

**FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 14, 2020  
6:52 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**

Ed Buchheit, Mary Buchheit, Barbara Milligan, Megan Shreiver, Vicki Huffaker, Caroline Johnson, and Sherri Hansen.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Beckett called the Board of Supervisor's Meeting to order at 6:52 p.m., and he noted Mr. Young as absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the September 9, 2020 regular meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Beckett. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

**APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,247.18 FROM THE GENERAL FUND & TRANSFER \$2,500.00 TO THE PARK & REC FUND FOR CONSIDERATION**

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to approve the bills in the amount of \$17,247.18 from the General Fund and transfer \$2,500.00 to the Park & Rec Fund. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

**ROAD REPORT**

The road crew completed the following tasks in September:

- Mowing, string trimming, brush cutting, trash pick-up, tree and debris removal, and clean-up along Township roads.
- Mowing & trimming at Township lot.

- Ed met with engineers, contractor, and County officials at Shorbs Mill bridge. Floor and undercarriage will be completely replaced with new wood and galvanized steel. Arches will be removed and refurbished at contractor's shop. Bridge is slated to be completed and re-opened late May of 2021. 15-ton limit. Note – no work has been started as of today.
- Township septic tank was pumped.
- Returned PA 1 calls.
- Maintenance work on road mower and tractor.

Road Crew Employee	Hours Worked
Mike Wenschhof	103
Ed Wenschhof	40

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve September's Road Report as submitted. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Beckett. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

### **EMS & FIRE REPORTS**

Adams Regional Emergency Medical Service (AREMS) had three calls to Freedom Township in September.

The Greenmount Fire Department did not submit the fire report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

Mr. Young entered the meeting at 6:54 P.M.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. @Home in Adams County & Adams County Office of Aging: ECHO Expansion Project presentation.**

Megan Shreiver, Vicki Huffaker, and Caroline Johnson presented the Elder Cottage Housing Opportunity (ECHO) Expansion Project of Adams County. The Board said for them to come back if any Freedom Township residents are interested in the program, then they will consider a zoning text amendment to permit the proposed elder cottages in residential districts.

- B. Approval of an advertisement notice of the Township's intent to appoint Joyce Beckman of Lockwood Business Support Service to conduct the 2020 audit in place of the elected auditors for consideration.**

Vice-Chair Kellett 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 2020 audit in place of the elected auditors. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

### **C. Discussion of police services with Liberty Township.**

The Board explained that they are seeking 25 hours per month of police services with Liberty Township in order to:

1. Active police patrols throughout the Township;
2. Active traffic enforcement, including setting up speed zones throughout the Township; and
3. Quick response to emergency incidents throughout the Township.

Chief Sherri Hansen said Liberty Township will help Freedom Township with their police needs.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to allow the Township Solicitor & Manager to work with Liberty Township in order to draft a police contract for 25 hours per month to include a 90-day trial period. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (2-0-1). Chair Beckett abstained.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Gulden stated that the Supervisor's conditionally approved the Frosty Fruit, 660 Cunningham Road, Conditional Use application with requiring the applicant to submit a parking plan to the Board for approval. Mr. Dufour presented the parking plan to the Board and stated he is still waiting for PennDOT to approve the highway occupancy permit.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** conditionally approve the Frosty Fruit parking plan with the following condition:

1. Applicant must obtain a highway occupancy permit from PennDOT and adjust the parking plan accordingly.

The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Beckett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Mr. Fenicle stated that the Middle Creek Conference Center property tax assessment matter has been settled, and he is currently waiting for all parties to sign the agreement.

**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 7:41 p.m.