

**Freedom Township Board of Supervisors  
Regular Meeting  
December 11, 2024 @ 7:00 PM**

**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**

Ed Buchheit, Jim Geleta, & Terry DeWitt (Liberty Township Police).

**Call to Order**

Chair Young called the Board of Supervisor's Meeting to order at 7:07 PM and announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss potential litigation.

**Public Comment**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the November 6, 2024, 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 \$13,587.68 from the General Fund. 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 November:

- Misc. phone calls / emails / website updates.
- Submitted monthly solar meter reading.
- Monthly employment tax reports and payments.
- Monthly reconciliation of all bank accounts.
- November 6<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisor's meeting minutes.
- 2x bank deposit.

- Prepared and mailed KPI stormwater management review invoices for reimbursement.
- Enacted burn ban on November 1<sup>st</sup> and lifted on November 25<sup>th</sup> at Chairperson's direction, posted website, and notified County 911 & fire department.
- Prepared Ordinance 2025-01, supervisor salary increase option from Act 94 of 2024.
- Reached out to 2x zoning permit holders to notify them that their permits expired in November.
- Finalized and submitted Local Share Account Grant for phase 2 of the park.
- 1x zoning permit for a single-family dwelling.
- 1x well permit.
- Applied for a \$5,000 Walmart grant for phase 2 of the park.
- Worked with Liberty and Highland Townships on speed sign purchase.
- Received complaint on November 19 regarding a homeless person setting up camp at Sach's covered ridge and notified police.
- Highway occupancy permit for 2025 Gettysburg Festival of Races to be held on April 27, 2025. Forwarded to fire and police departments and emergency management coordinator.
- Discussed ag security districts with County at Chairperson's request. Forwarded information to Chair.
- Received complaint from County Conservation District regarding 1399 Bullfrog Road regarding installing fill without necessary permits. Conducted inspection on November 22 and working with KPI / property owner on compliance.
- Worked with Comcast to get savings on internet/phone/fax contract.

Mr. Gulden read the road report. The Department of Public Works completed the following tasks in November:

- Road mowing, brush cutting, weed trimming, leaf clearing along roadways.
- Clearing trees and limbs from roads and berms during and after high winds.
- Filled potholes with 2A stones in the parking areas along Water Works Road.
- Took down election equipment, cleaned, and set up meeting room.
- Took the F-550 to Crouse Ford for a 5,000-mile service.
- Lobar sent an electrician to install a switch to operate the lights in the new addition instead of being activated by motion, which never worked correctly.
- Put the loader back on the tractor and misc. shop work.
- Returned PA One calls.

Public Works Employee	Hours Worked
Mike Wenschhof	127
Brett Johnston	0
Steve Long	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**

#### **EMS**

- The EMS report was not submitted by Adams Regional.

#### **FIRE**

- Mr. Buchheit read the fire report. Greenmount Fire Department had 14 calls in the month of November.
- Type of calls:
  - 1 transfer.
  - 1 medical assist.
  - 1 brush fire.
  - 1 large vehicle fire.
  - 1x gas leak
  - 1 large non-dwelling fire.
  - 1 public service.
  - 1 inside investigation.
  - 1 barn fire.
  - 1 request for line officer.
  - 1 outside fire.
  - 3 residential structure fires.
- Location of calls:
  - 5 to Frederick County, MD.
  - 3 to Cumberland Township.
  - 3 to Freedom Township.
  - 1 to Highland Township
  - 1 to Gilford Township.
  - 1 to Franklin County

#### **POLICE**

- Liberty Township Police's Officer in Charge Terry DeWitt read November's police report.
  - Hours Worked = 35
  - Traffic Warnings/FEC = 8
  - Traffic Citations = 23
  - Total Incidents = 53
  - Traffic Details = 8
  - Court Appearances = 2 for 1.5 hours.
  - Patrol Officer Kenneth Hassinger completed field training.
  - All patrol officers are current on their taser training.

- The new badges are in and have replaced the old badges.
- DUI/drugs arrest completed on 11/30/24 detail.
- Body camera footage over 60 days has been deleted.
- Traffic Enforcement, 27 hours (42.5 total with 15.5 reimbursed) (23 citations / 16 warnings)
  - Bullfrog Road, 27 hours (14 citations / 6 warnings). 5 hours reimbursed detail.
  - Emmitsburg Road, 10.5 hours (9 citations / 10 warnings) reimbursed detail.
  - Pumping Station Road, 0 hours (0 citations / 0 warnings).

### **Old Business**

#### **A. Discussion / consider advertising Ordinance 2025-01 for January 6, 2025, adoption.**

The Board preferred to adopt the ordinance at their February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Board stated that the pay increase would not apply to them and instead those appointed or elected after them. Supervisor pay has not been increased since 1995. Salaries under the ordinance would increase from \$1,875 to \$3,145 per year. Vice-Chair Kellett stated, if reelected, he would continue to donate his salary to the Greenmount Fire Department.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to advertise Ordinance 2025-01 for February 12, 2025, adoption. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

### **New Business**

#### **A. Consider approval of Resolution 2024-10, 2025 budget.**

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 2024-10. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

#### **B. Consider approval of Resolution 2024-11, setting 2025 employee salaries.**

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 2024-11. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

#### **C. Open the 2025 stone bids and consider awarding contract(s).**

Mr. Gulden opened a sealed bid from New Enterprise Stone & Lime. The Board asked Mr. Gulden to reach out to Specialty Granules to see if they missed the request for proposals as they bid every year.

Item	New Enterprise Stone & Lime	
	FOB / Ton	Delivered / Ton
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<b>2A Aggregate</b>	\$12.50	\$16.44
<b>2RC Aggregate</b>	\$8.20	\$12.14
<b>#3 Stone</b>	\$17.50	\$21.44
<b>#4 Stone</b>	\$17.50	\$21.44
<b>#8 Stone</b>	\$22.00	\$25.94
<b>#57 Stone</b>	\$17.00	\$20.94
<b>Cold Mix</b>	\$155.00	\$158.94
<b>Screenings</b>	\$12.00	\$15.94
<b>Gabion Stone</b>	\$20.00	\$24.95
<b>AS3 Anti-Skid</b>	\$21.50	\$25.44

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to table the matter. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

**D. Consider approval of an agreement to extend the municipal waste / recycling contract with Parks Garbage Services, Inc. until March 31, 2026.**

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve an agreement to extend the municipal waste / recycling contract with Parks Garbage Services, Inc. until March 31, 2026. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

**E. Discussion of fireworks ordinance.**

Mr. Gulden presented a sample fireworks ordinance provided by the PA State Association of Township Supervisors. The Board determined to table the matter to ensure that the ordinance only applies to large fireworks displays that can only be purchased by licensed individuals. They did not want the ordinance to apply for smaller fireworks displays that can be purchased in stores by residents.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to table the matter. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

**Other Business**

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to advertise the 2025 Board of Supervisor's reorganization meeting for 6:30 PM with the regular meeting to follow immediately afterwards. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

**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 7:38 PM.