

**FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
September 12, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Allen Beckett, Chairperson
Paul Kellett, Vice-Chairperson
Matt Young

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS - PRESENT

Zachary Gulden, Township Manager
Linus Fenicle, Township Solicitor

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – PRESENT

Mary Buchheit, Susanne Maruskin, & Ed Wenschhof

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Beckett called the Board of Supervisor's Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes for the August 8, 2018 public hearing. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Beckett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the August 8, 2018 regular meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

CONSIDERATION / APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,380.84 FROM THE GENERAL FUND.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to approve the financial report and bills in the amount of \$10,380.84 from the General Fund. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

ROAD REPORT

The road crew completed the following tasks in August:

- String trimming, limb and brush cutting, trash pick-up, mowing along roadways and mowing at the Township lot.
- Clean debris due to flooding from roadways and repair washouts on Shorbs Mill and Rohrbaugh Roads.

- Remove tree from creek at Shorbs Mill Road.
- Cleared tree and hanging limb on Middle Creek Road – completed by Fred Welty Backhoe.
- Dodge truck inspected and serviced at Sanders.
- Loader bucket repaired at Yinglings.
- Fire extinguishers checked and retagged by Kint.
- Misc. maintenance on tractor and mower.
- Put bridge signs back up on Shriver Road.

Road Crew Employee	Hours Worked	Mileage
Mike Wenschhof	113	0
Ed Wenschhof	78	0
Allen Beckett	0	0

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

EMS & FIRE REPORTS

Adams Regional Emergency Medical Service (AREMS) had a total of three calls to Freedom Township for the month of August.

Mr. Gulden said that the Greenmount Fire Department did not submit a fire report for August.

Chair Beckett said that Greenmount Fire Department receives funding every month from the Township, so they need to at least submit the monthly and financial reports. They must be held accountable.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of the proposed Ordinance 2018-03, which repeals and replaces Section 513 in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (creation of a recreation fee on new residential units).

- a) Staff has received comments from the Freedom Township Planning Commission.**
- b) Consideration / approval of an advertisement for a Public Hearing to be held at the Township Building on October 10, 2018 at 6:30 PM with the option to adopt Ordinance 2018-03 at that date's regular meeting directly following the hearing.**

Mr. Gulden said Township's Planning Commission unanimously (5-0) recommended approval of the amendment; however, the Adams County Planning Department did have comments.

Vice-Chair Kellett said he is disappointed in the Adams County Planning Office, because they originally told him that the Southwest Joint Comprehensive Plan's recreation study would be

adequate for the adoption of a recreation fee. He said now they do not believe it is adequate in order to adopt the recreation fee. Vice-Chair Kellett said he does, however, understand that the County is trying to ensure that a strong ordinance is adopted.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to table this discussion. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Beckett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Mr. Gulden said other municipalities in the area have used the Adams County's recreation plan in order to adopt a recreation fee. He recommended that the Board allow the Solicitor to review this plan and determine if it will be adequate in order to adopt a recreation fee.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to allow the Township's Solicitor review the Adams County Recreation Plan and prepare a new recreation fee ordinance for the Board's consideration. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (2-1). Supervisor Young dissented from the majority.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration / approval of an advertisement for a budget workshop to be held at the Township on October 10, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Gulden said he would like to correct the agenda's stated proposed budget workshop time from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to approve an advertisement for a budget workshop to be held at the Township on October 10, 2018 at 6:30 PM. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Office Hours

Mr. Gulden said his current office hours are every Wednesday from 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM. He said his schedule now allows him to begin at 5:00 PM, so he is asking the Board to change the office hours from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM or 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Mr. Gulden said he has never had a resident come into the office after 7:00 PM. Chair Beckett asked if he will still be available anytime for appointments. Mr. Gulden said yes.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to change the Freedom Township office hours to every Wednesday from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM, excluding holidays. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Mr. Gulden said the Township has received a thank you card from the Adams County SPCA for the Township's recent donation. He said they also received a letter from the Adams County Association of Township Officials regarding the 101st Annual Convention of Township Officials,

which is to be held on November 14, 2018. He asked who will be attending, so a check can be mailed. It was determined that seven tickets are needed for a total cost of \$70.00.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the expenditure of \$70.00 for the 101st Annual Convention of Township Officials. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

STAFF REPORTS

A. Manager / Zoning Officer

Mr. Gulden said he issued five zoning permits for the month of August. These permits included:

- Use and occupancy for a non-intensive home occupation.
- Garage
- Fence
- Barn
- Temporary Sign

B. Solicitor

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The Motion was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. Chair Beckett adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.