

**Freedom Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
March 18, 2026, at 7:00 PM**

Board of Supervisors

Matt Young, Chairperson
Brett Johnston, Vice-Chairperson

Township Officials

Zach Gulden, Manager
Linus Fenicle, Solicitor

Members of the Public Present

Roger Johnson, James Geleta, Sam Green, Ed Buchheit, Mary Buchheit, & Mike Lawrence

Call to Order

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

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to amend the agenda by adding the following items:

- Consider resignation of Donna Maring as Deputy Tax Collector.
- Consider appointment of Tracy Paul as Deputy Tax Collector.

The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of February 18, 2026. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

Monthly Expenses

Vice-Chair Johnston made a **MOTION** to approve the bills in the amount of \$8,947.53 from the General Fund and \$2,165.00 from the Fire Tax Fund. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

Manager & Road Reports

The Manager completed the following tasks in February:

- Misc phone calls / emails / website updates.
- Submitted monthly solar meter reading.
- Monthly reconciliation of all bank accounts.

- Monthly employment tax reports and payments.
- Multiple bank deposits.
- Processed 1x real estate volunteer service tax credit application.
- Updated the PA 811 contact list.
- 1x zoning permit for a pool.
- Renewed PA alternative fuels tax permit for charging station.
- Provided documentation for worker’s compensation 2025 audit.
- Pre-grant meeting with PA DCNR regarding park phase 2.
- Completed & mailed the 2025 reimbursement for enforcing the Sewage Facilities Act to PA DEP.
- Monthly Board of Supervisor’s meeting minutes.

The Department of Public Works completed the following tasks in February:

- Cleared trees and limbs from roads and berms due to high winds and snowstorms.
- Took the F-550 to Breighners Tire Service to get the other 5 original tires replaced with new ones after discovering one had a leak and another one had a bulge on it. The truck now has all new more aggressive tires than the original ones which were never very good in the snow.
- Prepped trucks for snowstorm, plowed and treated roads with antiskid material. Plowed back snow drifts and treated ice patches with antiskid. Plowed open parking area in front of pavilion and shoveled away snow in front of main building.
- Hauled cold mix from Gettysburg Quarry and patched potholes on Middle Creek, Boyle, Shorbs Mill, and Bigham Roads.
- Picked up trash along roadways including a mattress along Scott Road.
- Went to NAPA to pick up misc. supplies.
- Put a new snowplow edge on the big snowplow and wash down trucks. Performed other misc. shop work.
- Return PA 1 calls.

Public Works Employee	Hours Worked
Mike Wenschhof	78
Steve Long	8

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

EMS, Fire, & Police Reports

Mr. Gulden stated that Adams Regional EMS had 3 calls in February to Freedom Township.

Mr. Lawrence stated the Greenmount Community Fire Department had 10 calls for the month of February. 3 building fires. 1 gas leak. 1 fire police only. 1 brush fire. 1 CO. 1 AFA. 1 medical. 1 elevator rescue. Of those calls, 1 was to Mount Joy Township, 3 were to Frederick County, 3

were to Freedom Township, 1 was to Straban Township, 1 was to Cumberland Township, and 1 to Highland Township.

Mr. Gulden presented February's police report. 5 calls for service, 15 traffic stops, 4 citations, and 11 faulty equip / warn. 30 hours were worked. 0 hours of speed enforcement were at Pumping Station, 8 hours on Emmitsburg Road, and 7 hours on Bullfrog Road.

Old Business

A. Consider three additional appointments to the Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee.

- 1) _____ (farmer that owns land within the Township)
- 2) _____ (farmer that owns land within the Township)
- 3) _____ (farmer that owns land within the Township)
- 4) James Geleta (resident of the Township)
- 5) Matt Young (member from the Board of Supervisors)

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to appoint Tom Johnson to the Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

New Business

A. Zoning text amendment application from Mason Dixon Farms, Inc. to increase the maximum impervious lot coverage from 10% to 25% in the Agricultural Zoning District. Consider forwarding to Township & County's Planning Commissions for review and set public hearing date.

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to forward the proposed zoning text amendment to the Township and County Planning Commissions for review and comment and set the public hearing date to May 20th at 6:45 PM. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

B. Recognize that the Township will now begin the Seven Year Review of its Agricultural Security Areas.

Vice-Chair Johnston made a **MOTION** to recognize that the Township will now begin the Seven Year Review of its Agricultural Security Areas. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

C. Appointment of Zoning Hearing Board member with a term end date of 12/31/28.

Mr. Gulden stated no applications were received at this time, so no appointment was made.

D. Consider approval of stormwater operations and maintenance agreement for Michael A. Simpson at 602 Middle Creek Road.

Vice-Chair Johnston made a **MOTION** to approve the stormwater operations and maintenance agreement for Michael A. Simpson at 602 Middle Creek Road. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

E. Consider resignation of Donna Maring as Deputy Tax Collector.

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to accept the resignation of Donna Maring as Deputy Tax Collector. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

F. Consider appointment of Tracy Paul as Deputy Tax Collector.

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to appoint Tracy Paul as Deputy Tax Collector. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

Other Business

None

Public Comment

Mr. Buchheit asked if the Township is still considering a donation towards Greenmount Fire Department's new truck purchase. Chair Young said they will not decide with a supervisor being absent from the meeting, and they should have a decision at April's meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Young made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 7:19 PM.