

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE FREEBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL**

April 21, 2026

Approved May 19, 2026

The council of Freeburg Borough, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, held its regular monthly meeting on this date in the meeting room of the Freeburg Community Building. Members of the council present were: Catherine Dent, President, presiding; Tabbetha VanHorn Price, Angela Weaver, Regina Moyer, Thomas Gingrich and John Wiegler.

Others present were: Mayor Richard “Bud” Bickhart, Attorney Matthew Cravitz, Josh Owens, OPS LLC; Jason Martin, Freeburg Vol. Fire Co.; Trent Hoffman, Wayne Enders, Rob Heddens, John Stuck, Sierra Zeigler, John Reichenbach, and Wanda Kantz.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by John Wiegler and seconded by Angela Weaver the minutes of March 17, 2026 meeting were approved by the Borough Council.

PUBLIC CONCERNS –

Complaint – A community member submitted a complaint for someone following her while she is out walking with her children. After review and discussion, the Borough Council determined that this complaint needs to be handled through the PA State Police, if the complainant so chooses. The complainant will be notified of the Borough Council determination.

REPORT FROM FREEBURG FIRE CO. – Jason Martin

From March 23 to April 21, 2026 there were 23 Calls; 2 within the borough, 7 in Washington Township and 14 Mutual aid.

The Freeburg Fire Police would like to thank Freeburg Borough Council for the generous donation towards the traffic control unit.

COMMUNITY CENTER COORDINATOR REPORT – Trent Hoffman

March 2026 Income - \$1,353.00

Gym Ceiling Damage – The cost of the repairs is less than the insurance policy deductible of \$2,500.00. No claim will be filed. Sierra Zeigler and Trent Hoffman are looking into grant options for improvements to the gymnasium. A quote for a new wood ceiling in the gym is \$10,950.00 for materials only. Trent Hoffman has volunteers will to do the installation work for the ceiling project. This will be discussed at a future Borough Council meeting.

Community Center Cost Analysis – A cost analysis is being reviewed by the Administration and Finance Committee along with Trent Hoffman. This report details most of the costs for the community center for 2025. This is a starting point for review and discussion of community center expenses and revenues.

Community Center Visioning – Sierra Zeigler suggests working on a Vision for the Community Center of possible programs and partnerships to help benefit the building. This visioning will be helpful for grant applications and approaching area business for support of the Community Center. Sierra Zeigler has been in contact with WellSpan regarding possible grant options.

Community Service Hours – Trent Hoffman has been contracted by someone in need of community services hours, and he will be utilizing this help to clean up around the community center and to help with mulching around the trees and memorial at the flag pole.

Coach & 31 Bingo – April 26th

Golf Tournament, June 11th – There is a golf tournament being planned for **June 11th at the Shade Mountain Golf Course** to benefit projects at the community center.

OPS, LLC REPORT – The April 2026 report from OPS, LLC regarding the Waste Water System was reviewed. Average Gallons Per Day (GPD): 106,800 Maximum GPD: 224,600

****March 2026 has been the wettest March according to all weather records. ****

Completed Tasks

- Routine daily operations
- Monthly Wastewater Reports submitted, no violations or over flows
- Picked up Dechlor at L/B water for effluent
- Chapter 94 preparation and submission
- Corrective Action Plan Update-included in Chapter 94 Report.
- Penn DOT Meeting
- Bulk order of Dechlorination, quote and procurement

Ongoing Tasks

- Clarifier #1b is partially clogged. Cleaning and hauling scheduled for 4/22
- Sampler Discussion
- Clarifier divider repairs
- LSA Grant Awarded for Route 35 lining project
- Route 35 Lining HOP permit submitted
- Revised LSA Grant for 2026 to New Market and White Top Road – Awaiting announcement
- Appropriations Awarded, Awaiting contract information
- Estimates for stormwater work along softball field
- DCNR Grant awarded, waiting for contract information
- Manhole asphalt removal quotes, waiting for J. D. Feaster and Mid State Paving quotes, waiting on Grant information to see if this can be included in Project.

Identified Items/Tasks

- WWTP planning (Act 537)

Additional Items Discussed at Meeting

- **Guideline for Sewer Contractors**, no drilling of lines, only jetting is to be used. Policy to be created and shared with local sewer repair contractors.
- **Dichlorination Bulk Purchase** – L/B water has quoted a price of \$170.00 per bucker for Dichlorination tables including delivery if we purchase an entire pallet at a time. This adds up to a \$988.75 cost saving for the materials. ***Thomas Gingrich made a motion to approve the purchase of 1 pallet of dichlorination tablets from L/B Water, Angela Weaver seconded, the Borough Council members unanimously approved the motion. Josh Owens will contact L/B Water to place the order.***
- **Quote for Samplers** – Joshua Owens reviewed the quote for samples of \$11,180.00 each, two samplers are needed. An effluent sampler is the most urgent need. The samples would also need an electrical connection which would cost an additional \$300.00-400.00. This purchase will be discussed at a future meeting. ***Thomas Gingrich made a motion to***

approve the purchase of one sampler, John Wiegler seconded and the Borough Council member unanimously approved the motion. Josh Owens will start the process to order the sampler.

WWTP Repairs – DEP would like an evaluation of the interior of the clarifier, which will include dewatering, cleaning and evaluation the partition wall, piping, etc.

Cross-Connection on Market Street – During smoke testing a cross-connection issue was discovered on Market Street. Dye testing was approved at the August 15, 2023 meeting. Dye testing was done in Spring 2025 and the dye didn't go the same way as the smoke testing did. Further investigations showed no cross connection.

I&I Reduction and Service Line Inspections – Service line inspections have been completed; 3 unit were unable to be inspected. Remediation inspections have been done to follow-up on issues that needed to be repaired. Violation letters giving 90 days for repairs to be completed, and inspections will be enforced with possible expenses have been mailed. Remediation letters have been mailed to all concerned properties, repairs are being made and follow-up inspections are being completed. Remediation completed letter have been mailed to residents who have completed the needed repairs. Second round of reminder letter sent out to property owners.

2024 Local Share Account (LSA) Grant Request – Sierra Zeigler submitted a Local Share Account (LSA) grant request application for lining of the sewer lines on Market Street, requested amount, \$464,349.00. LSA Grant request was submitted by November 30, 2024. **Freeburg Borough received \$464,349.00 in grant awards, with no match required.**

- **Approval of HOP Permit Application** – A Highway Occupancy Permit is needed for the Market Street sewer lining project. Angela Weaver made a motion to approve the Highway Occupancy Permit, Tabbetha VanHorn Price seconded, and the Borough Council member unanimously approved the motion (1/20/2026). Josh Owens will submit the required HOP permit.
- **Need to Complete Business Partner Agreement with PennDOT** – Erica Stephenson made a motion to approve the Penn DOT Business Partnership Agreement, John Wiegler seconded and the Borough Council member unanimously approved the motion (March 17, 2026). **Wanda Kantz and Joshua Owens will work on completing the Penn DOT Business Partnership agreement documents.**

2025 Local Share Account (LSA) Grant Request, Revision – Wanda Kantz re-submitted a Local Share -Statewide Account (LSA) grant request application for lining of the sewer lines on Market Street, requested amount \$464,349.00. LSA Grant request was submitted by November 30, 2025. Since receiving the 2024 LSA-Statewide grant for \$464,439.00. DCED is allowing the borough to revise out 2025 LSA-Statewide grant request. Josh Owens suggested submitting the revised grant request for lining sewer lines on New Market Street and Whitetop Road at an estimated cost of \$464,308.65.

Appropriations Requests - Appropriation requests have been accepted by U.S. Representative Glenn "GT" Thompson and Senator John Fetterman's offices. Both appropriations requested have been forwarded onto the next round for consideration. **Freeburg Borough received \$750,000.00 in appropriations funding.**

Manhole Noise near 405 East Market Street - This issue has been inspected, the manhole cover is sealed down by the seal coat that was applied recently, so that is not what is making the noise. Josh Owens thinks the issue may be under the manhole covering system, involving the manhole covering system and the piping under the cover.

- Quote from Dave Gutelius, Inc. for this project of \$5,400.00.
- Quote from J. D. Feaster Earthworks, Inc. for this project is \$4,980.00

Additional quotes for repairs will be requested. After discussion the borough council would like to contact PennDOT regarding some of the issue regarding this manhole and have them look at this problem and get additional quotes for needed repairs for a Spring 2026 project.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY REPORT –

2025 FMA LSA Grant –An /LSA grant request for \$1,000.000, to replace water lines on Market Street. LSA grant request was submitted by Nov 30, 2025. This grant has been reviewed and forwarded on to the next round of review. Waiting for award announcement.

Water Leaks - FMA members and OPS, LLC staff have used listening equipment to help detect leak areas, PA Rural Water has also been contacted help located water leaks. Three (3) leaks have been detected and have been repaired or are in the process of being repaired. The FMA is still continuing to investigate for additional leaks. Also, the overflow pipe in the reservoir is broken, so the water level in the reservoir will be lowered so the repairs can be made to the overflow pipe in the future.

Appropriations Requests – Appropriations requested have been submitted for 2027 budget consideration to Representative Glen “GT” Thompson, Senator David Fetterman and Senator Mike McCormick offices. **The FMA has received notice from Glen “GT” Thompson’s office that he has selected the FMA request as one of the twenty projects he is forwarding onto the Senate Appropriations committee for review.**

BOROUGH STATUS REPORT –

- Community Center and Playground area has been mulched
- Wood chips need to be spread around the playground equipment.
- Mowing for ball fields – ongoing project
- Street sign at the corner of Market and Willow streets needs to be repaired
- Little League Ball Field Drainage project – this project started on March 27th and completed on April 19, 2026.
- Gas Pump Issues – There are issues with the gas pump for the equipment. The pump will only pump gas out of the tank till the tank is a little more than half empty. A new fuel transfer pump is estimated at \$600.00. ***Angela Weaver made a motion to purchase a new fuel transfer pump at an estimated cost of \$600.00, Catherine Dent seconded, motion was approved unanimously by the Borough Council members.***
 - After discussion, it was decided to use a hand siphon pump as a temporary fix for this issue and then budget for a new tank and fuel transfer pump in the 2027 budget. ***Catherine Dent made a motion to strike the previous motion for purchase of a new fuel transfer pump, Thomas Gingrich seconded and the Borough Council members unanimously approved the motion, the previous motion will be nullified.***

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE – *Catherine Dent, Chair; Angela Weaver and Thomas Gingrich.*

Approval to Pay Bills – April 2026

- \$5,461.29 in Borough bills were presented for review

- \$8,203.05 in WWTP bills were presented for review.
- ***On a motion by John Wiegler the April 2026 bills presented were approved for payment, seconded by Tabbetha VanHorn Price, the motion was unanimously approved by the Borough Council members.***
- Wanda Kantz will pay the approved bills.

Community Center Expenses Review – The A&F Committee is working with Trent Hoffman and Freeburg Washington Rec Association to review expenses/income for community center building.

Employee 6-month Meeting– The A&F Committee has completed all the employee reviews.

Susquehanna Internship Program – Brayden Sanfelice, SU intern has begun working in the borough office on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, assisting with grant research, his internship will continue through the end of April 2026. New intern to be requested through SU.

Insurance Coverage Review and Request for Quotes – Wanda Kantz has been working with local insurance carriers to get new quotes for insurance rates; hopefully we will have an insurance coverage quote for the May 19, 2026 meeting to review.

Second Borough Credit Card – It has been suggested getting a second borough credit card for the Assistant Secretary, Sierra Zeigler. Application has been submitted, waiting to hear from Central Penn Bank. The second borough credit card has been received.

Committee Meeting – The A&F Committee has received a recommendation to schedule monthly committee meetings so office staff is aware and able to help assist with any items the committees may need to review.

ORDINANCES & PLANNING – *Tabbetha VanHorn Price, Chair, Erica Stephenson and John Wiegler*

Current Property Maintenance Report –April 2026 Report

Current Issues –

201 West Market Street – Garbage/Junk around perimeter of house. **Letter to be sent**

205 North White Top Road – Garbage/Junk, ongoing issue, **Refer to CK COG**

207 North White Top Road - Garbage/- in the backyard. **Letter to be sent**

1 West Front Street – Garbage/Junk in the backyard among the shrubs. **Refer to CK COG**

4 West Front Street – Garbage/Junk at the garage, Unstable fence in the front of house. **Refer to CK COG**

109 East Market Street - Garbage/Junk at the back of the property. **Letter to be sent**

401 East Front Street – 2 unlicensed Vehicles. **Letter to be sent**

12 East Front Street – Weeds, **Refer to CK COG**

Referred to CK COG:

205 North Whitetop Road – Garbage/Debris, entire property – Citations has been filed, contacted CK COG again regarding repeated issues

4 West Front Street – Garbage/Rubbish under garage port – Ongoing issue

12 East Front Street – Weeds - Additional complaints of rodents and fleas, Contacted CK COG again regarding new issues

1 West Front Street – Junk/Garbage, abandoned property,

Garage at 111 West Market Street – The property owner at 111 West Market Street, who was approved for a residential garage, and then constructed a larger structure and began operating a commercial garage, would like the borough to give CK COG their approval for approving the commercial garage due to changes that are being made in anticipation of the commercial garage being approved by CK COG. After discussion with CK COG, a new commercial building permit will have to be submitted, including a request for a 10' property offset variance, and a plan for customer parking not along borough roadways. The Property owners will be notified of these requirements. According to CK COG this is an un-permitted garage/structure. **According to CK-COG this is an unpermitted structure.**

Cat Colonies – Bruce and Sandy Blades have been working to control a colony in their residence area and Sandy has significant knowledge on how to work with feral cat colonies and is willing to help with this project. They shared some of the process to trap the cats, get them to the neuter/spay clinic and after care. Possible organizations to help with this issue are Alley Cat Allies and SUN Pets. Additional funding will be needed for additional procedures and medications. Donations for additional vet care expenses can be made to Sandy Blades.

Ordinances on Borough Website – Sierra Zeigler is working on getting all current and active ordinances on the borough website. **Sierra Zeigler has been reading through old borough council meeting minutes researching old ordinances. Sierra Zeigler will be working on matching up the meeting minutes with ordinances for proof of approvals. This project will be worked on over the summer months.**

Hometown Hero Banner – 2026 Hometown Hero Banner order has been submitted.

Borough Master Plan (10-year plan)– The borough office staff would like to create a Freeburg Borough Master Plan (10-year plan) to help coordinate borough projects in a time frame that would cover several council member changes, so projects do not get lost in the face of changing leadership. This plan would include project details and a time line. The borough council members are asked to include any input on this plan, especially projects such as sewer plant upgrade, sewer lining, bridge repairs and replacements, road repairs, drainage issues, parks, etc. There are still a lot of details to coordinate with the plan, but discussion is a great starting point. Street paving option are being researched for this plan. **Erica Stephenson and Sierra Zeigler are working on writing up a draft of the plan, Joshua Owens will also assist as needed for this project.**

Freeburg Commons Planning Grant –The Borough has received a DCNR planning grant for **\$23,700.00, with a borough match of 50% (\$23,700.00).** Now, the planning process can begin. We will be working with landscape architect and holding community input planning meetings for this project.

Street Name Changes - There has been some preliminary discussions about changing some of the street names within the borough. The Post Office receives complaints about street names on a regular basis.

- **South Street** – to possibly Maple Street, 6 properties affected
- **New East Street** – to possibly Spruce Street, 5 properties affected
- **Alley Names**
 - **Cherry Alley**, already named, between Front and Market St.
 - **Pear Alley**, Between Market and Church Street
 - Consider changing name since there is a Pear Tree Lane within the borough already.

- Possible Names: Apricot, Peach, Plum, Mulberry
- **Apple Alley**, between Church & New Market Streets
- **Unnamed Alley**, between New Market Street and Academy Road
- Possible Names: Apricot, Peach, Plum, Mulberry

A survey was included in the newsletter for the community to share input on this issue. Per survey results, there is not enough interest in pursuing this project.

New Property Maintenance Patrol Company – The Borough Council has received information regarding another codes assessment professional company, *Codes Assessment Professionals*. This information was shared with council members **and the committee will review and discuss this information, and report back to the Borough Council at a future meeting.**

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

Upcoming Events

Community Yard Sales - May 7 to 9, 2026

Memorial Day Parade – May 25, 2026

Carnival June 24 to 27, 2026; Parade – June 25, 2026 7 pm

Shared Computer Files for Council Member – Erica Stephenson had raised idea of a shared computer file for information for the council members to access, i.e. budgets, meeting minutes, quotes for purchases, etc. Sierra Zeigler reached out to PSAB and there is no issue with using this type of system according to them. **Erica Stephenson will research options and share at a future Borough Council meeting. Weston Hoffman will also be contacted about this project for his input.**

Community Communication – The Hyper-Reach System has been set-up and is in operation. Posters and flyers have been posted to share information on this system with the community. Currently there are 207 community members signed up for this program with phone numbers and email contacts.

Cable TV Connection – As part of the franchise agreement one free cable TV connection is allowed per property. **Wanda Kantz is working with Service Electric to have this installed in the Senior Center Room.**

National Register of Historic Places – Sierra Ziegler suggested submitting the community center building to the National Register of Historic Places, this designation would be beneficial to the community for future grant funding for projects at the community center building.

Certified Local Government Program – Sierra Ziegler has also been researching the certified local government program to review if this program may be of a benefit for Freeburg Borough.

Golf Tournament to Benefit the Community Center – A community member who has organized several successful golf tournaments is offering to organize a tournament to benefit the community center. **Per Attorney Robert Cravitz this event needs to be organized and run under the Freeburg Washington Recreation Center umbrella, due to the fact that borough council cannot spend taxpayer money on this project.**

Possible Franchise Agreement with Comcast – Comcast has reached out to the Borough Council about entering into a franchise agreement with them. **Matthew Cravitz will review our existing franchise agreement with Service Electric to see if there are any issues with this possible**

Comcast agreement. This issue will be reviewed and discussed at a future Borough Council meeting.

PUBLIC FACILITIES, SERVICES AND SAFETY – Regina Moyer, Chair, Angela Weaver and Thomas Gingrich.

New Basketball Goals – Total cost for two new goals is \$15,000.00. Fern & Gladys Moyer Memorial Trust grant, we did not receive an award of funds. Community Giving grant program awarded us \$2,500.00 towards this project. It has been suggested to contact the Middleswarth foundation regarding this project for possible support. A 2026 grant request was submitted to the Bartrum Family Grant for the remaining funding for this project. **Total grants and donations toward this project are \$8,170.00.**

New Batting Cage – The current batting cage at the little league field needs to be replaced, Wanda Kantz and Sierra Zeigler will work on contacting area schools to see if they may have a used batting cage to donate or sell at a reasonable cost. Sierra Zeigler contacted local high schools and they do not have anything available at this time. Also, grant options will be review for the project.

East Front Street Bridge Project –Randall Webster presented three design options for the East Front Street Bridge Project,

- Precast Concrete Box Culvert \$164,700.00, was approved
- **DCED Multimodal Grant Request** – Grant was submitted for \$184,800.00 for the replacement of the East Front Street bridge.
- Thomas Gingrich would like a written response from the engineer, R. K. Webster that all suture engineering costs will be covered by grant funds. **Wanda Kantz will contact R. K. Webster for this documentation.**
- **Freeburg Borough was awarded \$184,800.00 from the DCED-Multimodal grant program for this project. No matching funds required.**
- **All Grant documents have been signed, waiting for final review by DCED legal team.**

East Front Street Bridge Damaged – Damaged by DH&L ambulance – October 21, 2025

- Reported to EMC Ins, Borough Ins.
- Reported to Kratzer’s ins. agency, DH&L Ambulance ins.
- Bridge Closed, Cost- \$689.59, bills submitted to DH&L Insurance Carrier
- William Orr & Sons came to inspected the bridge for guiderail repairs on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, stated that the guild rails cannot be replaced due to the condition of the bridge, due to the damages caused by the impact of the ambulance.
- Wanda Kantz also submitted the bill for the bridge replacement project to the insurance company also.
- **DH&L Insurance Carrier will only cover what expenses are not covered by our insurance, i. e. deductible amount.**
- Matthew Cravitz suggested sending a letter to DH&L regarding the bridge damage and requesting a settlement for the repairs. **Angela Weaver made a motion to have the attorney send a settlement letter to DH&L regarding the bridge damages with a settlement offer, Tabbetha VanHorn Price seconded, the Borough Council Members unanimously approved the motion.**
- **Barricades have been moved** – The barricades closing the bridge to traffic have been moved. A community member moved the barricades for his convenience. After discussion, **the barricades will be moved back into place, and the bridge will remain closed to all traffic until totally repaired. Thomas Gingrich will**

have a conversation with the community member regarding the borough council members' wishes.

- A timeline for this project has been submitted by the engineer, R. K. Webster, LLC. Timeline is included in packet for council review.

West Front Street Bridge – Bridge originally installed in the 1960's.

- Stahl Sheaffer Engineering inspected the West Front Street bridge and recommend the weight limit be decreased to 3 tons.
- 3-ton weight limit signs have been installed.
- Stahl Sheaffer has submitted a quote for an engineered plan for the replacement of the West Front St. bridge of \$14,000.00. At this time the borough council would like to table this issue to look into other repair options.
- Council members would like Wanda Kantz to contact Penn DOT about a possible pipe replacement option for this bridge repair. Wanda Kantz will email our representative at PennDOT for his input.
- Brian Haight from Penn DOT has been contacted and he is working on coordinating a meeting with Don Keil from SEDA-COG to come and review the bridges and discuss possible repair/replacement options.
- Acrow bridge systems have been review and they are not a cost-effective option for this project, per the company.

Penn DOT TIP List – Wanda Kantz has been able to get all the borough bridges listed on the county and Penn DOT TIP list for future funding assistance for repairs. The Borough has been informed there is tentative approval for a borough bridge funding project in 2029

Storm Drains – There are some issues with storm drains in the borough, borough staff will investigate these issues and come up with possible resolutions for the problems.

- **Front & South Street** – Penn DOT stated that storm drains are the borough responsibility and they cannot help with this type of project.
- **Repair Estimate from Joshua Owens, OPS, LLC** – Joshua Owens shared a cost estimated for the storm drain project of \$23,700.00. The borough council will take this estimate under consideration and continue to review other possible repair options.
- Washington Township is unable to help with any storm drain repairs.

Structure Review Meeting – A structure review meeting will be held with PennDOT and borough council member on May 24, 2026 from 9-11 am to review all borough bridges and roads. Brian Height from Penn DOT will help compile road paving estimates for various projects to be review and offer bridge repair options. After this meeting the committee will have recommendations for possible DCED Multi-Modal Grant projects.

2026 County Aid Projects –Angela Weaver made a motion to approve the 2026 County Aid Project of pothole patching, Thomas Gingrich seconded and the Borough Council members unanimously approved the motion (3-17-2026). **Wanda Kantz will work on submitting the project to Penn DOT for approval.**

Little League Baseball Field Drainage Project – Project has been completed.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

NEW BUSINESS –

East New Market Street Bridge Repairs – With PennDOT reviewing our community bridges, it was discussed that culvert rehabilitation may be a feasible option for this project. Brian Haight our Penn DOT representative, reached out to National Gunitite for a quote to do Gunitite concrete rehabilitation on the East Front Street bridge, the company submitted a quote of \$35,114.00. The Borough Council member have decided to research other repair options for this project.

CK COG as Floodplain Ordinance Administrator – CCK COG needs the borough council to re-appoint them as the borough’s floodplain ordinance administrator. ***Angela Weaver made a motion to re-appoint CK COG as Freeburg Borough’s Floodplain Ordinance Administrator, Catherine Dent seconded and the Borough Council Members unanimously approved the motion. Wanda Kantz will get the documents signs and sent to CK COG.***

PSAB Annual Conference – PSAB would like all PA Boroughs to submit a photo of their welcome sign. After discussion the borough council member thought that Freeburg Borough should submit a photo of our welcome to Freeburg sign. **Sierra Zeigler will submit the photo to PSAB**

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 –

Richard “Bud” Bickhart – The Mayor is looking for assistance to place flags on the veterans’ graves at the community cemeteries in honor of Memorial Day. Any help greatly appreciated.

Holiday Pay for Assistant Borough Secretary – Discussion led to need for executive session.

**** Executive Session – Borough Council entered into an executive session at 8:45 PM**

Executive Session ended at 8:49 pm.

Angela Weaver made a motion to pay the assistant borough secretary for three hours (half her normal scheduled work hours) for each approved holiday that falls on a Monday through Thursday. No pay for holidays that fall on Friday/Saturday/Sunday. Tabbetha VanHorn Price seconded, and the Borough Council members unanimously approved the motion.

The next meeting of the Borough Council will be Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 7 pm.

A motion was made by Angela Weaver, seconded by Thomas Gingrich to adjourn. Motion carried.

The Borough Council meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Wanda Kantz, Secretary

COMMITTEE ISSUES TO BE WORKED ON

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE – *Catherine Dent, Chair; Angela Weaver and Thomas Gingrich Price.*

- **Community Center Expense Review**
- **Employee Reviews**
- **SU internship program**
- **Insurance Quotes**
- **Grant/Funding opportunities**

ORDINANCES & PLANNING – *Tabbatha VanHorn Price, Chair, Erica Stephenson and John Wiegler*

- **Community Property Maintenance Patrols**
- **Stray Cat Colonies**
- **Organizing Ordinances for Website**
- **Hometown Hero Banners**
- **Borough Master Plan**
- **Review of Additional Property Maintenance Patrol Agencies**
- **DCNR Freeburg Commons Planning Grant**
- **Possible Street Name Changes**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – *Erica Stephenson, Chair, Tabbatha VanHorn Price*

- **Community Events**
- **Community Engagement**
- **National Register of Historic Places**
- **Certified Local Government Program**
- **Shared Computer Files**

PUBLIC FACILITIES, SERVICES AND SAFETY – *Regina Moyer, Chair, Angela Weaver and Thomas Gingrich*

- **Community Center Issues**
 - **Painting of gym – quote of \$6,250.00**
 - **Roof Leaks & downspout issues**
 - **Basketball Goals - \$15,000.00 replacement estimated**
- **Bridge repairs**
- **Recreation Rehab and Expansion Plan - at Ball Fields/Master Plan/DCNR Grant**
 - **Little League Batting Cage Replacement**
 - **Soccer goals**
- **Storm Drain Projects**
- **Street Paving Projects**
- **2026 County Aid Project**
 - **Patching potholes**