

**Freedom Township Board of Supervisors  
Regular Meeting  
October 11, 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

**Members of the Public Present**

Ed Buchheit & Joe Bowden

**Call to Order**

Chair Young 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 of the September 13, 2023, regular meeting. 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 in the amount of \$29,266.07 from the General Fund. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

**Manager & Road Reports**

The Manager completed the following tasks in September:

- Submitted monthly solar reading.
- Misc. website updates and phone calls.
- Mailed 2x well completion reports / educational materials required per code.
- 1x zoning permit – new single-family dwelling.
- 9/13 Board of Supervisors' minutes.
- 1x bank deposit.

- Worked on 2024 draft budget.
- Filed quarterly tax reports.

The Public Works' Department completed the following tasks in September:

- Clearing of trees from roads after rain and windstorms. Road mowing, weed and brush cutting, and trash clean-up along roads.
- Mowing, trimming, and clearing of Township lot.
- Marked PA one call on Emmitsburg Road and installed farm signs.
- Put out water hose for bike event on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Misc. maintenance and shop work.
- Return PA 1 calls.

Public Works' Employee	Hours Worked
Mike Wenschhof	132

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

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to hire Steven Long as a part-time CDL driver and road laborer at a rate of \$27.00 per hour conditioned upon successful alcohol/drug test, state police background check, and any other state/federal required testing. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

### **EMS, Fire, & Police Reports**

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

Mr. Buchheit presented the fire report. Greenmount Fire Department had 3 calls in the month of September:

- 1x hazmat.
- 1x brush fire.
- 1x request for fire police.

Mr. Buchheit presented a letter to the supervisors requesting \$25,000.00 to start its capital campaign to purchase a used fire truck to replace its 31-year-old tanker. They expect the used truck to cost between \$100,000.00 - \$200,000.00 and to receive \$25,000.00 from the sale of the existing tanker.

The board discussed a potential pledge of funds but will decide later. The funds were placed in the 2024 budget.

Mr. Buchheit requested funds for the 2023 Halloween party, which is to be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-9pm at the fire department.

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to approve a \$300.00 donation for the fire department's 2023 Halloween party. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Sgt. Roosen presented the police report for August and September 2023:

August:

- Hours worked: 25
- 911 calls: 4
- Traffic citations: 21
- Written warnings: 6
- Faulty equipment: 1
- Misdemeanor arrest: 0
- Non-traffic citations: 2

September:

- Hours worked: 25
- 911 calls: 2
- Traffic citations: 19
- Written warnings: 3
- Faulty equipment: 1
- Misdemeanor arrest: 1
- Non-traffic citations: 1

They are continuing to run speed and write citations on Bullfrog Road and Emmitsburg Road.

The Department assisted Cumberland Township and Gettysburg Police Departments on Emmitsburg Road in relation to an assault with a weapon and a burglary.

Their new police car continues to be worked on.

The Department is aware of continuing complaints of trucks performing burn outs around Cunningham Road and Pumping Station Road. Any witnessed activity is encouraged to be called Adams County 911.

### **Old Business**

- A. Consider approval of Ordinance 2023-04 – EMS & fire volunteer service tax credit.**

Mr. Fenicle stated that the ordinance has been properly advertised in the Gettysburg Times, and it is ready for adoption.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve Ordinance 2023-04. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

**B. Consider approval of Resolution 2023-04 – EMS & fire volunteer service tax credit program criteria.**

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 2023-04. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

**C. Discussion and consider advertisement of Ordinance 2023-05, requiring a stormwater management operations and maintenance agreement regardless of what type of stormwater control is used – including disconnected impervious areas.**

The Board decided they were not interested in adopting said ordinance.

**New Business**

**A. Discussion of the 2024 budget.**

Mr. Gulden presented the 2024 draft budget. He said no tax increase is proposed.

The only change the Board requested was to add \$50,000.00 for road repair/maintenance to the Liquid Fuel's Fund.

**Other Business**

Mr. Fenicle requested the board authorize enforcement letters be sent to the English and Alexander properties regarding compliance with the stormwater management ordinance.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to authorize stormwater management enforcement letters to be sent to the English and Alexander properties. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

**Public Comment**

Mr. Bowden asked if there has been any movement for police consolidation between Highland, Liberty, and Freedom Townships. The Board stated they are only interested in contracting police services with Liberty Township at this time.

### **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 7:42 P.M.