

**Freedom Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
June 9, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

Board of Supervisors

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

Township Officials

Zach Gulden, Township Manager
Linus Fenicle, Township Solicitor
Sherri Hansen, Liberty Twp. Police Chief

Members of the Public Present

Daniel Ohler, Mary Buchheit, Ed Buchheit, & Jim Geleta

Call to Order

Chair Beckett called the Board of Supervisor's Meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the May 12, 2021 regular meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Monthly Expenses

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to approve the bills in the amount of \$11,669.96 from the General Fund, \$36,683.34 from the Park & Rec Fund, & \$133.50 from the Escrow Account. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Mr. Gulden stated that the Highway Aid Fund monies were used to pay for the Boyle Road work, which was \$16,026.30 under budget.

Road Report

The Public Works Department completed the following tasks in May:

- Road mowing, string trimming, trash pick-up, mowing Township lot, return PA 1 calls.
- Set-up and took down voting equipment.
- Widening and overlay paving was done on section of Boyle Road.
- Driveway permit issued for culvert pipe and field access to Dave Bruss on Scott Road.

- Cleared lightning struck tree limbs and debris from Natural Dam Road and misc. debris clean-up on various other roads.
- Routine maintenance on tractor and road mower.
- Met with contractor at Warthen's for pipe replacement and paving at driveway – 12" pipe will be ok.

Public Works Employee	Hours Worked
Mike Wenschhof	140
Ed Wenschhof	39

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

EMS, Fire, & Police Reports

Adams Regional Emergency Medical Service (AREMS) had 4 calls to Freedom Township in May.

Mr. Ohler presented the fire report. Greenmount Fire Department had 11 calls in the month of April:

- 1 residential structure fire.
- 1 commercial structure fire.
- 1 public service call.
- 1 brush fire impinging on structure.
- 4 requests for fire police.
- 1 vehicle fire.
- 1 barn fire.
- 1 transfer.

Of those calls, 3 were to Freedom Township, 1 to Frederick County, MD, 2 to Cumberland Township, 1 to Mount Joy Township, 1 to Liberty Township, 2 to Franklin Township, and 1 to Hamiltonban Township.

Greenmount Fire Department had 7 calls in the month of May:

- 4 residential structure fire.
- 1 commercial structure fire.
- 1 commercial fire alarm.
- 1 request for fire police.

Of those calls, 4 was to Frederick County, MD, 1 to Cumberland Township, 1 to Mount Joy Township, and 1 to Straban Township.

Ms. Hansen presented the police report. Liberty Township Police worked 25 hours in the month of May. There were zero 911 calls, 34 traffic citations, and 12 written warnings.

Old Business

A. Timothy P. Shields & Tamera R. Shields Preliminary / Final Subdivision Plan.

- **The applicant has requested to withdraw the plan.**
- **Accept plan withdrawal request for consideration.**

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** accept the plan withdrawal request for the Timothy P. Shields & Tamera R. Shields Preliminary / Final Subdivision Plan. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

B. Approval of the codification Editorial & Legal Analysis for consideration.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** approve the codification Editorial & Legal Analysis. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

New Business

A. Approval of bid from Restuccia Excavating Incorporated to construct Phase 1 of the Township Park for consideration.

Mr. Gulden said the Township received two bids, which were opened via PennBid:

1. Restuccia Excavating, Inc. - \$118,031.94
2. Greenland Construction, Inc. - \$141,022.00

Township staff and the Township's park consultant, Chuck Strodoski from YSM, recommend approval of the bid from Restuccia.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to approve the Freedom Township Park Phase 1 materials and construction bid from Restuccia Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$118,031.94. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried (2-1). Mr. Young voted nay.

B. Approval of purchasing the 24' x 34' Phase 1 Township Park picnic pavilion from General Recreation, Inc. (COSTARS) for consideration.

Mr. Gulden stated the cost of the pavilion is \$32,660.50.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to approve purchasing the Freedom Township Park Phase 1 24' x 34' picnic pavilion from General Recreation, Inc. in the amount of \$32,660.50. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried (2-1). Mr. Young voted nay.

C. Approval of a special event permit for the Gettysburg National 19th Century Baseball Festival for July 17 & 18, 2021 for consideration.

- **The applicant has requested a waiver of the traffic control requirements.**

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to conditionally approve the special event permit for the Gettysburg National 19th Century Baseball Festival for July 17 & 18, 2021 and waive the traffic control requirements with the following conditions:

1. Applicant must contact PennDOT due to the event being located on a state-owned road;
and
2. Applicant must put "Special Event" signs on the road near the event.

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

Other Business

Mr. Gulden stated he that is applying for the \$88,340.82 COVID-19 federal funding allocation. He said that there are restrictions on how the money can be spent. One way the money can be used is to improve broadband infrastructure. Poor internet connection throughout the Township is the number one complaint that he has received to-date. The Board asked Mr. Gulden to reach out to Comcast regarding placing a WiFi hotspot at the Township building. Another idea the Board discussed is providing the Township property owners a property tax refund.

Staff Reports

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 7:27 P.M.