

Borough of New Freedom
York County, Pennsylvania

RESOLUTION NO. 2026- 7

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE
PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGHS
JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON PROGRAM

WHEREAS, New Freedom Borough Council seeks to educate and involve the Youth of the Borough in their local government, and to reach out to involve possible future members of Council, to benefit both the youth and all residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Junior Council Person (JCP) Program as established and fostered by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB), seeks to encourage Boroughs to have high school or college age Borough residents participate in the workings of their local government by appointing Junior Council Person(s); and

WHEREAS, Borough Council intends to seek assistance from High School or College faculty members and guidance counselors to recommend prospective Junior Council candidates to Council, and Council plans to select a student to serve as Junior Council Person during the school year; and

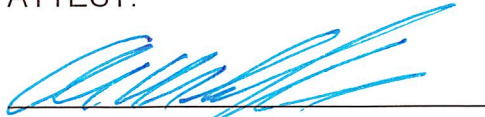
WHEREAS, the Council wishes to extend to the youth of New Freedom Borough a voice in the operation of this Borough and this Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1) The Council of the Borough of New Freedom hereby creates the position of “Junior Council Person.”
- 2) The term of office shall be during the student’s school year.
- 3) Candidates for the office shall submit a written application to Borough Council with a one-page cover letter highlighting the applicant’s interest in the position. After considering all submissions, Borough Council shall appoint student(s) at a regularly scheduled meeting.
- 4) The Junior Council Person shall be a Borough resident and a high school or college student.
- 5) The Junior Council Person shall, upon appointment, take a “Junior Council Person Pledge.”
- 6) The Junior Council Person shall not receive compensation.
- 7) The Junior Council Person shall be permitted to attend all meetings of Council and all committee meetings and shall be permitted to participate fully in those proceedings, **EXCEPT** that he/she shall not be afforded the right to vote and shall not be permitted to attend executive sessions.

RESOLVED this 9th day of March 2026

ATTEST:



Andrew N. Shaffer, Secretary

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH COUNCIL

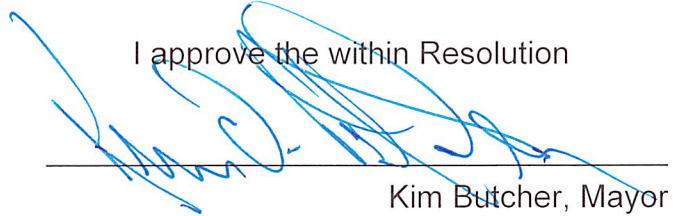


Andy Bobby, President

BOROUGH SEAL



I approve the within Resolution



Kim Butcher, Mayor

Junior Council Person Program

The Junior Council Person Program offers New Freedom youth an opportunity to become actively engaged in borough government while developing leadership, communication, and civic responsibility skills. Annually, in May of each year, New Freedom Borough seeks resumes from high school students to participate in the Junior Council Person Program. The program creates a meaningful mentorship opportunity, allowing borough officials to guide and encourage students who represent the next generation of community leaders.

Guidelines of the program:

- Must be a borough resident
- Must be entering Junior or Senior year of High School
- Must take an “oath of office”
- Must serve a one or two-year term to coincide with the school year
- Must attend monthly borough council meetings, budget sessions, and any other “special” meetings
- Must be seated on the council, participating in any and all business
- Must observe all borough council meeting rules
- Not permitted to vote or attend executive sessions

Any student interested in serving our community, please submit a letter of interest to Andrew Shaffer, Borough Manager, at manager@newfreedomboro.org by June 1 at noon. Applicants are encouraged to attend the Borough Council meeting on June 8, 2026 at 6:30 PM.