

**FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 13, 2019  
7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Paul Kellett, Vice-Chairperson  
Matt Young

**TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Zachary Gulden, Township Manager  
Linus Fenicle, Township Solicitor  
Dan Ohler, Greenmount FD President  
Brandon Guiher, KPI Technology

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT**

Roger Johnson, John Javor, Ed Buchheit, Brenda Snyder, & James Fox

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Kellett called the Board of Supervisor's Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chair Beckett was noted as absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the February 13, 2019 meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

**APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,489.87 FOR CONSIDERATION**

Mr. Young made a **MOTION** to approve the financial report and bills in the amount of \$11,489.87. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

**ROAD REPORT**

The road crew completed the following tasks in February:

- Plow, salt, and anti-skid roads. It snowed approx. 10" this month on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Cleared large pine tree from Scott Road. This was a result of high winds on the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Fred Welty hauled two loads / approx. 30 tons of anti-skid (one load from New Enterprise & one load from Specialty Granules).
- Morton Salt delivered second load of salt for the season (approx. 20 tons).
- Replaced plow edges on International Truck and other misc. snow related work.

- Cleaned debris from roads after high winds. Cleared leaves at culvert pipes. Brush cutting and trash pickup.

Road Crew Employee	Hours Worked	Mileage
Mike Wenschhof	65	0
Ed Wenschhof	52	0
Allen Beckett	0	0

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

Mr. Gulden read the following note from Road Superintendent Mr. Wenschhof:

Please get approval from the Board for the following projects:

1. Supply stones for drainage ditch dug by Liberty Township at the Township line – turnaround on McGlaughlin Road.
2. Place stones in driveway area on Shorbs Mill Road where garbage trucks turn around just west of the iron bridge.

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

### **EMS & FIRE REPORTS**

Adams Regional Emergency Medical Service (AREMS) did not submit the EMS report for February.

Mr. Ohler presented the fire report for the Greenmount Fire Department. They had a total of three calls for the month of February; of those calls, one was in Frederick County, one in Freedom Township, and one in Cumberland Township. They had an average of four personnel per call.

Mr. Ohler also presented new proposed fire box cards for the Township.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Natural Dam Road Bridge Project Update**

- **Approval of the bridge request for proposal's advertisement for consideration**

Mr. Guiher stated that KPI is seeking authorization to advertise the Natural Dam Bridge repair request for proposals. Vice-Chair Kellett asked if they had to make any changes to the plans. Mr. Guiher said it is the same. The Board agreed to allow the contractor four months to repair the bridge, advertise in the Gettysburg Times on March 25 and April 1 and on PennBid starting on March 25, hold a pre-bid meeting on April 24, at 10:00 AM, open the bids at the May 8<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisor's meeting, consider awarding a contract at the June 12<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisor's meeting, and allow KPI to perform the inspections on behalf of the Township.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the advertisement for the Natural Dam Bridge project. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Presentation from James Fox on the proposed Gettysburg Civil War Reenactment to be held on July 5, 6, & 7, 2019 at 965 Pumping Station Road.**

Mr. Fox provided the Board and staff the incident and action plan for the 2019 reenactment. He said it has been approved by the Greenmount Fire Department Chief and the Adams County Department of Emergency Services. He said they will be forwarding the insurance paperwork to the Township's solicitor in the near future. Mr. Fox also said that they will forward the plan to the Cumberland Township and Gettysburg Borough Police Departments and the Pennsylvania State Police. Mr. Gulden said the Township's Emergency Coordinator will review the plan, and the Supervisors will consider approval at their April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Gulden said he received an email from the Chair of the Adams County Association of Township Officials, Robert Gordon, requesting official opinions from the Board of Supervisors on the following questions:

1. Do you support or oppose having three or more Uniform Construction Code (UCC) inspectors available for your residents?
2. Do you support or oppose having two UCC inspectors available?
3. Do you support or oppose having the State collect earned income tax?

The Board decided that it does not have an opinion.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **A. Manager / Zoning Officer**

- Met with Mr. Fox regarding the reenactment.
- Gathered 2018 financial documents for the annual audit.
- Issued five zoning permits so far in 2019.
- Completed two right-to-know requests.

- Ordered road salt for the 2020 fiscal year.

### **B. Solicitor**

Mr. Fenicle said he sent a letter to Comcast stating that the Board of Supervisors wish to terminate and renegotiate their franchise agreement. He said they acknowledged the receipt of the letter. Vice-Chair Kellett said he met with other municipalities in Adams County who wish to renegotiate their contract, and the Township would save approximately 10 percent on legal fees if they renegotiate together.

### **C. Adams County Council of Governments (ACCOG)**

Vice-Chair Kellett said he attended the February ACCOG regular meeting. He said there will be a special election to fill the local PA Senate seat on May 21<sup>st</sup>, because Senator Alloway resigned.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** for the Freedom Township Board of Supervisors to strongly oppose the state's proposal on levying a per capita tax on municipalities with populations under 2,000 who rely solely on state police for police coverage. They support levying this tax on municipalities with state police coverage for populations over 2,000. The Motion was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Mr. Young made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The Motion was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. Chair Beckett adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.