

AGENDA
FREEBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MEETING
October 15, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC CONCERNS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING – September 15, 2026

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Owen Professional Solutions, LLC (OPS) – September 2026 report

Meter Reading Issues – report, OPS LLC working on issues

North Industrial Chemicals-Introduction of Fuel Recovery Surcharge, information

HACH Service Partnership Quotation - \$3,000.00 for Nitratax & SC200 Controller, Needs approved

Nitrate Level – Current raw water nitrate level- 4.58 mg/L, finished level must be below 8.0. mg/L

Solar Field & Well Issues – Thomas Gingrich

- First public information meeting was held Monday, June 29, 2026 at 7 pm
 - Approximately 50 community members were in attendance.
- Second Information meeting was held Thursday, July 30, at 6pm.
 - Vice President from Brookfield Renewal US will be in attendance to share about the project and answer questions and address concerns.
 - Over 125 community members were in attendance.
- Draft agreement was submitted to Brookfield Renewable US
- Brookfield Renewable US sent a counter offer for review.
- Special Legal Counsel, Salzmans Hughes, P. C. negotiating agreement.

Water Leaks –All know leaks have been repaired

Construction Loan – current balance is \$57,499.98, loan total \$150,000.00,

- Loan end date October 5, 2026
- Repayments begun January 2025 -\$2,500/month
- Approved Resolution to Re-finance construction loan. (4/21/2026)
- Wanda Kantz contacted Patricia Pensyl at Central Penn Bank regarding modifying the term for the loan. Central Penn Bank and Matt Cravitz working on language for loan modification.

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

2025 Local Share Account Statewide Grant Application – 0% match required - 2025 LSA grant has been submitted for \$980,668.00. Notified that the FMA did not receive the grant requested.

2026 Local Share Account Statewide Grant Application – 0% match required - Wanda Kantz is working on 2026 LSA Statewide grant application.

2026 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 was submitted to Glen “GT” Thompson’s, Senator John Fetterman’s and Senator Dave McCormick’s offices for appropriations requests.
- Glen “GT” Thompson and John Fetterman’s office have both forwarded our grant request on to the Appropriations committee for review.

Reservoir Roof Repairs –

- Weatherproof Roofing, Inc. \$2,980.00 was approved, plus an additional \$520.00 for additional repairs to silicone or replace rubber washers on other screws
- Letter sent to contractor, requested Spring 2026 for repairs.
- Per contractor work should be completed by the end of October 2026.

Internet Service at Water Treatment Plant – Service connected for phone and internet.

Cameras at Water Treatment Plant – Discussion tabled until new internet provider is connected.

2027 Budget – 2027 budget was advertised, pending approval

Condition of Buildings at 300 East Academy Road (BJE Rental Property) – Shed and barn are in poor conditions, BJE should be contacted about issues and need to keep the road to the water treatment plant passable. Attorney Cravitz sent letter to BJE Realty.

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

Water Line Replacement at the East Front Street Bridge Project – FMA to begin discussion of replacing the water line that runs along the East Front Street bridge project for spring 2027.

Possible Grant Option: EDCDI Grant (Economic Development & Community Development Initiatives) – Wanda Kantz and Joshua Satteson are looking in to this as a possible grant option for a complete phased replacement project design for the water system. This grant could be used to complete the project design and possible permit applications for projects. Wanda Kantz will reach out to Jeff Cole at Senator Culver's office for assistance.

2026-2027 Insurance Renewal - \$9,208.00. Approved, coverage effective 10/7/2026

Eclectic Supplier Contract – New Contract effective 1/7/2027, rate \$0.10948/kWh for 42 months

Mowed Area Around Treatment Plant and Wells – Working on find out who is farming the field around the wellheads.

CORRESPONDENCE -None

NEW BUSINESS

Meter Eye Wire Protection Resolution – Needs Approved

Renting Brush Hog for Mowing at the Reservoir. – \$185.00 for 15 hours, attaches to skid steer. 72" wide, Discussion and possible approval

Letter to PPL Regarding Recent Power Outages – Discussion and Possible Approval.

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 – November 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 **(Completed)**

2nd Quarter – June 15 to 18, 2026 **(Completed)**

3rd Quarter – September 14 to 17, 2026

4th Quarter - December 14 to 17, 2026