

**Freedom Township Board of Supervisors  
Regular Meeting  
November 20, 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, Norma Calhoun, Wayne Belt, Sarah Kipp, & Bob Sharrah

**Call to Order**

Chair Young called the Board of Supervisor's Meeting to order at 7:08 PM and announced that the Board of Supervisors held an executive session with Liberty Township Supervisors on October 30th regarding personnel.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Kipp, representing the Land Conservancy of Adams County, requested the Township donate \$5,000.00 in 2026 towards the preservation of 56 acres owned by Doug and Jane Sentz on Schriver and Red Rock Roads.

Ms. Calhoun requested the Board support the Land Conservancy's request.

**Approval of Minutes**

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the regular meeting and public hearing minutes of October 15, 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 October in the amount of \$11,598.66 from the General Fund, \$514.00 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 October:

- Misc. phone calls, emails, & website updates.
- Submitted monthly solar meter reading.

- Monthly & quarterly employment tax reports and payments.
- Monthly reconciliation of all bank accounts.
- October's Supervisor's meeting minutes.
- Multiple bank deposits.
- Attended Planning Commission meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Completed Planning Commission meeting minutes.
- Completed PEMA NFIP community assistant self-assessment and scheduled the mandatory meeting.
- PennDOT highway occupancy permit awareness letter for single-family dwelling project on Pumping Station Road.
- Steve Long was randomly selected for a drug/alcohol test with PSATS. I set up the test at Gettysburg Hospital.
- 1x zoning exemption – roof mounted solar.
- 1x well permit.
- 1x zoning permit for a single-family dwelling with swimming pool.
- Continued to gather information for the 2024 audit.
- Sent redlined police contract to Liberty Township.
- 1x zoning violation letter mailed to 1855 Bullfrog Road for business opening with proper permits.
- Met with Liberty Township supervisors on October 30.

Mr. Gulden read the road report for October:

- Road mowing, brush and weed trimming, leaf clearing and trash pick-up along roadways. Cleared roadways of limbs and debris after rains and high winds.
- Mowing, trimming, and clean-up of fallen limbs at Township lot.
- Moved the flashing speed sign from Bullfrog Road to Emmitsburg Road, near the intersection with Bullfrog Road.
- Met with SEI salesman to receive quotes for a new road mower.
- Picked up supplies at Harringtons for weed trimmers and chain saws.
- Misc. shop work and maintenance.
- Set up meeting room with voting equipment for Election Day.
- Returned PA 1 calls.

Mike worked 125 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 did not submit the report for October.

**FIRE**

- Mr. Geleta read the fire report. The Greenmount Fire Department had 7 calls in the month of October.
- Type of calls:
  - 2 residential structure fires.
  - 2 medical assists.
  - 1 outside investigation.
  - 1 motor vehicle accident.
  - 1 multiple residence fire.
- Location of calls:
  - 1 to Freedom Township.
  - 2 to Cumberland Township.
  - 2 to Mount Joy Township.
  - 1 to Gettysburg Borough.
  - 1 to Liberty Township.

**POLICE**

- Chief DeWitt read October's police report.
  - Hours Worked – 35
  - Calls for service – 19
  - Traffic stops - 17
  - Citations - 12
  - Faulty equipment / warn – 5
  - Community events – 2
  - Traffic details - 6
  - Body camera footage over 60 days has been deleted.
  - Traffic Enforcement:
    - Emmitsburg Road – 7 hours
    - Bullfrog Road – 6.5 hours
    - Pumping Station Road – 1 hours

**Old Business****A. Preliminary / Final Subdivision Re-Combination Plan for Timothy P. Shields, Tamera R. Shields, & Futurestake, Inc. Properties.**

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve a waiver of Section 195.11.A. of the SALDO allowing the submission of a final plan only. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

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 Mr. Johnston. 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 Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Preliminary / Final Subdivision Re-Combination Plan for Timothy P. Shields, Tamera R. Shields, & Futurestake, Inc. Properties. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

### **New Business**

#### **A. Consider Approval of Resolution 2025-11, park grant application authorization.**

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 2025-11. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

#### **B. Consider approval of a one-year police contract with Liberty Township.**

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve a one-year police contract with Liberty Township. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

#### **C. Consider approval of Ordinance 2025-04, amendment to Chapter 184 – Stormwater Management.**

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve Ordinance 2025-04. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

#### **D. Consider tentatively adopting the 2026 proposed budget and approving an advertisement stating the 2026 proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Township building by appointment and on [www.freedomtownship.us](http://www.freedomtownship.us).**

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to tentatively adopt the 2026 budget and advertisement stating the 2026 budget is available for public inspection. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

#### **E. Consider approving an advertisement for the 2026 stone request for proposals.**

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve an advertisement for the 2026 stone request for proposals. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

### **Other Business**

Vice-Chair Young requested the Board create a new Land Preservation Fund in 2026 and include a \$5,000 transfer to it in 2026's budget.

### **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 7:33 PM.