

AGENDA FREEBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

June 16, 2026

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – May 19, 2026

PUBLIC CONCERNS (Time limit 5 minutes per issue)

Building Permit Request – 307 East New Market Street. Lean-to for boat storage attached to existing shed, estimated 4 feet from property line in back of property.

Burning in Borough – Community Concerns

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

May 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 – Recap of event

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

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

Sampler Received and Installed

DEP, Clean Water Program – Inspection report

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 – completed
 - Grant Contract documents have been received
 - Grant Meeting completed
 - Josh Owens working on mapping and marking project

Sewer Connection Violations – Working on resolving these issues

REPORT FROM MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – Thomas Gingrich

Solar Field Discussion – Community Informational Meeting, June 29, 2026 at 7 pm in gym

Water Leaks – all detected leaks have been repaired.

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, June 2026 – Needs approval

- Approve 2026 Paving Project Ad Payment – **\$309.00**, needs to be approved out of Liquid fuels account
- Approve R. K. Webster bill for \$2,294.71 for East Front Street Bridge project out of Liquid Fuels account or submit to DCED grant.

Insurance Quote – Received insurance quote from Purdy Ins Agency

- Quote: \$17,160.00 from Selective Ins.
- Current Ins Policy Cost - \$19,347.00
- Estimated cost saving \$2,187.00

Employee Training Opportunities – Rules of Council, Webinar, June 16, 2026

Community Center Cost Analysis – Working with Rec Association

Budget Prep– 2027 Budget prep will begin in July 2026

Next committee meeting

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

Freeburg Borough Property Maintenance Report – June 2026 report for review

CK COG Report – Review

Additional Community Member Concerns - Discussion

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

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

Comcast Franchising Agreement – Representative from Comcast.

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 – Project awarded to Mid-State Paving \$25,640.00

DCED Multi-Modal Transportation Fund – Project for this grant round, Paving Willow Street from Route 35 to Front Street, Front Street from Willow to Whitetop Road, Whitetop Road to Route 35
Application opens March 2026, due in July 2026. Sierra Zeigler working on grant application.

2026 County Aid Project – 2026 Project to patch potholes, \$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 completed project design for Precast Concrete Box Culvert Bridge – Engineering contract cost - \$39,900.00, approved. Est. cost \$164,700.00 of bridge project. Received DCED Multimodal Grant for \$164,700.00. All grant documents have been received. Engineer's timeline was presented.

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.

****Conflict of Interest with Cravitz Law Office to be discussed****

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

Data Center Discussion – Thomas Gingrich

Regionalized Police Force – Discussion

Job Description of Mayor – Authorities of mayor.

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 – July 21, 2026 at 7PM

APPROVAL OF ADJOURNMENT