

Freedom Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
December 17, 2025

Board of Supervisors

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

Township Officials

Zach Gulden, Manager
Linus Fenicle, Solicitor

Members of the Public Present

Jim Geleta, Bob Sharrah, Ed Buchheit, Mary Buchheit, & Joe Santerson

Call to Order

Chair Young called the Board of Supervisor's Meeting to order at 7:07 PM and announced that the Board of Supervisors held an executive session before the meeting regarding personnel.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 20, 2025. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Monthly Expenses

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the bills for November in the amount of \$13,169.53 from the General Fund, \$1,755.80 from the Escrow Account, and \$2,083.33 from the Fire Tax Fund. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Manager & Road Reports

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

- Misc. phone calls, emails, & website updates.
- Submitted monthly solar meter reading.
- Monthly employment tax reports and payments.
- Monthly reconciliation of all bank accounts.
- Multiple bank deposits.

- Planning Commission meeting minutes.
- 1x zoning permit (permit extension).
- Renewed Sam.gov number for grant purposes.
- Worker's compensation renewal paperwork.
- Applied for a Local Share Account grant for Phase 2 of the park.
- 1x right-to-know request for October 2025 building permit data.
- Reviewed the Stoltzfus land development plan for zoning compliance and provided comments.
- Attended a PEMA floodplain audit meeting on the 26th.
- Prepared and delivered Planning Commission Packets.

Mr. Gulden read the road report for November:

- Road mowing, brush cutting, leaf clearing from berms and ditches, and trash pick-up along roadways.
- Cleared limbs and debris from roads and berms during and after high winds. Cut down a dead tree along Shriver Road that broke off from the wind and cut and cleared a fallen tree at Middle Creek on Gordon Road caused by a beaver.
- Went for a physical to keep my medical card up to date.
- Steve took the International truck to Excalibur Towing & Repair for PA state inspection and oil change and filter service.
- Misc. shop work and Township lot clean-up.
- Returned PA 1 calls.

Mike worked 111 hours & Steve worked 2 hours.

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

EMS, Fire, & Police Reports

EMS

- Adams Regional EMS had 2 calls in September, 2 calls in October, and 3 calls in November to Freedom Township.

FIRE

- Mr. Geleta read the fire report. The Greenmount Fire Department had 12 calls in the month of November.
 - Type of calls:
 - 2x BLS MVA
 - 1x commercial fire
 - 1x outside gas leak
 - 5x residential fires

- 1 vehicle fire
- 1x brush fire
- 1x inside gas leak

Of those calls, 10 were mutual aid and 2 were first due.

Mr. Geleta stated that Mr. Ohler resigned as the fire chief and the new chief is Darrell Cornett, Jr.

POLICE

- Mr. Gulden read November's police report.
 - Hours Worked – 35
 - Calls for service – 10
 - Traffic stops - 20
 - Citations - 11
 - Faulty equipment / warn – 13
 - Community events – 0
 - Traffic details - 7
 - Body camera footage over 60 days has been deleted.
 - Traffic Enforcement:
 - Emmitsburg Road – 9 hours
 - Bullfrog Road – 6 hours
 - Pumping Station Road – 5 hours

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Preliminary / Final Subdivision Land Development Plan for Jonas Stoltzfus.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve a waiver of Section 195.12.B.29 of the SALDO to not show existing drainage facilities. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve a modification of Section 195.14.B.9. of the SALDO allowing a scale of 1" = 2000' instead of 1" = 1000'. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Preliminary / Final Land Development Plan for Jonas Stoltzfus with the following conditions:

1. An executed owner's acknowledgment is required for both landowners.

2. The simplified design approach worksheet A must be signed and notarized in the acknowledgement section.
3. An operations and maintenance agreement must be signed, notarized, and recorded.

The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

B. Consider approval of Resolution 2025-12, 2026 budget.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 2025-12. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

C. Consider approval of Resolution 2025-13, sets 2026 employee salaries.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 2025-13. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

D. Open the 2026 stone bids and consider awarding contract(s).

Mr. Gulden opened two sealed bids – New Enterprise Stone & Lime & Specialty Granules.

Item	New Enterprise Stone & Lime		Specialty Granules	
-	FOB / Ton	Delivered / Ton	FOB / Ton	Delivered / Ton
2A Aggregate	\$12.00	\$16.05	\$6.50	\$12.75
2RC Aggregate	\$7.40	\$12.14	\$6.50	\$12.75
#3 Stone	\$16.00	\$21.44	\$12.25	\$18.50
#4 Stone	\$17.50	\$21.44	No Bid	No Bid
#8 Stone	\$20.00	\$24.05	\$16.50	\$22.75
#57 Stone	\$16.00	\$20.05	\$13.25	\$19.50
#67 Stone	\$16.00	\$20.05	No Bid	No Bid
Cold Mix	\$155.00	\$159.05	No Bid	No Bid
Screenings	\$11.00	\$15.05	\$10.00	\$16.25
Gabion Stone	\$19.00	\$24.05	\$14.00	\$20.25
AS3 Anti-Skid	\$18.00	\$22.85	No Bid	No Bid

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

Other Business

Mr. Gulden reminded the Board that they should appoint an Agricultural Security Board in 2026 and recommended they start to consider members.

Public Comment

None

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 (3-0). Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 7:32 PM.