

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

Board of Supervisors

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

Township Officials

Zach Gulden, Manager
Linus Fenicle, Solicitor

Members of the Public Present

James Geleta, Sam Green, Tim Staub, Ed Buchheit, Mary Buchheit, & Mike Lawrence

Call to Order

Chair Young called the Board of Supervisor's Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of January 5, 2026, reorganization and regular meetings. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Monthly Expenses

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the bills in the amount of \$38,805.03 from the General Fund, \$5,440.20 from the Escrow Account, and \$9,834.13 from the Fire Tax Fund. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Manager & Road Reports

The Manager completed the following tasks in January:

- 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
- Attended Board of Auditor's meeting and completed their minutes
- Supervisor's minutes for January reorganization and regular meetings

- Processed 2025 W-2's and W-3. Sent to employees and federal government.
- Notarized the volunteer service tax credit documentation for Greenmount Fire Department and sent them the 2025 earned income tax and real estate tax rebate applications.
- Administered oath of office for Chairperson Young. Notarized a form.
- Filled out municipal notification of planned development for Chapter 102 permit regarding Mason Dixon Farms new barn.
- 1x zoning permit – dairy barn (Stoltzfus).
- 2025 MS965 liquid fuels report.
- 2026 tax information form to PA DCED.
- 2025 AG-385 form to PA DCED.
- 2025 survey of financial conditions to PA DCED.
- 2026 elected and appointed officials DCED report.
- 2026 Emergency Preparation – Call List to County 911 center.
- 2026 elected and appointed officials form to county elections office.
- Mailed 2025 ethics forms to all elected and appointed Township officials.
- Received new subdivision and land development plan. Started processing.
- 2026 YATB member information form.
- 2026 diesel and gasoline tax exemption forms.
- Adams Electric tax exemption 5-year form.
- Issued a snow emergency on 1/24 and lifted on 1/27.
- Annual recycling report to County for 2025.
- 2025 PURTA state report.
- Filed 2025 PA employer tax annual reconciliation.
- Filed 2025 alternative fuel tax report for charging station.

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

- Loaded and prepped trucks for snow and sleet storms. Plowed and treated roads with a mixture of salt and antiskid material. Plowed out parking lot and cleared snow in front of building.
- Cut and cleared fallen dead trees and limbs from roads and berms after high winds. Brush trimming, leaf clearing and trash pick up along roadways. Clean up limbs at Township lot.
- Loaded and hauled 2A stone to various roads to fill in potholes and low areas on roads and berms.
- Took F-550 to Myers Electric for PA state inspection with no issues.
- The F-550 had a flat tire on the rear, and I saw that it had a piece of metal rod sticking in it, so I took it to Breighner's Tire Service to get it replaced.
- Misc. shop work.
- Return PA 1 calls.

Public Works Employee	Hours Worked
Mike Wenschhof	104
Steve Long	7

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

EMS, Fire, & Police Reports

Mr. Gulden stated that Adams Regional EMS had 3 calls in December and 1 call in January to Freedom Township.

Mr. Geleta stated the Greenmount Community Fire Department had 8 calls for the month of December. 7 structural fires and 1 EMS call. 1 call was to Freedom Township, 3 to Cumberland Township, 2 to Gettysburg Borough, 1 to Carroll County, and 1 to Aspers.

Mr. Geleta stated the Greenmount Community Fire Department had 18 calls for the month of January. 2 were for "fill-in", 2 brush fires, 2 gas leaks, 1 motor vehicle accident / fire police, 7 structural fires, 1 medical response, 1 chimney fire, and 1 small non-dwelling. 6 were to Frederick County, 2 to Freedom Township, 2 to Mt. Joy Township, 5 to Cumberland Township, 1 to Penn Township, 1 to Hamiltonban Township, and 1 to Carroll Valley.

Sgt. Morris presented December's police report. 8 calls for service, 22 traffic stops, 2 citations, and 20 faulty equip / warn. 35 hours were worked. 4.5 hours of speed enforcement were at Pumping Station and 23.5 hours on Emmitsburg Road.

Sgt. Morris presented January's police report. 17 calls for service, 29 traffic stops, 21 citations, and 13 faulty equipment / warn. 30 hours were worked. 2 hours of speed enforcement were at Middle Creek Road, 4 hours on Bullfrog Road, and 15 hours on Emmitsburg Road.

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Rescind appointment of James Geleta to the Agricultural Security Review Board or Zoning Hearing Board as a matter of law.

Mr. Gulden stated that Mr. Geleta cannot serve on the Agricultural Security Review Board and Zoning Hearing Board as it would be a violation of the PA Municipal Planning Code. Mr. Geleta offered his resignation from the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to accept James Geleta's resignation from the Zoning Hearing Board. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

B. Consider approval of Resolution 2026-05, appointment of Wessel & Company to conduct the 2025 audit in place of the elected auditors at a cost of \$9,000.00.

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 2026-05. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

C. Consider appointment of Donna Maring as the Deputy Tax Collector.

Mr. Gulden stated this was a request from Tax Collector Kim Beckett.

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to appoint Donna Maring as the Township's Deputy Tax Collector. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

D. Consider awarding a contract for weekly solid waste removal, large item pick-up, bi-weekly recycling removal and two covered devices drop-off recycling events to Parks Garbage d/b/a Patriot Disposal that runs from April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2029.

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to award the waste and recycling contract to Parks Garbage d/b/a Patriot Disposal. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

E. Consider approval of two electronic speed signs through Radar Sign in the amount of \$7,974.00.

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the purchase of two electronic speed signs through Radar Sign in the amount of \$7974.00. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

F. Consider approval of opening a certificate of deposit with PLGIT in the amount of \$240,000.00.

The Board decided to instead add the money into a savings account.

Other Business

None

Public Comment

None

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 7:3 PM.