

**Freedom Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
April 15, 2026, at 7:00 PM**

Board of Supervisors

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

Township Officials

Zach Gulden, Manager
Linus Fenicle, Solicitor

Members of the Public Present

Ed Buchheit, Mike Lawrence, Sam Green, Jim Geleta, Norma Calhoun, Wayne Belt, Jeff Yingling, Betsey Yingling, Matthew Teeter, Keith Schultz, and Carol Zargarski.

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

Ms. Calhoun voiced concerns regarding zoning and the Yingling subdivision plan.

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Johnston made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of March 18, 2026. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Monthly Expenses

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the bills in the amount of \$21,104.40 from the General Fund and \$2,197.90 from the Fire Tax Fund. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Manager & Road Reports

The Manager completed the following tasks in March:

- 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.
- Ordered new speed signs.

- Started conversation with PennDOT regarding 2026 road project (Boyle Road Phase 2).
- Prepared, notarized, and mailed SWM O&M agreement for Simpson.
- Met with KPI and Linus on 3/2 to discuss Mason Dixon Farms and Yingling plans.
- Reviewed plan and provided Zoning Officer review memo for Yingling subdivision plan.
- Placed 2026 COSTARS salt order.
- Provided all audit documents to auditor for 2025.
- Processed 1x EIT & 1x real estate tax volunteer service tax credit applications.
- Submitted zoning text amendment application package to County PC for review and comment.
- Prepared and submitted a formal request for help letter to County PC for ASA review.
- Prepared and delivered PC packets.
- Investigated complaint by conducting a site visit. No violations noted.
- HOP awareness letter for the 2026 Gettysburg Festival of Races to be held on 04/26/26.
- 3x RTK requests.

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

- Treated roads with antiskid due to freezing rainstorm.
- Hauled cold mix and patched holes on various roadways.
- Hauled 2A stone to various dirt roads to fill in holes.
- Clear roads of trees and limbs due to very high wind and rain.
- Berm clearing, culvert cleaning, and trash pickup along roads.
- Performed light grading and ditching work on Rohrbaugh Road.
- Ordered culvert pipe for Scott Road along with some road signs, posts, blades for snowplows, etc.
- Washed truck, clean up at Township and misc. shop work.
- Return PA 1 calls.

Public Works Employee	Hours Worked
Mike Wenschhof	124
Steve Long	0

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve March’s 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 1 call in March to Freedom Township.

Mr. Lawrence stated the Greenmount Community Fire Department had 15 calls for the month of March. 4x structure fires, 2x gas leaks, 4x brush fires, 2x AFAs, 1x medical, 1x fill in, and 1x officer request. Of those calls, 5x were to Freedom Township, 1x to Cumberland Township, 1x to Mount Joy Township, 7x to Frederick County, MD, and 1x to Carroll County. Total of 10.5 hours of training for the month on SCBA, gas meters, and hydraulic extrication tools.

Police Chief DeWitt presented March's police report. 14 calls for service, 30 traffic stops, 15 citations, and 16 faulty equip / warn. 30 hours were worked. 0 hours of speed enforcement were at Pumping Station, 14 hours on Emmitsburg Road, and 9 hours on Bullfrog Road.

Old Business

A. Consider two additional appointments to the Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee.

- 1) _____ (farmer that owns land within the Township)
- 2) _____ (farmer that owns land within the Township)
- 3) Tom Johnson (farmer that owns land within the Township)
- 4) James Geleta (resident of the Township)
- 5) Matt Young (member from the Board of Supervisors)

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to appoint Aaron Waybright to the Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

B. Appointment of Zoning Hearing Board member with a term end date of 12/31/2028.

Mr. Gulden noted that no applications have been received.

New Business

A. Consider time extension for the Jeffrey Richard Yingling Subdivision Plan until July 16, 2026, or consider plan if extension is not granted.

Mr. Gulden noted that the applicant's attorney submitted a forest management plan earlier today for the project in order to satisfy a zoning issue with the plan, and he has not yet had a chance to review.

Mr. Kellett stated he is agreeing to a timeline extension; however, the applicant is required to submit a wetland delineation plan for the project. Chair Young stated the wetland plan will need to be submitted to staff at least two weeks prior to July 16th, so staff have time to review the delineation.

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve a timeline extension for the plan until July 16, 2026. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

B. Consider time extension for the Mason Dixon Farms Land Development Plan until May 20, 2026, or consider plan if extension is not granted.

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve a timeline extension for the plan until May 20, 2026. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

C. Consider advertisement of the 2026 road project (Boyle Road Phase 2).

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve an advertisement for the 2026 road project for Boyle Road Phase 2. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

D. Consider approval of Resolution 2026-06, Park Phase 2 grant application.

Mr. Gulden stated the current park phasing schedule shows the 1/4th mile trail loop as Phase 2, tot lot playground as phase 3, and youth playground as phase 4. He said that he has applied for multiple state and private grants for phase 2 with no luck. After discussions with PA DCNR staff, he feels they can obtain funding for the tot lot through the PA DCNR Small Communities Grant, so he is recommending updating the phasing schedule as follows: Phase 2 – tot lot playground; Phase 3 – youth playground; and Phase 4 – 1/4th mile loop trail. This resolution would authorize the application for the previously mentioned grant in the amount of \$85,000. He would apply for a \$25,000 Adams County park grant. The remaining funds would come from existing donations and park/rec impact fees. No taxpayer dollars are proposed to be used for this project.

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 2026-06. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

E. Consider donation to the Greenmount Community Fire Department for fire truck replacement.

Mr. Gulden stated that a \$25,000 donation was included in the 2026 Fire Tax Fund budget.

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to donate \$25,000 from the Fire Tax Fund to the Greenmount Fire Department's new truck purchase. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

F. Consider approval of a special event permit for the Gettysburg National 19th Century Baseball Festival for July 18 & 19, 2026.

a. The applicant has requested a waiver of the traffic control requirements.

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the special event permit application and waiver of traffic control requirements. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair 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. Kellett. Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 7:44 PM.