

**Freedom Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
February 8, 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, Mary Buchheit, Herb Milligan, Allen Beckett, & Bea Schultz.

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 January 3, 2023 reorganization and regular meeting minutes. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Monthly Expenses

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to approve the bills in the amount of \$38,245.27 from the General Fund & \$754.46 from the Escrow Account. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Manager & Road Reports

The Manager completed the following tasks in January:

- Attended the auditor's meeting on January 4th and completed pre/post meeting materials & minutes.
- 1x bank deposit.
- Reorganization & regular meeting attendance & minutes.
- COSTARS 2023 salt contract.
- AG-385 state report.

- Survey of financial condition state report.
- Elected & appointed official’s state report.
- Quarterly tax reports & payments.
- PURTA state tax report.
- Zoning permit change of use – Black’s Custom Motorcycle.
- Zoning permit – swimming pool.
- Zoning permit – garage.
- 2023 county election form.
- Gathered & delivered 2022 revenue/expense data to Township auditor.
- New website training with county on January 17.
- Misc. website updates.
- Filled out 2023 emergency form county report.
- PennDOT MS965 Liquid Fuel’s report.
- Gathered & submitted 2022 worker’s compensation audit data.

The Public Works’ Department completed the following tasks in December:

- Cleared fallen trees & limbs from roads and berms due to high winds and rain including a tree on Bigham Road that Bigham Excavating helped remove.
- Brush cutting, clearing of leaves from ditches and culverts, and trash pickup along roadways.
- Loaded trucks with anti-skid and treated roadways for snow, ice, and freezing rainstorms.
- Had Atlantic Tractor come and replace the battery on the John Deere tractor. It was 10-years old and appeared to be getting weak.
- Helped Herb replace the batteries on the International truck that he ordered and had delivered from NAPA. They were also 10-years old and would not start the truck when cold.
- Took F-550 to Myers Electric for PA state inspection.
- Graded Rohrbaugh Road due to heavy rain washouts.
- Installed a new flag rope, misc. shop work, return PA 1 calls.

Public Works Employee	Hours Worked
Mike Wenschhof	90
Herb Milligan	1.5

The Public Works’ Department completed the following tasks in January:

- Clearing of limbs and debris from roads and berms, clearing of leaves from ditches and culverts, brush cutting, and trash clean-up.
- Cut down and cleaned up dead trees at township lot.
- Took F-550 to Crouse Ford to get wiper arm recall performed.
- Hauled and placed stone in holes along Gordon and Boyle Roads.
- Plowed and anti-skid roads during snowstorm.

- Washed down F-550.
- Return PA 1 calls.

Public Works Employee	Hours Worked
Mike Wenschhof	77
Herb Milligan	0

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve December & January's Road Reports 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.

Mr. Buchheit presented the fire report. Greenmount Fire Department had 4 calls in the month of January:

- 1x transfer.
- 2x request for fire police.
- 1 inside gas leak.

Liberty Township did not submit the monthly police report.

Old Business

A. Garage addition discussion.

Mr. Gulden stated that KPI Technology submitted the highway occupancy permit application with PennDOT, and they returned the application with a few comments. KPI is currently working through them. Mr. Gulden is also waiting on word from the County on the grant application for the garage addition.

New Business

A. Consideration of amendment to zoning ordinance to exempt Township property from requirements of the ordinance.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to authorize the advertisement of the ordinance and submit it to the Township and County Planning Commissions for review and comment. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

B. Approval of Resolution 2023-01 for consideration – appointment of Joyce Beckman of Lockwood Business Support Service to conduct the 2022 audit in place of the elected auditors.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** approve Resolution 2023-01. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

C. Accept resignation of William Schmalix from the Zoning Hearing Board.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to accept the resignation of William Schmalix from the Zoning Hearing Board. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

The Board thanked Mr. Schmalix for his service.

D. Appointment of _____ to the Zoning Hearing Board with a term of 02/08/2023 – 12/31/2026.

Mr. Gulden stated that there are three applicants for the position: Allen Beckett, Bea Lynn Schultz, & Kirby Smith

The Board requested each applicant submit a letter of interest / resume, and they will make their decision at the March meeting.

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to table this matter until the March meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Other Business

Vice-Chair Kellett stated that he recently saw that the Gettysburg Borough passed a tax credit for those who volunteer as firefighters at the Gettysburg Fire Department. He said he would like the Board to consider passing a similar program for those who volunteer at the Greenmount Fire Department. The Board agreed this was a good idea and asked Mr. Fenicle to prepare an ordinance for review.

Public Comment

Mr. Buchheit thanked the Board for considering the tax credit, and he said it should help them recruit new and retain existing members.

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 7:24 P.M.