

**Freedom Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
June 8, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

Board of Supervisors

Matt Young, Chairperson
Brett Johnston

Township Officials

Zach Gulden, Township Manager
Linus Fenicle, Township Solicitor

Members of the Public Present

Ed Buchheit, Mary Buchheit, Herb Milligan, Joe Barber, & Christopher Lontz

Call to Order

Chair Young called the Board of Supervisor's Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and noted Vice-Chair Kellett as absent.

Public Comment

Ms. Buchheit expressed support of implementing phase 2 of the park project, which includes the ¼ mile walking loop around the municipal lot. She stated it is extremely dangerous to walk along Township and state roads, because there are no sidewalks.

Mr. Barber requested the Township seek speed cameras and speed bumps along Bullfrog Road due to speeders. Chair Young & Mr. Fenicle stated that speed cameras are not legal and speed bumps would be dangerous.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the May 11, 2022 regular meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

Monthly Expenses

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to approve the bills in the amount of \$12,319.32 from the General Fund. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

Manager & Road Reports

The Manager completed the following tasks in May:

- Monthly expenses.
- 2x bank deposits.

- Board of Supervisor’s meeting minutes.
- 2x zoning permit applications – 1 for a pole building & 1 addition.
- 1x well permit application.
- Misc. website updates.
- Prepared and sent letter to PennDOT requesting school bus stop ahead sign for Emmitsburg Road.
- 1x right-to-know request.
- Submitted monthly solar meter reading.
- Reviewed special event permit application.

The Public Works Department completed the following tasks in May:

- Road mowing, weed and brush trimming, and mowing of township lot.
- Clear debris from roads and ditches from heavy rain storms and flooding. Set up and take down signs and cones.
- Trash pickup and patching of potholes.
- The new township sign was installed on May 9th.
- Helped with the recycling event on May 14th.
- Set up meeting room for elected day and took down.
- Picked up supplies from Harrington’s for weed trimmer, saws, etc.
- Returned PA 1 calls.

Public Works Employee	Hours Worked
Mike Wenschhof	168
Herb Milligan	0

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to approve May’s Road Report as submitted. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

EMS, Fire, & Police Reports

Adams Regional Emergency Medical Service (AREMS) had 2 calls in April and 3 in May to Freedom Township.

Mr. Milligan presented the fire report. Greenmount Fire Department had 6 calls in the month of May:

- 2 traffic accidents in Emmitsburg, MD.
- 1 barn fire in Straban Township.
- 1 building fire in Carrol Valley Borough.
- 1 cardiac arrest medical assist in Freedom Township.
- 1 vehicle fire in freedom township.

The Police report was not submitted for the month of May.

Old Business

None

New Business**A. Approval of a special event permit for the Boy Scouts of America Fall Camporee on September 23-25, 2022 for consideration.**

Mr. Lontz represented the Boy Scouts. Mr. Gulden stated the Fire Chief and Police Chief reviewed the plan with no comments; the Deputy EMS Coordinator requested a contact number in case of emergencies; and KPI Technology reviewed with minor comments that have been addressed.

Chair Young reminded Mr. Lontz to have qualified traffic control staff present. Mr. Lontz stated that Gettysburg Fire Department's fire police will be there to direct traffic. Mr. Milligan stated Greenmount Fire Department may be able to help as well.

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to approve the special event permit for the Boy Scouts of America Fall Camporee on September 23-25, 2022 with the condition that they submit a traffic control plan to the Township Manager. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

B. Appointment of Elaine Floyd to the Board of Auditors with a term expiration of December 31, 2025 for consideration.

Mr. Gulden stated that the County's Office of Election's manager stated that the Board can appoint for the vacant Board of Auditor's position, and Ms. Floyd has volunteered. Mr. Fenicle stated he has a call into the manager, and is waiting for a reply. Mr. Gulden stated he will bring this back at the July meeting for consideration.

C. Gordon Road bridge discussion.

Mr. Gulden stated he has contacted the County, and there is significant grant money available to build a bridge at the Gordon Road ford crossing. The Board agreed that they were not interested at this time.

Other Business

Mr. Gulden asked if the Board had any comments on Ms. Buchheit's request. He said that he could get the vast majority, if not all, of the funds via state and county grants and private donations. Phase 2 is expected to cost around \$110,000 per recent discussions with the Township's consultant. The Township will need to first spend \$2,500 on a survey. He stated he

will add this to the July agenda. Chair Young requested Mr. Gulden add a request to the Township's webpage for public feedback on the project.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Young made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 7:40 P.M.