

**Freedom Township Board of Supervisors  
Regular Meeting  
October 13, 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  
Mike Wenschhof, Road Superintendent  
Sherri Hansen, Liberty Twp. Police Chief  
Dominic Picarelli, KPI Technology

**Members of the Public Present**

Mary Buchheit, Ed Buchheit, Herb Milligan, David Shaw, Ellen Mann, Jim Geleta, & James Rife.

**Call to Order**

Chair Beckett called the Board of Supervisor's Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Gulden stated that the Board held an executive session for approximately 15 minutes regarding personnel matters.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Mann represented the Adams County Historical Society. They are requesting five percent of every municipality's COVID-19 federal relief funds, \$4,417.00 for Freedom Township, towards their new Museum, Achieves, & Education Center project. Mr. Gulden said he added a \$1,000.00 donation from the General Fund in the 2022 budget for this project. The Board discussed and stated they would consider donating the remaining \$3,417.00 from the COVID-19 Fund if it is determined that this is a permitted expenditure from the federal funds.

**Approval of Minutes**

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the September 8, 2021 regular meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

**Monthly Expenses**

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the bills in the amount of \$21,249.92 from the General Fund, \$469.50 from the Escrow Account, and a transfer of \$32,500.00 from the General Fund to the Park & Rec Fund. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Beckett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

**Road Report**

The Public Works Department completed the following tasks in September:

- Storm clean-up from Hurricane Ida. Clear trees, limbs, & debris from roads and berms including various other storms. Checked & cleared culverts especially on McGlaughlin Road. Graded Rohrbaugh Road to fill in washouts. Closed Gordon Road at Middle Creek from flooding and also Scott and Shorbs Mill Road.
- Road mowing, string trimming, brush cutting, trash pick-up along roadways. Mowing, trimming, & clean-up at Township lot.
- Return PA 1 calls and called for 150 gallons of gasoline for delivery.
- Power washing was done on roofs on September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Bike event was held at Township building on September 25 with no issues.

<b>Public Works Employee</b>	<b>Hours Worked</b>
Mike Wenschhof	171

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

**EMS, Fire, & Police Reports**

Adams Regional Emergency Medical Service (AREMS) had one call in Freedom Township for September.

Mr. Milligan presented the fire report. Greenmount Fire Department had 4 calls in the month of September. There were two calls in Freedom Township, one in Frederick County Maryland, and one in Carroll Valley Borough. Of those calls, there was one automatic fire alarm, two commercial fires, and one medical assist.

Ms. Hansen presented the police report. Liberty Township Police worked 25 hours in the month of September. There were zero 911 calls, 27 traffic citations, and 8 written warnings.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business****A. David M. & Nancy L. Shaw Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan.**

Mr. Gulden & Mr. Picarelli presented the plan. Since there are three cottages and one dwelling shown on the plan, sewage backup areas are require. Sewage backup will also be required on the newly created lot.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to table the David M. & Nancy L. Shaw Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

**B. 2022 Budget Discussion.**

Mr. Gulden presented the 2022 budget. No questions were asked by the public or Board. Mr. Gulden stated the budget will remain on the Township's website for public review, and action will be taken at the November meeting.

**C. Approval of an advertisement notice of the Township's intent to appoint Joyce Beckman of Lockwood Business Support Service to conduct the 2021 audit in place of the elected officers for consideration.**

Chair Beckett 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 2021 audit in place of the elected officers. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

**D. Public drinking ordinance discussion and consideration.**

Chair Beckett asked for more time to review the sample ordinances presented by Mr. Fenicle.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to table the public drinking ordinance. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

**E. Appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to the Board of Auditors with a term expiration of December 31, 2023.**

No residents have expressed interest in the position, so the Board did not act.

**F. Approval of the codification's Draft for consideration.**

Mr. Gulden stated that Mr. Fenicle and himself reviewed the codification's Draft. The only amendment needed is to remove the Weed's Ordinance as requested by the Board at previous meetings.

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

**G. Approval of joining the Adams County's Southwest Group's waste hauler collective procurement process for consideration.**

Mr. Gulden explained that the County has always bid the waste hauler collective agreements on behalf of the municipalities; however, they have announced that they will no longer be doing this process. The Fairfield Borough has volunteered to be Southwest Group's leader, and bid the contract on Pennbid on behalf of the group.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to approve joining the Adams County's Southwest Group's waste hauler collective procurement process. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

**Other Business**

None

**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 7:54 P.M.