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AGENDA FREEBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
November 24, 2026

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES –October 21, 2026
PUBLIC CONCERNS (Time limit 3 minutes per issue)
FREEBURG FIRE COMPANY REPORT –
MAYOR'S CONCERNS – Richard "Bud" Bickhart
COMMUNITY CENTER COORDINATOR REPORT – Trent Hoffman

October 2026 Rental Income Report
Roof Repairs Repair Project – Update: Received $9,085.68 from Insurance claim. Repairs scheduled.
Hometown Hero Banners & Holiday Lights – Nov 13-14 Banners taken down, lights put up. Project completed.

REPORT FROM BOROUGH MAINTENANCE – Rob Heddens, John Stuck

Manhole at 405 East Market Street – Manhole riser is a possible fix for this issue. Estimated cost of repair $550.00. **Approved and Borough Maintenance Staff will work on this project.**

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

September 2026 Monthly Report from OPS (OPS services began 10/27/25)
2024 **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 beginning late Summer/Fall 2026.
- Review of project quotes – **Approval needed.**

2025 Appropriations Project – Received award for $750,000. Match amount waived.

- **Engineering Services Proposal (not covered by state funding) – $37,000.00** Approved 7/21/2026

REPORT FROM MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – Thomas Gingrich

2026 Local Share Account (LSA) – Ready to submit grant request by deadline of Nov. 30.
2027 Appropriations Request – Waiting on award announcement

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

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

Outstanding bills to be paid, November 2026 – **Approval needed**
Liquid Fuels Payments

- R. K. Webster invoice for $1,960.00 **– Approval needed.**

Sales Tax Refund – Update on reimbursement of taxes Borough paid for electricity.
Committee Meeting – October 30, 2026
Site Tour – Gave tour of water treatment facilities to Sen. Culver, Rep. Rowe, and officers for Sen. Fetterman and Rep. Thompson, November 5, 2026
Solar Field Development – After community Information meeting on July 30, 2026, water supply protection framework prepared by HRG sent to Brookfield Renewable/Urban Grid on 8/19/26.

- 8/19/26 Received Brookfield/Urban Grid counteroffer; Borough Council/FMA not agreeable.
- 9/3/26 Special counsel approved: James Podgorney of Salzmann Hughes., P. C.
- 10/22/26 Podgorney re-shared Borough's concerns to Brookfield.
- 11/12/26 Podgorney reports that Brookfield will not agree to address Borough's infrastructure concerns or agree to extend the agreement for the life of the project.
- 11/17/26 Susquehecka Creek Stewardship proposal (attached). Discussion. **Approval needed.**

2027 Budget review – Copies attached for council review.

- Millage to increase to 13 mills. Millage increase **ordinance advertised. Approval needed.**
- **2027 Budget was advertised. Approval Needed.**

Letter to PPL Regarding Recurring Power Outages – Discussion
2027 Meeting Dates – Approval needed for advertisement
Employee Training Opportunities
Employee Review – Evaluations in process

PUBLIC FACILITIES, SERVICES & SAFETY – Regina Moyer (chair), Angela Weaver, Tom Gingrich

East Front Street Bridge Accident – VFIS insurance Settlement Confirmation of **$4,675.10. Needs to be Approved.**

South South/Front Street Storm Drain – Completed

2026 LSA Statewide Grant – Community Center Improvements, 0% match. Working on Application

- Roof Repairs – Equity Roofing (CO-Stars approved vendor) contacted for quotes.
- Gym Renovations
- Grant Resolution – **Needs Approval**.

Basketball Backstops – Revised quote, price increase. Approved. **Order being placed**

DCED Multi-Modal Transportation Fund – Project for this grant round is paving Willow St from Rt. 35 to Front St, Front St from Willow to S Whitetop, S Whitetop to Rt. 35. Application submitted July 30, 2026.

- Verbal funding approval received from Senator Culver's office for special funding program.

2026 County Aid Project – 2026 Project is to patch potholes, $550.00. Completion report submitted.

East Front Street Bridge Replacement Project – Received DCED Multimodal Grant for $164,700.00 based on R.K. Webster design for Precast Concrete Box Culvert Bridge (design cost $39,900.00).

- All grant documents have been received. Engineer's project update presented and bridge opened for one-lane traffic only.
- Request for Quotes to be reviewed at December 15, 2026 meeting.

West Front Street Bridge Replacement Project – Quote for engineered plan from Stahl Sheaffer engineer Ben Showers, $14,000.00, was tabled 10/22/2025. PennDOT suggested re-topping bridge at estimated cost of $40,000.00, but this not recommended in the inspection report (also doesn't include abutments). Engineered plan needed to apply for grants.

- Mark Raup from LIVIC provided a verbal estimate for a project description of $6,000, an engineered plan estimate of $14,000.00.

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

Committee Meeting – November 12, 2026

Borough Master Projects Plan – 10-Year Master Projects Plan developed to assist in grant planning and to keep future borough council on task – Discussion

Borough Ordinances Review/Update – Reviewing several ordinances.

- **Controlling Animals Ordinance** – **Review and approve for advertisement**
- **Quality of Life Ordinance** – **Review and approve for advertisement**

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

Committee Meeting – November 12, 2026

Shared Files – Erica Stephenson working on this process.

History of Freeburg – Review of Intern Project – Sadie Leary, Susquehanna University.

Comcast Franchising Agreement – Franchise Agreement being reviewed. Discussion.

Freeburg Commons Planning – Received DCNR grant match of $23,700.00. Borough match (50%) is $23,700.00. First Study Committee meeting held.

CORRESPONDENCE

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Company Insurance Renewal - **$9,086.00**. Freeburg Borough Portion - $2,344.18; Washington Township portion - $6,741.82, reimbursed to Freeburg Borough**. Approval Needed**

Birthday Proclamation for Nancy Watson's Birthday. Approval Needed

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, SOLICITOR, EMPLOYEE CONCERNS

NEXT BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING – Tuesday, December 15, 2026

APPROVAL OF ADJOURNMENT