

**FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes- January 12, 2022**

Freedom Borough Council met this evening at 6:00 PM for their regular monthly meeting in the Municipal Complex with the following members of Council present: President John Kaercher, William Smith, Mark Forrest, Vice-President Eric Climo, Sydney Kaercher. Absent: Dan Baker. Also, present was Mayor Nadine Padezanin.

Pledge of allegiance was held.

President John Kaercher reminded everyone present Council members and petitioners that all cell phones cannot be on during the meeting. They should be placed on vibrate and you will need to leave the building if you want to use your cell phone.

**PETITIONERS:**

Angela Stachowiak & Bonnie Stachowiak re: property at 1120 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The property was already in despair. Also was badly damaged with the recent tornado. Very concerned over the situation. Wanted to ask for any help from the Council or community in tearing down the garage and or tree. We also do not want a blight for the community. Recommendations were to reach out to local charities, B.C. Community Development in Beaver Falls, Freedom Talk page.

Jim Kronk, here to observe.

Ramona Armstrong of 1146 4<sup>th</sup> ave. Where did the books go from gazebo. Books went to the Boro garage. Where you going to post live the November meeting? Per E. Climo it was posted after the meeting. From now on Freedom Talk will cover meeting live per E. Climo. Questions were asked about the Freedom Web site. The administrator of that page was the past president.

Christine Otto & Kevin Otto who live at 1020 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Kevin Otto was asking if you have any conclusion on water runoff coming from across the street, that is freezing and forming ice. Per J. Baker we had the water company come today to check it for chlorine, chemist came. All came back negative; no chlorine and sewage there. I feel very bad you fell. I will continue to put salt on it. Per J. Kaercher we will reach out to the F. B. C. C. A. engineer and see if there is some way to reroute the water. We will call Peggy Griffith tomorrow to inspect the downspouts.

Kevin Horan of 180 5<sup>th</sup> ave is here to observe.

**ENGINEERS REPORT:**

No engineer report. We did receive 5 proposals for services. Lennon Smith Souleret Engineer, Dan Martone Engineer, Baker Engineer, Widmer Engineer, and KLH Engineering. It has been decided by council to take time to review for the first Monday of the month workshop meeting, then we will have a consensus to bring to the regular scheduled Wednesday meeting in February.

### **MAYOR REPORT / POLICE REPORT:**

Mayor Padezanin reviewed the monthly police report. I also met with Debbie to go over it. We are good with our contract. Debbie was sure to say if Council has issues with police dept. to please notify me and I will let Debbie or Adam know. This will limit everyone calling Adam.

\* Motion to accept the mayor report was made by Eric Climo, seconded by Mark Forrest.

All voted, Motion carried.

Bill Smith has a question if we can have a police officer who is patrolling in town to sit in meetings with us. J. Kaercher asked if maybe we could have a constable sit in if police are not able. Mayor Padezanin will look into this.

### **STREET DEPT. REPORT:**

Started taking down Christmas wreaths. We are good with salt supply. Took a look at the Sarver house. Looked at all man holes covers and water is running. Wash bay is good. Needed a few motors for the salt spreaders.

\*Motion to accept Street Department Report was made by M. Forrest and seconded by B. Smith.

All voted, motion carried.

### **MINUTES:**

\*Blanket Motion to approve the minutes from 12/08/21 and Re-Organization meeting from 01-03-2022 was made by Mark Forrest seconded, by Eric Climo. All voted. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

\*Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Sydney Kaercher seconded by Mark Forrest.

All voted. Motion carried.

### **BILLS:**

\*Motion to accept bills as being paid was made by Bill Smith, seconded by Eric Climo.

All voted. Motion carried.

\*Motion to pay bills and any bills deemed necessary before next month's meeting was made by Sydney Kaercher seconded by Mark Forrest.

### SOLICITOR REPORT:

There was no Solicitor report. We received proposals from Jim Loll, Bernie Rabik, Mike Jones, Myron Sainovich. Request was made to call all applicants who applied for the Solicitors position and set date for interviews on Wednesday January 19, 2022. Then decision will be made at the Monday workshop and to be presented at next month's public meeting.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

1. FBCCA November 1, 2021 Board meeting
2. December 2021 Code Enforcement monthly report submitted by: Peggy Griffith
3. December 2021 Code Enforcement monthly report submitted by: Randy Morrow
4. Freedom Boro Building report: (no report this month)

### COMMITTEES:

2022 Freedom Boro Committees

FINANCIAL: Mark Forrest- Chairman  
Newly appointed Council member

POLICE: Dan Baker – Chairman  
Mark Forrest

PERSONNEL: William Smith- Chairman  
Sydney Kaercher

STREETS: Eric Climo – Chairman  
William Smith

RECREATION: Sydney Kaercher – Chairwoman  
Eric Climo

GRANTS/PUBLIC FUNDING/ UTILITIES: Newly appointed Council Member – Chairman  
Dan Baker

### NEW BUSINESS:

\* Motion to approve and advertise the 2022 meeting schedule by Bill Smith and seconded by Mark Forrest with the understanding of a change to be made regarding a holiday. All voted. Motion carried.

\* Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 01122022** was made by Bill Smith and seconded by Mark Forrest for Establishing procedures for the standard destruction of both public meeting audio tapes and audio-video tape recordings or digital recordings. Upon adoption of the written approved minutes by council. All voted. Motion carried.

\* Motion to approve Mark Turnley to do an exit audit of the Borough, if Mark is not able to do this, we will hire an auditor to get this done now, was made by Bill Smith and seconded by Mark Forrest. All voted. Motion carried.

Resumes were read aloud of all applicants who applied for the two (2) year open Council seat.

Applicants are as follow: Jon Penson, Gary Gilarno, James Kronk, Stacey Figas, Alan Beddingfield, Kevin Horan and Roberta Kalamasz.

\*Motion to appoint Kevin Horan to the two (2) year open seat on the Freedom Boro Council was made by Eric Climo and seconded by Sydney Kaercher.

All voted. Motion carried.

The new office hours will be Monday thru Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. We are looking to get someone on Council to step up a new website for the Borough.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

\*Motion to adjourn at 7:15 PM was made by Sydney Kaercher, seconded by Bill Smith.

All voted. Motion carried.