

AGENDA

Freedom Township Board of Supervisors
January 5, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

Board of Supervisors

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

Township Officials

Members of the Public Present

Jim Geleta

Call to Order

Mr. Kellett called the Board of Supervisor's Reorganization Meeting to order at 6:43 PM.

Public Comment

None

Appoint Acting Chairperson

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint Mr. Young as the acting chairperson. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appoint 2026 Supervisor's Chairperson

Mr. Young called for nominations for the 2026 supervisor's chairperson. Mr. Kellett nominated Mr. Young. No other nominations were noted. Mr. Kellett closed the nomination period and called for a Motion. Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint Mr. Young as the 2026 chairperson. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appoint Supervisor's Vice-Chairperson

Chair Young called for nominations for the 2026 supervisor's vice-chairperson position. Mr. Kellett nominated Mr. Johnston. No other nominations were noted. Chair Young closed the nomination period and called for a Motion. Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint Mr. Johnston as the 2025 vice-chairperson. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appoint Manager

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint Zach Gulden as the Township's Manager. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appoint Secretary / Treasurer

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint Zach Gulden as the Township's Secretary and Treasurer. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Approve Bond for Manager, Secretary, & Treasurer

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Manager, Secretary, & Treasurer's bond at \$700,000. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appoint Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint Zach Gulden as the Township's Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appoint Open Record's Officer

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint Zach Gulden as the Township's Open Record's Officer. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appoint Road Superintendent

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint Mike Wenschhof as the Township's Road Superintendent. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Set Hourly Rate for Road Superintendent

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to set the hourly rate for the Road Superintendent at \$30.00 per hour and \$29.00 per hour for Road Laborers. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appoint Road Supervisor

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to appoint Vice-Chair Johnston as the Township's Road Supervisor. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appoint Road Supervisor Alternate

Vice-Chair Johnston made a **MOTION** to appoint Chair Young as the Township's Road Supervisor Alternate. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Set Per Mile Rate for Township Staff

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to set the 2026 Federal Rate as the per mile rate for Township Staff. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appoint Uniform Construction Code Building Code Official

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint Kim Spittler from PA Municipal Code Alliance, Inc. as the Uniform Construction Code Building Code Official. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appoint Township Engineering Firm

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint KPI Technology as the Township's Engineering firm. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appoint Township Sewage Enforcement Officer

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint Gil Picarelli from KPI Technology as the Township's Sewage Enforcement Officer. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnson. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appoint Township Alternate Sewage Enforcement Office

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint Dominic Picarelli & Leah Heine from KPI Technology as the Township's Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officers. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appoint Township Solicitor

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint Linus E. Fenicle as the Township's Solicitor at a rate of \$300 per meeting and \$175 per hour. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appoint Per Capita Tax Collector

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint Kimberly Beckett as the Township's per capita tax collector. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Set Real Estate & Per Capita Tax Collector Commission

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to set the real estate and per capita tax collector commission at 5 percent. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appoint Earned Income Tax Collector

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint the York Adams Tax Bureau as the earned income tax collector. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appoint Delinquent Per Capita Tax Collector

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint the York Adams Tax Bureau as delinquent per capita tax collector. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appoint Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint the Adams County Tax Claim Bureau as the delinquent real estate tax collector. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appoint Chairperson of Vacancy Board

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint Joe Bowden as the Chairperson of the Vacancy Board. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appoint Emergency Management Coordinator

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint Edward Buchheit, Jr. as the Emergency Management Coordinator. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appoint Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint Ronald Cool as the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appointment to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint Wayne Belt to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 3-year term

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint James Geleta to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 3-year term. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appointment to the Agricultural Security Area (ASA) Review Board

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint James Geleta and Matt Young to the ASA for a **3-year term**. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appointment to the Board of Auditors

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint Amy Naill to the Board of Auditors for a 2-year term. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appointment to the Board of Auditors

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint Frances Williams to the Board of Auditors for a 2-year term. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Set Board of Supervisor's Meeting Dates

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to set the Board of Supervisor's regular meeting dates to the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Set Planning Commission Meeting Dates

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to set the Planning Commission's regular meetings, as needed, on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Re-Affirm Linus E. Fenicle Attending Planning Commission Meetings as Needed

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** re-affirm Linus E. Fenicle attend Planning Commission meetings as needed. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appoint a representative to the York Adams Tax Bureau Tax Collection Committee

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to appoint Mr. Kellett as the representative to the York Adams Tax Bureau Tax Collection Committee. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appointment of a delegate to the Adams County Council of Governments

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to appoint Paul Kellett as the delegate to the Adams County Council of Governments. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Appointment of a voting delegate to the PSATS Yearly Convention

Vice-Chair Johnston made a **MOTION** to appoint Chair Young as the delegate to the PSATS Yearly Convention. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Approval of Resolution 2026-01, Township general fee schedule

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** approve Resolution 2026-01. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Approval of Resolution 2026-02, Township sewage fee schedule

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** approve Resolution 2026-02. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Any other business

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnson. Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 6:59 PM.