

**Freedom Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
June 18, 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

Mary Buchheit, Jim Geleta, & Joe Bowden

Call to Order

Chair Young called the Board of Supervisor's Meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and he announced the Board of Supervisors held an executive session before the meeting regarding personnel.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 21, 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 for May in the amount of \$17,601.83 from the General Fund, \$2,083.33 from the Fire Tax Fund, and \$1,448.00 from the Escrow Account. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Manager & Road Reports

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

- Misc. phone calls, emails, & website updates.
- Submitted monthly solar meter reading.
- Monthly employment tax reports and payments.
- Monthly reconciliation of all bank accounts.
- May Supervisor's meeting minutes.
- 1x bank deposit.
- 2x zoning permits:

- 1x shed.
- 1x deck.
- 2x zoning permit exemption forms.
- Federal Highway Administration form 534 for 2024.
- Received notification from PMCA that the PA Department of Labor and Industry contacted them regarding the building permit accessibility audit. Pulled 2x permit packages being audited and provided to PMCA.
- Applied for a \$30,000.00 grant from the People, Parks, & Community Foundation for Phase 2 of the park.
- Chairperson Young and I closed all the ACNB Bank accounts, except General Fund, on May 31st. The General Fund account will remain open to deposit cash.

Mr. Gulden read the road report for May:

- Road mowing, weed trimming, brush cutting, and trash pickup along roadways. Mowing, trimming, and clearing of Township lot. Clearing of fallen trees and limbs from roads after rain and windstorms.
- Mr. Johnston and Mr. Wenschhof moved the electronic speed sign from Bigham Road to Bullfrog Road where it remains.
- Set up the meeting room for Election Day and took down voting equipment afterwards and restored the meeting room.
- Misc. shop maintenance and clean-up.
- Return PA 1 calls.

Mike worked 151 hours, and Mr. Johnston had 1 hour.

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 did not submit May's report.

FIRE

- Mr. Gulden read the fire report. The Greenmount Fire Department had 14 calls in the month of May.
- Type of calls:
 - 1 motor vehicle accident (MVA)-advanced life support (ALS).
 - 1 MVA-basic life support (BLS).
 - 1 barn fire.
 - 1 MVA-entrapment.
 - 1 residential structure fire.

- 1 inside gas leak.
- 1 debris removal.
- 1 non-injury MVA.
- 2 requests for fire police.
- 4 medical assists.
- Location of calls:
 - 8 to Freedom Township.
 - 3 to Frederick County, MD.
 - 1 to Cumberland Township.
 - 1 to Liberty Township.
 - 1 to Highland Township.

POLICE

- Police Chief DeWitt read April's police report.
 - Hours Worked – 35
 - Patrol/Incident Hours – 26
 - Admin Hours – 9
 - Total Citations – 7
 - Traffic Warnings / FEC - 0
 - Total Arrest's – 0
 - Traffic Details – 0
 - Body camera footage over 60 days has been deleted.
 - Traffic Enforcement:
 - Emmitsburg Road – 2 hours
 - Bullfrog Road – 7.5 hours
 - Pumping Station Road – 0 hours
 - Charges filed for the vehicle into a house on Bullfrog Road.

Old Business

- A. Liberty Township Police Department National Night Out donation request. The event is to be held on August 5, 2025, from 5-8 PM.**

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to donate \$750.00 to the event. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

- B. Discussion of fireworks ordinance.**

Mr. Gulden confirmed that this ordinance is for large display fireworks only and not for fireworks that you can purchase at a store, which was the Board's previous concern. No changes had been made to the ordinance from their previous discussion.

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to authorize advertisement for ordinance adoption at the July 16, 2025, regular meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

C. Discussion of zoning ordinance updates.

The Board discussed various proposed updates including:

- 230-6. Add the definition of "snipe sign."
- 230-8.A.2.a. Increase reconstruction period after a building is destroyed by fire, explosion, or natural disaster from one year to 24 months.
- 230.17.D.3. Add height restrictions to agricultural buildings.
- 230-24.B.3. Add minimum lot widths.
- 230-23.D.3. Add height restrictions to agricultural buildings.
- 230-35.B.2. Remove public water/sewer items.
- 230-35.B. Add a minimum lot widths and maximum impervious coverage.
- 230-35.C. Remove public water/sewer items.
- 230.42. Add "(single-family detached dwellings are excluded)"
- 230.42.5. Add single-family detached dwelling lot, setbacks, and height regulations.
- 230-58. Added street tree provisions.
- 230.69. Added "snipe signs" and "signs erected on private or public property without permission of the property owner" to prohibited signs.

Mr. Gulden is to obtain information on short term rentals and data centers for next meeting.

New Business

A. Consider approval of stormwater operations and maintenance agreements:

1) 1399 Bullfrog Road.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the stormwater agreement for 1399 Bullfrog Road. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

2) 425 Schriver Road (amended).

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the stormwater agreement for 425 Schriver Road. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Other Business

Mr. Gulden stated that the auditor and zoning hearing board solicitor have resigned, and he will seek replacements.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Young made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0). Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.