

**MINUTES OF NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
May 11, 2026**

New Freedom Borough Council met in Regular Session on Monday, May 11, 2026. President Bobby led those in attendance to The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM.

BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESENT

Andrew Bobby
Ryan Ross
Erica Rearich
David Reisdorf
Ginnie Neugebauer
Michael Werdin
Dennis Cummings

ALSO PRESENT:

Kim Butcher, Mayor
Walter Tilley, Solicitor
Andrew Shaffer, Borough Manager

ALSO ABSENT:

BOROUGH COUNCIL ABSENT:

Announcement of Executive Session

President Bobby announced a previously held executive session that occurred following the April 13, 2026 Council Meeting to consult with legal counsel regarding current litigation. No formal action was taken during or after this executive session.

Public Comment

None at this time.

Visitors / Presentations

Rose Fire Company representatives were not in attendance. However, President Bobby was provided with a digital summary of monthly statistics by Chief Boyer.

Consent Agenda

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held April 13, 2026 and the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2026 were presented to Council for their review. Michael Werdin made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Discussion occurred regarding the annual cost for the MyRec Software. This cost was shown only in the General Fund but should be split among the General Fund and SYCRRC Fund. This correction will be processed. Motion carried.

Unfinished BusinessPaul Smith Library

President Bobby reported contact between the parties has been minimal and a lack of cooperation from the York County Library System is evident. The item will remain on the agenda.

1 East Franklin Street - Further Action

Council further discussed the current property situation and decided to remove the item from the agenda at this time.

NIMS Certification Process

The FEMA website only recently became active to allow participation.

Southern Police Commission By-Laws and Code of Conduct Resolution

Adoption was tabled as signed copies were not available for the meeting.

Complete Streets Ordinance

Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by Michael Werdin to approve an ordinance adopting a Complete Street Policy. Motion carried with Nay votes from Erica Rearich and Dennis Cummings.

Complete Streets Resolution

Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by Ginnie Neugebauer to approve a resolution prioritizing the Complete Street Project List and Establish Implementation Framework. Motion carried with Nay votes from Erica Rearich and Dennis Cummings.

Community Center Flooring Proposals

Council was provided with documentation from 2011 concerning moisture content in the floor. Additionally, both flooring manufacturers provided warranty language. President Bobby made a motion, seconded by Michael Werdin to remove the item from the agenda.

New BusinessFirework Permit Fee Resolution

Ginnie Neugebauer made a motion, seconded by Ryan Ross to approve a resolution establishing fees relating to Chapter 112 - Fireworks. Motion carried.

Wastewater Treatment Plant - Aeration Project

Ginnie Neugebauer made a motion, seconded by David Reisdorf to approve Contract Change Order #2 increasing the contract amount by \$92,137.26 Motion carried.

Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program Grant

Ryan Ross made a motion, seconded by Ginnie Neugebauer to approve a resolution supporting a grant application to the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program. Motion carried with Nay votes from Erica Rearich and Dennis Cummings.

Administrative ReportsSolicitor

Solicitor Tilley updated Council on activities throughout the month of April 2026.

Manager

Nothing additional at this time.

President

Nothing to report.

Mayor

Nothing to report.

Police

Erica Rearich updated Council on department activities as reported during the April 2026 Southern Regional Police Department meeting.

Engineer

Council was presented with the monthly report from Warehaus.

Water System

An in-person meeting with York Water was held earlier in day (May 11, 2026). Following discussion among Council and utilizing information obtained, Ginnie Neugebauer made a motion, seconded by David Reisdorf to rescind any prior notification of termination to York Water and allow the existing contract to auto-renew under the same terms. Motion carried.

Wastewater System

No updates at this time.

Zoning & Code Enforcement Report

A consolidated permit, land development, and code enforcement report for April 2026 was presented to Borough Council.

Recreation Report

Ryan Ross and Andy McCauley provided an update on Commission activities. The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2026.

Committee Reports *(if any)*

Mayor Butcher provided EMS updates.

Correspondence

Manager Shaffer provided copies of the 2023-2024 Liquid Fuels Audit Report.

Public Comment

None at this time.

Adjournment

At 8:43PM, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2026 at 6:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew N. Shaffer

Borough Manager