

**Freedom Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
April 12, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

Board of Supervisors

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

Township Officials

Zach Gulden, Township Manager
Linus Fenicle, Township Solicitor
Mike Wenschhof, Road Superintendent
Sgt. Chris Roosen, Liberty Township Police

Members of the Public Present

Ed Buchheit, Mary Buchheit, Herb Milligan, Joe Bowden, Jim Geletta, & Dan Ohler.

Call to Order

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

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to amend the regular meeting agenda to include "consideration of amending the fire box cards". The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the March 8, 2023 regular meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Monthly Expenses

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the bills in the amount of \$13,277.46 from the General Fund. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to transfer \$56,000.00 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Manager & Road Reports

The Manager completed the following tasks in March:

- Two right-to-know requests.
- Prepared and sent letter to Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors of Cumberland Township regarding campground buffer request.
- Tax exempt forms for gas & diesel.
- 3x zoning permits – shed, change of use (no impact home based business) and Township garage addition.
- Completed garage addition contract documents.
- Applied for Adams County tax improvement permit for garage addition.
- Delivered Township land development plans to Planning Commission.
- 1x bank deposit.
- Worked with KPI Technology on missing SWM O&M agreements. Mailed out 19 letters.
- Quarterly local, state, federal, & UC tax reports.

The Public Works Department completed the following tasks in March:

- Cleared trees and limbs from roads and berms after rain and windstorms. Brush cutting, leaf clearing from ditches and culverts, weed trimming, and trash pick-up along roadways.
- Graded Rohrbaugh Road after heavy rain washouts and cleared other minor washouts on various roads.
- Cleared anti-skid from Intersections, bridges, and curves on all roads.
- Filled in potholes on paved roads temporarily, cleaned up around Township lot and misc. shop work.
- Went on road inspection with Road Supervisor Matt Young.
- Returned PA 1 calls.

Public Works Employee	Hours Worked
Mike Wenschhof	102
Herb Milligan	4

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

EMS, Fire, & Police Reports

Adams Regional Emergency Medical Service (AREMS) had two calls in Freedom Township for the month of March.

Mr. Ohler presented the fire report. Greenmount Fire Department had 3 calls in the month of March: 1x house fire & 2x inside investigations. He also recommended the Township pass a burn ban ordinance, as the County no longer allows fire chiefs to make the determination

without a municipal ordinance in place. Mr. Buchheit stated that the fire department has started a subcommittee to make recommendations on the volunteer fire/EMS tax reimbursement ordinance, and they will have something to the Township by July 1.

Sgt. Roosen presented the police report. Liberty Township Police worked 25 hours in the month of March. There were zero 911 calls, 20 traffic citations, 11 written warnings, & one misdemeanor arrest. They made several arrests for drinking in public at the Covered Bridge. He also asked for Freedom Township's representation at future police regionalization meetings. The state is reconsidering charging municipalities a per capita fee for those who rely on State Police coverage. Chair Young said he would represent Freedom Township at the meetings.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to send a letter to Representative Moul recommending denial of any law that would tax municipalities who rely on State Police coverage. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Old Business

A. Approval of Ordinance 2023-01 for consideration, zoning text amendment to exempt township property from requirements of the zoning ordinance.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve Ordinance 2023-01. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

B. Approval of the Freedom Township Municipal Park Final Land Development Plan for consideration.

Mr. Gulden stated that the Adams County Planning Department reviewed the plan and offered minor comments via memo dated April 4, 2023. The Township's Planning Commission reviewed the plan at their meeting on April 5, 2023 and recommended approval via 4-0 vote.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Freedom Township Municipal Park Final Land Development Plan with the following condition:

1. Obtain PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit.

The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

New Business

A. Consideration of amending the fire box cards.

Mr. Ohler stated they wish to 1) add UTV23; and 2) add Car 1 from Gettysburg Fire Department for all cardiac arrest calls.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to amend the fire box cards as recommended by Mr. Ohler. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

B. Discussion and advertisement of the 2023 road project(s).

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to advertise bids to 1) sealcoat McGlaughlin Road and 2) pave McGlaughlin Road. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

C. Approval of a SWM Operations & Maintenance agreement with Harry Sanders of 1095 Bullfrog Road, Fairfield, PA 17320.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the SWM Operations & Maintenance agreement with Harry Sanders of 1095 Bullfrog Road. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

D. Approval of a SWM Operations & Maintenance agreement with Emily & Michael Svreck of 865 Red Rock Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the SWM Operations & Maintenance agreement with Emily & Michael Svreck of 865 Red Rock Road. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

E. Approval of a SWM Operations & Maintenance agreement with Robert Wible of 64 Gordon Road, Fairfield, PA 17320.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the SWM Operations & Maintenance agreement with Robert Wible of 64 Gordon Road. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

F. Approval of a SWM Operations & Maintenance agreement with Michael Simpson of 602 Middle Creek Road, Fairfield, PA 17320.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the SWM Operations & Maintenance agreement with Michael Simpson of 602 Middle Creek Road. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

G. Special Fire Policeman appointment & oath – Herbert Milligan.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to **TABLE** this item. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. 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 Vice-Chair Kellett. Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 7:34 P.M.