

**Freedom Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
August 14, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

Board of Supervisors

Matt Young, Chairperson
Paul Kellett, Vice-Chairperson
Brett Johnston

Township Officials

Zach Gulden, Manager
Linus Fenicle, Solicitor
Mike Wenschhof, Road Superintendent

Members of the Public Present

John Ferguson, Sr., John Ferguson, Jr., Kim Ferguson, Jim Geleta, and Terry DeWitt (Liberty Township Police).

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 July 10, 2024, 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 \$11,129.66 from the General Fund. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Manager & Road Reports

Mr. Gulden read the Manager's report. The Manager completed the following tasks in July:

- Misc. phone calls / emails / website updates.
- Submitted monthly solar meter reading.
- Monthly employment tax reports and payments.
- Reconciliation of all bank accounts.
- July 10 supervisor meeting minutes.

- 1x bank deposit.
- 1x well permit.
- Contacted 2x property owners regarding expired zoning permits.
- 2x zoning permits – permit extension & deck.
- Met with PA Treasury rep on the 2nd to finalize alternative fuel tax permit application for EV station.
- Filed 2022 and 2023 alternative fuels permit reports. The total tax paid was \$4.29.
- Submitted 3rd and final grant report for the EV station.
- Issued a burn ban on 14th at 4:15 PM at request of fire department & Chairperson Young.
- Ordered flowers on behalf of Township for Mike, Deanna, and Ed Wenschhof's wife due to death of Ed Wenschhof – former longtime road superintendent.
- Met with PLGIT representative on 18th to discuss account options at request of Chairperson Young.
- Drafted Resolution 2024-07 increasing highway aid budget for Boyle Road project.
- Took all necessary steps to verify our organization to apply for a Walmart grant for park project.
- Conducted a zoning review of the updated Ferguson subdivision plan.
- Prepared and delivered Planning Commission meeting packets.
- Attended the police study results meeting on 30th.
- Nominated Chairperson Young for the PSATS supervisor hall of fame since he has been a supervisor for over 30 years (January 1990).

Mr. Gulden read the road report. The Department of Public Works completed the following tasks in July:

- Mowing, weed trimming, brush cutting, and trash pick-up along roadways.
- Clearing fallen trees and limbs from roads and berms after rain and windstorms.
- Mowing, trimming, and clearing of Township lot.
- Performed road mower and misc. shop maintenance.
- Met with Brett to go over Boyle Road bids.
- Returned PA One calls.

Public Works Employee	Hours Worked
Mike Wenschhof	125
Brett Johnston	1
Steve Long	0

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve July's Road Report 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) had two calls within Freedom Township for the month of June.

Mr. Gulden read the fire report. Greenmount Fire Department had 12 calls in the month of July.

Type of calls:

- 2 brush fires.
- 2 cardiac arrests.
- 2 ALS motor vehicle accidents.
- 1 commercial fire.
- 1 residential fire.
- 1 automatic fire alarm.
- 1 transfer.
- 1 pedestrian struck.
- 1 non-injury motor vehicle accident.

Location of calls:

- 1 to Frederick County, MD.
- 6 to Freedom Township.
- 2 to Cumberland Township.
- 1 to Fairfield Borough.
- 2 to Gettysburg Borough.

Liberty Township Police's Officer in Charge, Terry DeWitt, read July's police report:

- Hours Worked = 35
- Traffic Stops = 9
- Citations = 8
- Warnings = 3

- Inquiry into the Technology Grant through PCCD for new in car cameras with ALPR systems within the cameras. Still in progress.

- Continuation of traffic enforcement in all three townships at problem areas. Heightened enforcement on back community roads.

- Inquiry being made into a PCCD grant for enforcement on the Medical Marijuana Act.

- The second set of ENRADD stands are being repaired.

- Any interested candidates for part time patrol officer are encouraged to apply.

- Warning to all residents this time of year is when scam calls take place. Remember the IRS does not handle business via telephone.
- Police Department is enacting a Facebook page. This is not to report incidents through; however, it is for passing on education for traffic and criminal laws as well as posting a weekly blotter.
- Two new part time patrol officers were hired. Patrolman Ryan Morris & Patrolman Jonathan Harvey. Both have prior law enforcement experience.
- The regionalization meeting was held and was very informative for all three townships.
- Body camera footage over 60-days has been deleted.

Old Business

- A. Consider awarding the Boyle Road project and extending the contract completion date from August 23, 2024, to October 31, 2024, contingent upon solicitor review and approval of bond.**

	Whole Road	East Section	West Section
C.E. Williams Sons, Inc.	\$278,950.00	\$125,500.00	\$180,400.00
New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc.	\$196,645.00	\$94,125.00	\$121,700.00

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Boyle Road East Section bid in the amount of \$94,125.00 and extend the contract completion date to October 31, 2024, contingent upon solicitor review and approval of the bond. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

The Board asked Mr. Gulden to obtain a quote from New Enterprise for the Boyle Road West Section ditching work.

- B. Discussion of solar energy systems (solar farms) model ordinance.**

The Board asked Mr. Gulden to review the Township’s current solar energy systems ordinance and determine if any changes are needed.

New Business

- A. Preliminary / Final Subdivision Plat for John & Patricia Ferguson Property.**

- Consider approval / denial of a waiver request of §195-11 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) allowing the submission of a final plan only.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve a waiver request of §195-11 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) allowing the submission of a final plan only. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

- Consider approval / denial of a modification request of §195.B.9 of the SALDO allowing the vicinity map to be shown at a scale of 1" = 2000' instead of 1" = 1000'.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve a modification request of §195.B.9 of the SALDO allowing the vicinity map to be shown at a scale of 1" = 2000' instead of 1" = 1000'. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

- Consider approval / denial of a modification request of §195-23.G.2.(a) of the SALDO allowing a lot width of 100' instead of 140'.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve a modification request of §195-23.G.2.(a) of the SALDO allowing a lot width of 100' instead of 140'. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

- Consider approval / denial of the Final Subdivision Plat for John & Patricia Ferguson Property.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Final Subdivision Plat for John & Patricia Ferguson Property. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

- B. Consider approval of Resolution 2024-07, which increases the 2024 Budget, Highway Aid Fund, line item 35-409-710 (Highway Repair & Maintenance) from \$50,000 to \$125,000.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 2024-07. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

- C. Consider approval of recording Township PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit #08115120.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve recording Township PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit #08115120. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

D. Waste contract with Park's Garbage Service, Inc. one year renewal or rebid.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to recommend to the Southwest Adams County group that we continue with a one-year renewal contract with Park's Garbage Service instead of rebidding. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

E. Regional police study results.

Officer Dewitt explained the regional police study and its results. He recommends that all the municipalities involved have a meeting to discuss the next steps.

The Board agreed to have Chairperson Young attend the meeting to discuss next steps; however, the Board agreed that the proposed costs to Freedom Township in the study are not feasible.

Other Business

None

Public Comment

None

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 8:10 P.M.