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**TO:** Jason B. Negri, Supervisor  
Hamburg Township Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Brittany K. Campbell, Utilities/Special Projects Coordinator

**DATE:** March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**AGENDA ITEM TOPIC:** **Freedom River Campground Variance Request**  
to Build Privy Restrooms with Septic Tanks on Property  
Number of Supporting Documents: **1**

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### **Requested Action**

- Approval by the Board to grant a variance from the Township sewer ordinance requiring connection to the sanitary sewer system when a proposed facility is located within 400-feet of an existing sewer line and allowing the construction of two privy restrooms with septic tanks within that distance of the sewer line located on the property.

### **Background**

- The request is driven by practical site limitations at the campground. Due to the lack of an on-site water source, constructing a restroom facility with running water and connecting to the sanitary sewer system is not currently feasible. The proposed privy restrooms represent the most reasonable, safe and environmentally responsible resolution to provide necessary sanitation for the campground.

### **Fiscal Considerations**

Does the agenda item require the expenditure of funds? Yes  No

Are funds budgeted? Yes  No

Fiscal year(s) affected: 2025 - 2026

Is a budget amendment required?

Yes  No

General Ledger number(s) affected: Not Applicable

**NOTE:** Costs to build the on-site privy restrooms will be borne by the Developer alone without financial assistance from the Township.



February 16, 2026

Tax ID: 88-3542920

Dear Members of the Municipal Utilities Committee,

On behalf of Freedom River, I respectfully request a variance from Hamburg Township's ordinance requiring connection to the sanitary sewer system when a proposed facility is located within 400 feet of an existing sewer line. Specifically, we seek permission to construct a privy with a septic tank within that distance rather than connect to the sewer line located on the property.

This request is driven by practical site limitations and the unique nature of Freedom River's outdoor recreational environment for Veterans and their families. Due to the absence of an on-site water source, constructing a restroom facility with running water and connecting to the sanitary sewer system is not feasible at this time. The proposed privy restrooms represent the most reasonable, safe, and environmentally responsible solution to provide necessary sanitation for our guests while preserving the natural character of the property.

The planned installation includes two privy restrooms located to best serve visitors while minimizing environmental impact, protecting natural features, and maintaining appropriate setbacks from regulated areas. Freedom River is fully committed to complying with all applicable health, safety, construction, and septic system standards, and we will continue to work closely with township officials to ensure proper permitting, inspection, and long-term stewardship of the site.

Granting this variance will allow Freedom River to provide essential facilities that directly support the wellbeing, dignity, and accessibility of the Veterans and families we serve, while maintaining responsible environmental practices consistent with the Township's goals.

We sincerely appreciate your time and thoughtful consideration of this request. Please let us know if any additional information, documentation, or site review would assist in your evaluation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janna Yeakey". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Janna Yeakey

Executive Director

Freedom River, Inc.