

**Freedom Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
August 11, 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
Ed Wenschhof, Road Superintendent

Members of the Public Present

Jim Geleta, Joe Bowden, Daniel Ohler, Mary Buchheit, & Ed Buchheit.

Call to Order

Chair Beckett 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 July 14, 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 \$21,469.70 from the General Fund, \$402.00 from the Park & Rec Fund, & \$863.50 from the Escrow Account. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Road Report

The Public Works Department completed the following tasks in July:

- String trimming, brush cutting, mowing along roadways.
- Storm clean-up.
- Track pick-up.
- Mowing Township lot.
- Leaning & dead trees taken down on Middle Creek Road at Peterson's – Fred Welty Backhoe Service.

- Smith’s picked up tractor for repairs – alternator locked up. Serpentine belt caught on fire.
- International truck state inspected at Riley’s.
- Loader bucket repaired and painted at Yinglings.
- Hauled load of 2A stone to Rohrbaugh Road.
- Replaced street signs at Emmitsburg Road and Bullfrog Road intersection near Blue & Gray.
- Ordered signs from Chemung – street & handicap.
- Window in meeting room was replaced by Steinour.
- Repainted floor in men’s room and outside of door in shop.

Public Works Employee	Hours Worked
Mike Wenschhof	161
Ed Wenschhof	16.5

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve July’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 3 calls to Freedom Township in July.

Mr. Ohler presented the fire report. Greenmount Fire Department had 8 calls in the month of June:

- 1 barn fire; 1 public service, 1 commercial fire, 1 misc. fire, 1 request for fire police, 1 medical assists, 1 transfer, and 1 public service.
- 3 of the calls were to Freedom Township, 1 to Frederick County, MD, 1 to Straban Township, 1 to Cumberland Township, 1 to Mount Pleasant Township, and 1 to Carroll County, MD.

Mr. Ohler requested a donation for the Fire Department’s 2021 Halloween Party.

Mr. Young made a **MOTION** to donate \$300.00 to the 2021 Halloween Party. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Mr. Ohler requested a donation to reimburse members for training. Mr. Young stated that the Township should not be in the business of reimbursing fire department members for training. The Board agreed it would be better for the fire department to request additional funds during budget season to help pay for training.

Mr. Ohler requested Mr. Gulden’s help writing grants. Mr. Gulden stated he would help if he has time.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** for Mr. Gulden to assist the fire department in writing a grant if he has time. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Mr. Gulden presented the police report. Liberty Township Police worked 25 hours in the month of July. There were one 911 calls, 32 traffic citations, and 12 written warnings. They received a complaint from a Cumberland Township resident about disorderly people and cars racing around Sachs Covered Bridge. Upon investigation, officers determined the disorderly people were on the Cumberland Township side of the bridge. Officers were unable to find any cars racing. Liberty is keeping extra checks in that area. They also received a complaint of mailboxes being vandalized. If anyone has any information regarding the vandalism, please contact their office.

Mr. Young stated that stealing has been bad in the Township and for residents to please contact the police if they have any information.

Mr. Bowden stated that speeding is terrible on Bullfrog Road, from Emmitsburg Road to Pumping Station Road, between the hours of 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM. He requested police presence during this time. Mr. Gulden stated he would notify the police chief.

Old Business

A. Alan D. Trider Revocable Trust dated June 23, 2005 Preliminary / Final Subdivision.

Mr. Gulden stated the Township's time to approve/deny the application expires on September 2, 2021, which is before our next meeting. The applicant has waived the 90-day review period and has requested an extension until November 30, 2021.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to extend the Alan D. Trider Revocable Trust dated June 23, 2005 Preliminary / Final Subdivision until November 30, 2021. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

B. Appoint Michael Wenschhof as Road Superintendent effective September 1, 2021 for consideration.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to appoint Michael Wenschhof as Road Superintendent effective September 1, 2021. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

New Business

A. Approval of a proclamation thanking Edward Robert Wenschhof, Sr. for over three decades of service for consideration.

Mr. Gulden stated that he looked through the minutes and found that Mr. Wenschhof received his first paycheck from the Township in August 1987; therefore, he has been working for the Township for 34 years.

The Board thanked Mr. Wenschhof for all of his years of service to the Township.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to approve a proclamation thanking Edward Robert Wenschhof, Sr. for 34 years of service. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

B. Approval of the 2022 police coverage contract for consideration.

Mr. Gulden stated that the hourly fee has increased by \$5.00 per hour to \$60.00 per hour. It will remain 25 hours per month of service. This equates to \$4,500 per quarter and \$18,000 per year.

Mr. Young made a **MOTION** to approve the 2022 police contract with Liberty Township. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

C. Accept resignation of Donald Baumgartner from the Zoning Hearing Board for consideration.

Mr. Gulden said Mr. Baumgartner moved out of the Township.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to regretfully accept the resignation of Donald Baumgartner from the Zoning Hearing Board. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Beckett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

The Board stated they are accepting applications from interested persons until the September meeting.

Other Business

None

Staff Reports

Mr. Gulden stated the 2020 liquid fuel's audit was just completed, and there were no issues. He also said that the 2020 regular audit should be completed shortly.

Public Comment

Ms. Buchheit asked the purpose of the \$44,170.41 transfer to the COVID-19 federal relief fund on the financial statement. Mr. Gulden stated this transfer was approved at the July Board of Supervisor's meeting, and it is 50% of the COVID-19 relief funds that we will receive from the

federal government. Mr. Fenicle recommended it be placed in its own separate checking account as there are strict spending guidelines. Mr. Gulden said Chair Beckett and himself set up the new account recently at Adams County National Bank.

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 7:36 P.M.