

**Freedom Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
August 9, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

Board of Supervisors

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

Township Officials

Zach Gulden, Township Manager
Linus Fenicle, Township Solicitor
Sgt. Roosen, Liberty Twp. Police

Members of the Public Present

Ed Buchheit, Mary Buchheit, Jim Geleta, Arthur Romme, & Joe Bowden.

Call to Order

Chair Young called the Board of Supervisor's Meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to amend the regular meeting agenda to include: 1) consider approval of the power purchase agreement with Adams Electric pending review and approval from the Township Solicitor and authorize the Township Manager to sign on behalf of the Township; and 2) consider approval of the bills in the amount of \$86,495.21 from the Highway Aid Fund. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the July 12, 2023, regular meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Monthly Expenses

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the bills in the amount of \$12,779.14 from the General Fund, \$351.30 from the Escrow Account, and \$86,495.21 from the Highway Aid Fund. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Manager & Road Reports

The Manager completed the following tasks in July:

- Miscellaneous website updates and phone calls.

- Prepared for and attended the liquid fuels’ audit on July 11.
- 1x bank deposit.
- Submitted the Federal Highway Administration 536 form.
- 1x well permit.
- July 12th Supervisor meeting minutes.
- 1x zoning permit – recreational cabin.
- Obtained quotes for porta potty and ordered.
- Met with Senator Mastriano’s office on July 27th regarding park grant support letter.

The Public Works Department completed the following tasks in July:

- Clearing trees and limbs from roads and berms after rain and windstorms.
- Road mowing, brush cutting, weed trimming, and trash pickup along roadways.
- Hauled and placed 2A stone to create a berm on a section of McGlaughlin Road where used frequently by farm equipment.
- Called and had a second load of salt delivered to satisfy our contract for last winter season.
- Return PA one calls.

Public Works Employee	Hours Worked
Mike Wenschhof	168

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

EMS, Fire, & Police Reports

Adams Regional Emergency Medical Service (AREMS) did not submit the monthly report.

Greenmount Fire Department did not submit the monthly fire report. The Board agreed that the monthly donations will not be released until they have the monthly fire reports.

Sgt. Roosen presented the police report. Liberty Township Police worked 30 hours in the month of July. There was one 911 call, eight traffic citations, one written warning, one felony arrest, and two misdemeanor arrests. They are continuing to run speed and write citations on Bullfrog and Emmitsburg Roads. Sgt. Roosen made a vehicle stop that involved a possession with intent to deliver arrest (marijuana). Their new police car is currently being upfitted. There have been many delays and issues with the upfitting.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve paying \$315.00 for the extra five hours worked in the month of July instead of a reduction in the number of hours in August. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Old Business

None

New Business**A. Consider advertisement of Ordinance 2023-03, park rules and regulations.**

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the advertisement of Ordinance 2023-03 with the addition of having the park hours as dusk to dawn. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

B. Consider approval of opening a \$250,000.00 18-month prime rate certificate of deposit with Belco Community Credit Union with an APY of 5.25%.

Mr. Gulden stated that the Board approved the opening of a certificate of deposit (CD) with ACNB Bank at their last meeting; however, ACNB Bank has now said that public funds cannot be used for that promotional CD.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the opening of a \$250,000.00 18-month prime rate certificate of deposit with Belco Community Credit Union with an approximate APY of 5.25% and authorize Chair Young and Mr. Gulden to open the CD and associated savings account. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

C. Volunteer service tax credit program discussion.

The Board agreed to set the maximum combined earned income tax / real estate tax rebate per household to \$1,250.00 and that the point system program brought forth by Greenmount Fire Department is acceptable.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to authorize the Township Solicitor to draft the volunteer service tax credit program ordinance and resolution. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

D. Consider approval of the power purchase agreement with Adams Electric pending review and approval from the Township Solicitor and authorize the Township Manager to sign on behalf of the Township.

Mr. Gulden stated that he has received an updated power purchasing agreement from Adams Electric. The Township must approve the agreement to sell back unused solar generated kilowatt hours at the end of each year.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the power purchase agreement with Adams Electric pending review and approval from the Township Solicitor and authorize the Township Manager to sign on behalf of the Township. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Other Business

None

Public Comment

Mr. Bowden asked if the Township has any input in the sewage treatment plant approval process for the proposed campground in Cumberland Township. The Board stated the State of PA has the sole authority.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Young made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 7:35 P.M.