**MINUTES OF NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH**
**COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING**
**October 5, 2026**

New Freedom Borough Council met in Budget Session on Monday, October 5, 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
Ginnie Neugebauer
Michael Werdin
Dennis Cummings

***ALSO PRESENT:***
Kim Butcher, Mayor
Andrew Shaffer, Borough Manager

***ALSO ABSENT:***
Kathryn Silcox, Solicitor
Walter Tilley, Solicitor

***BOROUGH COUNCIL ABSENT:***
David Reisdorf

**Public Comment / Visitors**
Joanie Mason, 6 Mathews Court, requested clarification on accumulated legal fees following the complaint and preliminary injunction filed against New Freedom Borough Council by Mayor Butcher and Councilmembers Rearich and Cummings. Manager Shaffer reported as of the last billing from Saxton and Stump the total is approximately $15,000.

Carl Knoch with Paul Smith Library was present to discuss the status of the library becoming a branch of the York County Library System. Mr. Knoch reported that the Friends of Paul Smith Library will now be responsible for raising approximately $98,000 per year to support library operations. Mr. Knoch requested an annual contribution of $25,000 from New Freedom Borough and a one-time allocation of $10,000 for roof replacement.

**Draft 2027 Budget Review**
Manager Shaffer presented the draft 2027 budget.

**Executive Session**
None

**Public Comment**
None

**Adjournment**
At 10:08PM, the meeting was adjourned until the Regular Meeting scheduled for October 19, 2026 at 6:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Andrew N. Shaffer*

Borough Manager