

**FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS PRESENT

Zachary Gulden, Township Manager
Linus Fenicle, Township Solicitor

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Beckett called the Board of Supervisor's Meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

Mr. Gulden stated the Supervisors held an executive session from 6:30 p.m. – 7:10 p.m. before the regular meeting regarding the Alan D. Trider Revocable Trust Dated July 23, 2005 land use litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the October 14, 2020 budget workshop. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the October 14, 2020 regular meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,503.48 FOR CONSIDERATION

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the bills in the amount of \$13,503.48. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

ROAD REPORT

The road crew completed the following tasks in October:

- String trimming, brush cutting, leaf clearing, trash pickup, & cold patch repairs.
- Mow township lot.
- Maintenance on road mower – replaced some knives. Note: mower needs new bearings and other replacement parts before next mowing season. Estimated cost for parts is \$1,400.00.
- Ordered signs and hardware from Chemung.
- Worked on getting new quotes for truck to replace Dodge (grant reopened).
- Voting equipment delivery and setup meeting room for voting.
- Returned PA 1 calls.

Road Crew Employee	Hours Worked
Mike Wenschhof	85
Ed Wenschhof	24

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

EMS & FIRE REPORTS

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

The Greenmount Fire Department did not submit the monthly report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Tentatively adopt the 2021 proposed budget and approval of an advertisement notice stating that the 2021 proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Township building and on www.freedomtownship.us for consideration.**

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to tentatively adopt the 2021 proposed budget and approve an advertisement notice stating that the 2021 proposed budget is available for public inspection. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

- B. Approval of the proposed codification project's organizational analysis for consideration.**

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to approve the codification organizational analysis. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

- C. Liberty Township Police contract discussion.**

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to approve the Liberty Township Police contract effective January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of an advertisement for the 2021 stone bids for consideration.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve an advertisement for the 2021 stone bids. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

B. Approval of switching from Pennsylvania Unemployment Tax (4.25% current employer rate) to PSATS Unemployment Trust Fund (3.75%) effective January 1, 2021.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve switching from Pennsylvania Unemployment Tax to PSATS Unemployment Trust Fund effective January 1, 2021. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Beckett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

OTHER BUSINESS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Gulden stated he is working on the PA Department of Environmental Protection's Driving PA Forward Class 4-8 Truck Grant, and will submit the application in the next few weeks. If awarded, grant funds will be used to help replace the 1994 Dodge dump truck.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The Motion was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. Chair Beckett adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.