

**Freedom Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
July 16, 2025**

Board of Supervisors

Matt Young, Chairperson
Paul Kellett, Vice-Chairperson

Township Officials

Zach Gulden, Manager
Linus Fenicle, Solicitor

Members of the Public Present

Mary Buchheit, Ed Buchheit, Jim Geleta, & Joe Bowden

Call to Order

Chair Young called the Board of Supervisor's Meeting to order at 7:00 PM and noted Mr. Johnston as absent.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 18, 2025. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

Monthly Expenses

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the bills for June in the amount of \$11,333.08 from the General Fund, \$2,083.33 from the Fire Tax Fund, and \$724.00 from the Escrow Account and a transfer of \$15,000.00 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

Manager & Road Reports

Mr. Gulden read the Manager's report. The Manager completed the following tasks in June:

- Misc. phone calls, emails, & website updates.
- Submitted monthly solar meter reading.
- Monthly employment tax reports and payments.
- Monthly reconciliation of all bank accounts.
- June Supervisor's meeting minutes.
- 2 bank deposits.
- 2x zoning permits:

- 1x single-family dwelling.
 - 1x pole building.
- 2x zoning permit exemption forms.
- Updated General Code tax exempt status.
- Reached out to auditing firms for quotes due to resignation.
- Reached out to zoning hearing board attorneys for quotes due to resignation.
- Worked on zoning update.
- Property folder filing.
- Processed 2x stormwater operations & maintenance agreements.
- Notarized a document for the fire department on 6/23.

Mr. Gulden read the road report for June:

- Road mowing, weed trimming, brush cutting, culvert and ditch cleaning, and trash pickup along roadways.
- Mowing, trimming, and clearing of Township lot.
- Cut and cleared a fallen tree on Middle Creek Road.
- Patched misc. small holes on paved roads with black top and filled misc. potholes on dirt roads with 2A stone.
- Picked up misc. supplies and had a weed trimmer repaired at Harringtons.
- Misc. shop maintenance and clean-up.
- Return PA 1 calls.

Mike worked 144 hours.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Road Report as submitted. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

EMS, Fire, & Police Reports

EMS

- Adams Regional EMS had 6 calls in May and 4 calls in June to Freedom Township.

FIRE

- Mr. Buchheit read the fire report. The Greenmount Fire Department had 10 calls in the month of June.
- Type of calls:
 - 2 requests for fire police.
 - 2 automatic fire alarms.
 - 2 medical assists.
 - 1 brush fire.
 - 1 residential structure fire.
 - 1 motor vehicle accident non-injury.

- 1 traffic hazard.
- Location of calls:
 - 5 to Freedom Township.
 - 1 to Frederick County, MD.
 - 2 to Cumberland Township.
 - 1 to Liberty Township.
 - 1 to Mount Joy Township.

POLICE

- Mr. Gulden read June's police report.
 - Hours Worked – 35
 - Incidents – 20
 - Admin Hours – 40 (not billed)
 - Total Citations – 25
 - Traffic Warnings – 11
 - Traffic Stops - 37
 - Total Arrest's – 0
 - Traffic Details – 0
 - Body camera footage over 60 days has been deleted.
 - Traffic Enforcement:
 - Emmitsburg Road – 10 hours
 - Bullfrog Road – 10.5 hours
 - Pumping Station Road – 1 hour

Old Business

A. Discussion of zoning ordinance updates.

Mr. Gulden included data center use specific standards in the meeting packet. The Board requested an additional month to review and gather input from Mr. Johnston.

New Business

A. Consider approval of Ordinance 2025-02, setting rules and regulations for display fireworks.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve Ordinance 2025-02. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

B. Consider approval of Resolution 2025-09, set display fireworks permit fee.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 2025-09. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

C. Consider approval of Resolution 2025-10, reappointment of auditor to conduct the 2024 audit.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to table this item. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

D. Consider approval of a three-year contract with the auditing firm.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to table this item. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

Other Business

None

Public Comment

Ms. Buchheit requested financial statements for the Fire Tax Fund. Mr. Gulden stated he will print monthly statements moving forward.

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 (2-0). Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.