

**FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
September 11, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Allen Beckett, Chairperson
Paul Kellett, Vice-Chairperson
Matt Young

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS PRESENT

Zachary Gulden, Township Manager
Linus Fenicle, Township Solicitor

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Ed Buchheit, Mary Buchheit, Robert Garls, Brenda Snyder, Daniel Ohler, & Herb Milligan

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Beckett called the Board of Supervisor's Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the August 14, 2019 meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,088.33 FOR CONSIDERATION

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the financial report and bills in the amount of \$14,088.33. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Beckett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

ROAD REPORT

Mr. Gulden said the contractor will start repairing the Natural Dam Road bridge on Monday, September 16th. They will not close the road. The project is expected to take approximately two weeks.

The road crew completed the following tasks in August:

- Mowing, string trimming, brush cutting along roadways and Township lot.
- Cold patch repairs on various roads. Cleaned-up loose stones at Gordon & Bullfrog Roads. Took down fresh oil & chip signs.

- Sent John Deere tractor to Smith's for diagnosis and repairs. The main fuse blew, engine stops, and no brakes on steering.
- Had Dodge truck inspected and serviced at Kaisers. It still needs two U joints replaced and four rear tires before winter.
- Other misc. maintenance and repairs on tractor, mower, and truck.

Road Crew Employee	Hours Worked	Mileage
Mike Wenschhof	88	0
Ed Wenschhof	44	0
Allen Beckett	0	0

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

Mr. Gulden questioned the need to purchase four tires for the Dodge truck, because the Board has expressed interest in replacing the vehicle in the near future. The Board agreed to purchase the tires to be prepared for winter.

EMS & FIRE REPORTS

Neither the EMS nor fire report were submitted. Mr. Ohler said he was sick, and will submit the fire report at a later date. He also stated that the fire department will have an open house event on October 7th from 6pm – 8pm for fire prevention month. They will also have a children's Halloween party on October 26th from 5pm – 9pm. Mr. Milligan said the fire department is holding a fundraiser by selling reflective address signs. They are \$15.00 per sign.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gulden stated he received a letter in the mail today regarding the 102nd Annual Conference of the Adams County Association of Township Officials. The event will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at the Southeastern Adams Volunteer Emergency Services social hall. Doors open at 4:45pm and dinner will be served at 6:30pm. The cost is \$10.00 per person. He asked if any of the Supervisors would like to attend this year. Chair Beckett and his wife, Mr. Young and his wife, and Vice-Chair Kellett will be attending the event.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to purchase five tickets to the 102nd conference in the total amount of \$50.00. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

A. Donald Wayne Richmond Subdivision Request

1. Approval of waiving Section 303 (preliminary plan submittal) of the Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance for consideration.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to waive Section 303 of the SALDO for the Donald Wayne Richmond plan. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Beckett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

2. Approval of the Donald Wayne Richmond subdivision for consideration.

Mr. Young said the plan should not include the proposed location of the driveway, because a PennDOT highway occupancy permit has not yet been approved. Chair Beckett and Vice-Chair Kellett stated that there is a specific note on the plan stating that a highway occupancy permit is required before driveway access to the state highway is permitted.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to approve the Donald Wayne Richmond subdivision plan. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried (2-1). Mr. Young voted nay.

B. Approval of an advertisement for a budget workshop to be held at the Township on October 9, 2019 at 6:30 PM for consideration.

Mr. Gulden said he is happy to announce that he is not recommending a tax increase for 2020.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to approve an advertisement for a budget workshop to be held at the Township on October 9, 2019 at 6:30 PM. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Gulden said the Township received donation thank you letters from the Adams County SPCA, Adams County Office for Aging, and Rabbit Transit.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Manager / Zoning Officer

Mr. Gulden said that 20 zoning permits have been issued to date. In August he maintained the Township's website, worked on the zoning ordinance update, assisted in the EV station project, and prepared the 2020 budget. He also said a Zoning Hearing Board meeting is scheduled for October 16th at 7:00 PM. The Alan Trider Trust, 2560 Bullfrog Road, is appealing the zoning use determination made by the zoning officer (Mr. Gulden). The Board agreed that it would be appropriate for Mr. Fenicle to be present at the hearing and defend the Township for this case.

B.Solicitor

Mr. Fenicle said the 2560 Bullfrog Road tax appeal is scheduled for October 17th, 2019 at 2:45 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The Motion was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. Chair Beckett adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.