – 2026 Project to patch potholes, list started. \$550.00 Project Submitted.

**New Basketball Goal for Gym** – Estimated cost \$15,000; total funds received to date: \$8,243.00

Applied to Battram grant and Leon Fultz Foundation for additional funding.

**East Front Street Bridge Replacement Project** – R K Webster Working Project Design for Precast

Concrete Box Culvert Bridge - \$39,900.00, approved. Est. cost \$164,700.00. Received DCED

Multimodal Grant for \$164,700.00. All grant documents have been received. Engineer's timeline was presented. R K Webster invoice for \$4,918 needs to be approved.

**Damage to East Front Street Bridge** – Bridge Closed, Cost - \$689.59, bills submitted to DH&L Insurance.

DH&L Insurance policy covers costs not covered by borough insurance (deductible expenses)

Attorney Cravitz will send a letter to DH&L Ambulance regarding a settlement offer.

**Moving of Barricades for Lawn Mowers-** There have been requests to move the bridge barricades

enough so lawn mowers can cross the bridge. Borough Council voted to keep bridge closed to all traffic. Mayor Bickhart wants barricades moved for lawn mowers. Discussion.

**West Front Street Bridge Replacement Project** – Ben Showers, Stahl Sheaffer Engineering

Quote for engineered design from Stahl Sheaffer, \$14,000.00, *tabled 10/22/2025*. Looking into

other options for bridge replacement. Engineer Plan needed to apply for grants for bridge replacement. Penn DOT suggested re-topping bridge at an estimated cost of \$40,000.00, but this is not recommended in the inspection report and doesn't include abutments. Discussion.

**TIP request letter** – All other bridges added to Penn DOT TIP program for funding assistance.

**Storm Drains** – Borough Staff working on repairs for 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 – June 16, 2026 at 7PM**

**APPROVAL OF ADJOURNMENT**