

Call to Order: Salute the flag.

Roll Call: Present: Budda, Bobby, Feissner, Falatko, Tulanowski, Potoskie and Mahon.

Acceptance of Minutes: Mr. Bobby made the motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting. Mr. Budda second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Public Input: Joseph Stepanski, as a Freeland resident, complained about the garbage haulers not picking up all the garbage throughout town. The secretary agreed with him, stating that garbage at several properties was missed, and even though the Borough office staff called the haulers' staff, nothing was done about the garbage left behind. The solicitor stated that according to the contract, \$ 250 per violation can be deducted from payment of the hauling invoice. The office will keep a record of all missed properties.

Secretary's Report: General Fund Deposits for March - \$ 247,977.36; LST Distribution - \$ 1,246.00; EIT Distribution - \$ 10,391.33.

\$ 4,350.00 was received from the sale of the fire truck. A total of \$ 263,964.69 was deposited to the General checking account during March 2015.

Tax Collector's Report: Property taxes collected during March were \$ 238,762.82 and Per Capita taxes collected were \$ 4,890.20 for a total of \$ 243,653.02 collected in taxes. Garbage Account Deposits for the month were \$ 7,317.75; Storm Water Deposits for the month were \$ 23,581.40.

Acceptance of Secretary/Tax Report: Ms. Tulanowski made a motion to accept the Secretary/Tax report. Ms. Feissner second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Payment of Bills: Mr. Bobby made a motion to approve payment of the outstanding bills, but remove SEDA COG as the Borough's website will be hosted by Slick Systems from now on. Ms. Falatko second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor's Forum: The Mayor was not present at this meeting.

Engineer: The second and third floor radiators in the Borough Building must be disconnected and removed as soon as the weather warms up. I have contacted several contractors for bids for replacement of approximately 25 feet of gutter on the building. Council asked Dave Kavitsky to send a letter to CVS, stating that an inspection of their on-lot drain appears to be blocked.

The storm inlets at the Ambulance Building still need to be repaired.

Solicitor: Ms. Tulanowski made a motion to adopt Ordinance 04-09-2015-01 approving the establishment of procedures for towing and storage and the selection of tow truck operators and proscribing fines and suspensions for violations. Mr. Budda second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Falatko made a motion to approve Ordinance 04-09-2015-02, the Cable TV Ordinance, with a ten year term. Ms. Feissner second the motion. Motion passed 7-0. With this Ordinance, the following will receive free cable service: Borough Building, Freeland Fire Department, the Freeland Municipal Authority, and the Freeland Ambulance.

There was a request to have the bus canopy located at the Town Square moved back to Main Street. Council was in agreement with this; Mr. Mahon will contact the bus company.

Mr. Potoskie made a motion to advertise an amendment to repeal 'No Parking' from Center Street to the Alley on the South side of Walnut Street. Ms. Falatko second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Tulanowski made a motion to list Rear 721 Ridge Street for sale at fair market value with relator Rocco Amentler and to allow the solicitor to file ejection action to remove the current tenant from the premises. Mr. Budda second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

The solicitor reminded all that the Senior Citizens will be hosting a 'Night at the Races' on May 7 to raise funds to pave the parking lot at the Senior Citizens building on Chestnut Street.

Code Enforcement: Ms. Tulanowski read the Code Department report. Brian Maso tended to 29 incidents during the month and Ken Wenner tended to 19 incidents during the month.

Ms. Tulanowski complimented Brian and Ken for their participation at the recent Crime Watch meeting. She said they expertly explained many things to citizens with questions.

Budget, Finance & Administration: Ms. Falatko made a motion to advertise all remaining 2015 Freeland Borough Council meetings and work sessions will be held at the Freeland Municipal Authority's new Conference Room located at 711 Birkbeck Street. Ms. Tulanowski second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Falatko made a motion to bid diesel fuel. Mr. Bobby second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Mahon read Mike Zoshak's resignation letter from the Freeland Planning Commission effective immediately.

Ms. Tulanowski made a motion to accept Zoshak's resignation, with regret. Ms. Falatko second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Feissner made a motion to appoint interim Council Member, Ms. Tulanowski, to the Freeland Planning Commission. Mr. Bobby second the motion. Motion passed 6-0 with Ms. Tulanowski abstaining.

Ms. Falatko made a motion to pay-off the \$ 75,000 2015 Tax Anticipation Note. Ms. Feissner second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Bobby made a motion to approve the Memorial Day Parade on May 25, 2015. Ms. Tulanowski second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Feissner made a motion to approve the Emilio Raniere Memorial Bike Run on August 16, 2015. Mr. Budda second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Falatko made a motion to approve the National POW/MIA Recognition Day on September 18, 2015. Mr. Budda second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Parks & Recreation: Ms. Falatko made a motion to authorize Alfred Benesch to apply for a \$ 25,000 Grant for equipment for the public park, Resolution 04-09-01 of 2015. Ms. Feissner second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Falatko made a motion to purchase the second backboard damaged at the Freeland Public Park; restitution will be made by the person responsible for the damage. Mr. Bobby second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Falatko stated the Freeland Rec Board and the Hazleton Leadership are sponsoring a fund raiser at the Bonanza Steakhouse from April 20 to April 22. Tickets will be available at the Authority/Borough office.

Tuesday the pavilion and restrooms at the Public Park will be rekeyed.

Streets & Sanitation: There will be a free recycling day at Brenners on May 2, 2015.

Mr. Bobby made a motion to approve the Front Street closing on May 24 and 25 for the Annual Memorial Day Celebration. Ms. Feissner second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

There are two Garbage Exoneration requests from Federici, 425 Alvin Street and Davies, 1002 Schwabe Street. Both are vacant, the water meters are removed. Mr. Potoskie made a motion to approve the exoneration requests. Mr. Budda second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

The street sweeping schedule is in the newspaper.

The recycling truck is completed.

There was a complaint about someone parking in the Public Park behind the coal car. Mr. Mahon will check into the matter.

Ms. Falatko left at this time.

Mr. Budda made a motion to advertise for part-time help at \$ 9.50 per hour to help the Streets Department. Ms. Feissner second the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Fire, Light & Water: We got quotes from KME for maintenance on all four fire vehicles for \$ 3,596.46 and a two year aerial certification for the ladder truck (through Hazleton City) for \$ 550. For a total cost of \$ 4,146.46. Council approved the expenses.

Engine 52 has an antifreeze leak, that will have to be repaired.

We have three new fire police. Chief Stepanski got a price for 6 radios for \$ 475; Council approved the cost.

The Fire Department responded to 17 incidents during the month. Total service hours for the month were 15.89.

Police & Safety: Chief Harris read the report for March and thanked Council for the new law books.

New Business: None

Acceptance of Committee Reports: Mr. Bobby made a motion to approve the Committee Reports. Mr. Budda second the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

New Correspondence: None.

Public Input: The new town Time & Temperature clock has been ordered. The first amount of money donated towards the purchase of the clock was by John & Bernard Uricheck.

Adjournment or Continuation: Mr. Potoskie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Feissner second the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

These minutes are certified true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Anna Marie Durange, Borough Secretary/Treasurer

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Call to Order: Salute the flag.

Roll Call: Present: Bobby, Budda, Falatko, Feissner, Mahon and Tulanowski.

Public Input: Ed Davis, Millers Bros. Construction, was present. He asked Council to allow MBC to install a rolled macadam curb along Sabol Street, rather than the five-foot sidewalk requested by the engineer. He stated the fact of the harsh winter, relocating sewer lines, and the problem with the water line as some of the reasons they are behind schedule and far over-budget on the Dollar General construction.

Solicitor: The solicitor read the six conditions to the waiver as approved by Council at the August 8, 2014 meeting. One of the conditions was that all engineer's comments be addressed. Mr. Davis stated they did obtain an HOP and are placing all the correct signs, at their own expense. He said they also have Storm Water Management in place with catch basins and piping on site. The solicitor reminded him that a Storm Water Management agreement between the owner and the Borough will have to be executed and that MBC did not obtain a performance bond or a maintenance bond.

A discussion ensued over a sidewalk along Sabol Street. The solicitor said if Council agrees, the bonds can be waived in order to help MBC overcome some of the expenses they incurred due to unforeseen circumstances so they can install the sidewalk. After a lengthy discussion of the need for a sidewalk along Sable Street (senior citizens walking to the Dollar General store, increased foot traffic along the street with the opening of the store, etc.) and a conference call with the Borough engineer, Mr. Bobby made a motion to modify the five-foot sidewalk requirement to a four-foot sidewalk on Sabol Street from South Street to Stacy Street, then rolled curbing with grass planted from Stacy Street to Main Street, along the Dollar General side of the street. Ms. Feissner second the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows:

Bobby - yes; Budda - yes; Falatko - yes; Feissner - yes; Tulanowski - yes; Mahon - yes.

Ms. Feissner made a motion to waive the performance and maintenance bonds for MBC.

Mr. Bobby second the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Adjournment: Mr. Bobby made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Budda second the motion.

Motion passed 6-0.

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