Freedom Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
October 21, 2026, at 7:00 PM

Board of Supervisors
Matt Young, Chairperson
Brett Johnston, Vice-Chairperson
Paul Kellett

Township Officials
Zach Gulden, Manager

Members of the Public Present

Mary Buchheit, Jim Geleta, Gil Picarelli, Jarred Picarelli, Zuhair Rafiq, Jamie Long, Michelle Frock, & David Frock.

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of September 16, 2026, public hearing & regular meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Monthly Expenses

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the bills in the amount of $33,342.65 from the General Fund and $2,165.00 from the Fire Tax Fund. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Manager & Road Reports

The Manager completed the following tasks in September:

- Misc. phone calls / emails / website updates.
- Submitted monthly solar meter reading.
- Monthly reconciliation of all bank accounts.
- Monthly employment tax reports and payments.
- Multiple bank deposits.
- Monthly Board of Supervisor's meeting minutes.

- Agricultural Security Area (ASA) Committee & Planning Commission (PC) meeting preparation and meetings on September 3rd then their meeting minutes.
- Sales tax exemption for General Code.
- PIRMA renewal application.
- 2027 budget preparation.
- Attended an executive session with Board on September 14th.
- Renewed SAM number for Township.
- Recorded ASA resolution with county recorder of deeds. Also sent letters to the state ag secretary, county PC, county land preservation, and township PC as required by state law.
- 1x right-to-know request.

The Department of Public Works completed the following tasks in September:

- Road mowing, weed and brush trimming and trash removal along roadways.
- Clearing of trees and limbs from roads and berms after rainstorms.
- Mowing, trimming, and limb clean up at the Township lot.
- Misc. maintenance and shop work.
- Return PA 1 call request.

Public Works Employee	Hours Worked
Mike Wenschhof	118
Steve Long	0
Brett Johnston	0

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

EMS, Fire, & Police Reports

Mr. Gulden stated that Adams Regional EMS had 4 calls in September to Freedom Township.

Mr. Geleta stated that the Greenmount Community Fire Department had 9 calls for the month of September. 2x commercial fires, 3x gas leaks, 1x fire police, 1x officer request, 1x automatic fire alarm, and 1x vehicle fire. Of those calls, 2 were to Frederick County, 2 were to Freedom Township, 3 were to Gettysburg Borough, 1 to Straban Township, and 1 to Highland Township.

Mr. Geleta stated the Fire Department is holding their annual Halloween party on Saturday from 4-7pm.

Liberty Township did not submit the police report.

Old Business

A. Consider proposal for website services.

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to approve a contract with Paul Kellett for website services with the following conditions:

1. The Township solicitor must review and approve the contract.

The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (2-0) with 1 abstention (Mr. Kellett).

New Business

A. Consider appointment of Zuhair Rafiq as a Fire Police Officer for the Greenmount Community Fire Company.

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve Zuhair Rafiq as a Fire Police Officer for the Greenmount Community Fire Company. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Mr. Gulden stated he will perform the oath of office at a later date.

B. 2027 Budget Discussion.

Mr. Gulden presented the 2027 budget. No changes were proposed by the Board.

Other Business

None

Public Comment

The Frocks spoke about their septic violations and stated they were working to correct the issues.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 7:41 PM.