

**FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
October 9, 2019
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

Mary 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

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the September 11, 2019 meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,916.62 FOR CONSIDERATION

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to approve the financial report and bills in the amount of \$29,916.62. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

ROAD REPORT

Mr. Gulden said the Township received the following letter from PA Department of Transportation:

- "This is in response to your letter dated June 12, 2019, received by PennDOT Engineering District 8-0 on July 23, 2019, requesting traffic studies for Emmitsburg Road (SR 3001) in Freedom Township, Adams County.

PennDOT conducted engineering and traffic studies in accordance with 67 Pa. Code §212.108 (Speed Limits). Analysis of roadway geometry, crash data, sight distance, roadside development, speed data, and traffic volume were elements considered in the

studies. The results of our recent speed study indicate a change in the existing 55 MPH speed limit is justified. The new speed limit will be permitted for 50 MPH.

Incidentally, in the course of performing the study, PennDOT personnel identified two existing passing zones that do not meet PennDOT's current standards. These passing zones are located on Emmitsburg Road, between the Maryland state line and Boyle Road. Consequently, PennDOT will eliminate these passing zones, and related signs.

PennDOT maintenance forces will complete all work necessary for the speed limit and passing zone modifications. Please allow up to 60 days for the completion of the speed limit modifications. The passing zone modification may be completed during the current year's pavement marking refresh, if time and weather permit, or during the 2020 season."

Mr. Young requested a copy of the traffic study.

The road crew completed the following tasks in September:

- Mowing, trimming, & trash pickup along roads.
- Cleared two large trees that fell onto Bullfrog Road (included Fred Welty Backhoe).
- Salt delivery from Morton Salt Co.
- Antiskid delivery from Specialty Granules (by Fred Welty).
- Smith's brought back 6210 John Deere.
- Railing anchor plates for Natural Dam project (Yingling).
- Repairs on Dodge Truck – 2 U joints (Kaisers), welding (Yingling), and tire repair (Quality Tire).
- Concrete work done at Natural Dam project.
- EV charging station installed.
- Misc. maintenance work. Reinstall loader, mower repairs, seed and straw EV ditch, install signs, & painting on truck (front & rear rusty areas).

Road Crew Employee	Hours Worked
Mike Wenschhof	120
Ed Wenschhof	80
Allen Beckett	0

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

EMS & FIRE REPORTS

Adams Regional Emergency Medical Service (AREMS) had a total of 2 calls to Freedom Township for the month of September.

The Greenmount Fire Department had a total of 7 calls for the month of August. Their calls included: 2 utility wires down, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 2 auto fire alarms, 1 structure fire. 5 in Freedom, 1 in Mount Joy Township, 1 in Frederick County. Average 4.5 personnel per call.

The Greenmount Fire Department had a total of 6 calls for the month of September. Their calls included: 1 public service call, 1 barn fire, 2 commercial structure fires, 2 residential fires. 1 in Freedom, 2 in Frederick County, 1 in Gettysburg Borough, 1 in Cumberland Township, 1 in Tyrone Township. Average 4.2 personnel per call.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of an advertisement notice of the Township's intent to appoint Joyce Beckman of Lockwood Business Support Service to conduct the 2019 audit in place of the elected auditors for consideration.

Mr. Young made a **MOTION** to approve an advertisement notice of the Township's intent to appoint Joyce Beckman of Lockwood Business Support Service to conduct the 2019 audit in place of the elected auditors. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

B. Approval of the Community Assistance Planning Program Professional Services Agreement with the County of Adams in the amount of \$2,000.00 for consideration (zoning update assistance).

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to approve the Community Assistance Planning Program Professional Services Agreement with the County of Adams in the amount of \$2,000.00. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

OTHER BUSINESS

None

STAFF REPORTS

A. Manager / Zoning Officer

Misc. upkeep & resident calls. 21 zoning permits have been issued to date. There is a Zoning Hearing Board meeting on 10/16 at 7:00 PM.

B. Solicitor

Mr. Fenicle said he will be representing the Township with Mr. Gulden at the Zoning Hearing Board meeting. He also said there is a hearing regarding the Middle Creek Bible Conference property at the Adams County Courthouse on 10/17, which he and Mr. Gulden will be attending. This is regarding the taxing status of the property.

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 7:28 p.m.