

**Freedom Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
December 14, 2022
7:15 P.M.**

Board of Supervisors

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

Township Officials

Zach Gulden, Township Manager
Linus Fenicle, Township Solicitor

Members of the Public Present

Ed Buchheit, Mary Buchheit, & Jim Geleta

Call to Order

Chair Young called the Board of Supervisor's Meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the November 2, 2022 regular meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Monthly Expenses

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the bills in the amount of \$17,379.77 from the General Fund & \$492.00 from the Escrow Account. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Manager & Road Reports

The Manager completed the following tasks in November:

- Misc. phone calls;
- Misc. website updates;
- Attended the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission meetings;
- 2x deposits;
- 1x zoning permit – pavilion;
- Completed the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission meeting minutes;
- Posted 175 Wenschhoff Road with conditional use sign;

- Prepared 2021 liquid fuels audit materials;
- Liquid fuels audit took place on November 14;
- Prepared 2023 budget resolution & advertisement; and
- Prepared 2022 stone bid packet and advertisement.

The Public Works Department completed the following tasks in November:

- Road mowing, weed & brush cutting, trash pick-up, and clearing of leaves on and along roadways.
- Clearing of several fallen trees from wind and rainstorms.
- Mowing and trimming, clean-up around township lot.
- Misc. shop and maintenance work.
- Set up and took down voting equipment for election day.
- Attend building design meeting.
- Return PA 1 calls.

Public Works Employee	Hours Worked
Mike Wenschhof	105
Herb Milligan	0

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

EMS, Fire, & Police Reports

Adams Regional Emergency Medical Service (AREMS) had 3 calls for the month of October and 1 call in November throughout Freedom Township.

Greenmount Fire Department did not submit the fire report for November.

Mr. Gulden presented the police reports. Liberty Township Police worked 25 hours in the month of October. There were two 911 calls, 24 traffic citations, and 11 written warnings. Liberty Township Police worked 25 hours in the month of November. There was one 911 call, 20 traffic citations, and 10 written warnings. Officer Chris Roosen will be starting full time with Liberty Township in January. He has been promoted to Sgt.

Old Business

A. Approval of Resolution 2022-11 for consideration – 2023 budget.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 2022-11. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

B. Open the bids for the 2023 stone contract.

Mr. Gulden opened a bid from Specialty Granules. He said he believes that New Enterprise Stone & Lime's bid is at the post office, but he is not certain. A large envelope was to be delivered but required signature when no one was in the office. Mr. Wenschhoff is to pick-up the envelope later. Mr. Fenicle stated the bid will be good if it is post marked on or before today's date.

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to table the matter until January's meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

New Business

- A. Approval of an advertisement notice of the Township's intent to appoint Joyce Beckman of Lockwood Business Support Service to conduct the 2022 audit in place of the elected auditors for consideration.**

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve an advertisement notice of the Township's intent to appoint Joyce Beckman of Lockwood Business Support Service to conduct the 2022 audit in place of the elected auditors. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

- B. Approval of Resolution 2022-12 for consideration – sets 2023 Manager salary.**

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 2022-12. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Other Business

Mr. Gulden stated the Township received a letter from the Adams County Commissioners stating Freedom Township will be receiving \$7,765.65 of the County's ARPA funds to help offset lost liquid fuel's revenues from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Young made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 7:33 P.M.