

**Freedom Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
April 16, 2025**

Board of Supervisors

Matt Young, Chairperson
Paul Kellett, Vice-Chairperson
Brett Johnston

Township Officials

Zach Gulden, Manager
Linus Fenicle, Solicitor

Members of the Public Present

Ed Buchheit, Mary Buchheit, Jim Geleta, & Joe Bowden

Call to Order

Chair Young called the Board of Supervisor's Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 19, 2025. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Monthly Expenses

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the bills in the amount of \$19,424.45 from the General Fund, \$2,083.33 from the Fire Tax Fund, and \$198.00 from the Escrow Account. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Manager & Road Reports

Mr. Gulden read the Manager's report. The Manager completed the following tasks in March:

- Misc. phone calls / emails / website updates.
- Submitted monthly solar meter reading.
- Monthly employment tax reports and payments.
- Monthly reconciliation of all bank accounts.
- Supervisor meeting minutes for March meeting.
- 1x right to know request for purchase records from 12/03/24 – 03/03/25.
- Finalized documentation with PLGIT for new bank accounts and credit cards.
- Attended online training on 3/21 for PLGIT check scanning.

- Enforcement notice for 1855 Bullfrog Road. Installation of a large car port and stone driveway without permits.
- Reviewed Coleman subdivision for zoning compliance. Notified applicant of comments.
- Prepared and delivered Planning Commission meeting packets.
- 2x zoning permit exemption letters.
- 1x zoning permit for a greenhouse.
- 1x bank deposit.

Mr. Gulden read the road report for March:

- Cleared fallen trees and limbs from roads and berms after rain and wind storms. Brush cutting, ditch cleaning and culvert cleaning. Trash pickup along roadways and cleanup at Township lot.
- Cleared antiskid all the bridges and intersections.
- Called to order a load of road salt which was delivered on the 28th of March.
- Called Barlow Road Service and he came out to weld a skid plate on the road mower. The old one was about worn away.
- Brett and Mike started putting the flashing speed sign together here in the shop, which is now installed along Bigham Road.
- Misc. shop work.
- Return PA 1 calls.

Mike worked 117 hours.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Road Report as submitted. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

EMS, Fire, & Police Reports

EMS

- Adams Regional EMS had 4 calls within the Township in March.

FIRE

- Mr. Buchheit read the fire report. The Greenmount Fire Department had 9 calls in the month of March.
- Type of calls:
 - 2 transfers.
 - 3 brush fires.
 - 1 residential structure fire.
 - 1 barn fire.
 - 1 motor vehicle accident – BLS.
 - 1 large vehicle fire / hazmat.

- Location of calls:
 - 3 to Freedom Township.
 - 1 to Washington County, Maryland.
 - 1 to Frederick County, Maryland.
 - 1 to Washington Township, Franklin County.
 - 1 to Gettysburg Borough.
 - 1 to Cumberland Township.
 - 1 to Huntington Township.

POLICE

- Police Chief DeWitt read March's police report.
 - Hours Worked – 35
 - Patrol/Incident Hours – 0
 - Admin Hours – 0
 - Total Citations – 17
 - Traffic Warnings / FEC – 7
 - Total Arrest's – 0
 - Traffic Details – 0
 - Calls for Service - 27
 - Body camera footage over 60 days has been deleted.
 - Traffic Enforcement:
 - Emmitsburg Road – 15 hours
 - Bullfrog Road – 14.25 hours
 - Pumping Station Road – 1 hours
 - Bigham Road – 2.5 hours

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Discussion and consider advertisement of the 2025 road project(s).

Mr. Gulden said he spoke with their PennDOT representative, and PennDOT recommended saving this year's liquid fuel's allocation and finish Boyle Road next year.

The Board agreed.

B. Consider a special event permit for the Gettysburg National 19th Century Baseball Festival for July 18-20, 2025. The applicant has requested a waiver of the traffic control requirements.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the special event permit for the Gettysburg National 19th Century Baseball Festival for July 18-20, 2025, and the traffic control waiver with the following conditions:

1. Liability insurance must be updated to name Freedom Township as the certificate holder.
2. Obtain a sewage permit with the Township's Sewage Enforcement Officer.
3. Provide the \$1,000 bond.

The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

C. Consider approval of Resolution 2025-07, creation of petition to vacate a Township road fee & escrow requirement.

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 2025-07. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

D. Consider approval of HABPI's request to use Township restroom & drinking water for bike ride fundraiser on Saturday, October 4, 2025.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve HABPI's request with a \$75.00 cleaning fee and Road Superintendent's time reimbursement or no charge if they use the Township's port-a-pot and HABPI provides bottled water. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Other Business

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Young made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0). Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.