

**Freedom Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
October 12, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

Board of Supervisors

Matt Young, Chairperson
Brett Johnston

Township Officials

Zach Gulden, Township Manager
Linus Fenicle, Township Solicitor

Members of the Public Present

Ed Buchheit, Mary Buchheit, Herb Milligan, Jim Geleta, Maddie Krantz, & Dominic Picarelli.

Call to Order

Chair Young called the Board of Supervisor's Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Vice-Chair Kellett was noted as absent.

Amend Agenda

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to amend the agenda to include discussion of the Freedom Township Land Development Plan for the garage addition & park phase 2. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the September 14, 2022 regular meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

Monthly Expenses

Mr. Johnston made a **MOTION** to approve the bills in the amount of \$17,316.48 from the General Fund. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

Manager & Road Reports

The Manager completed the following tasks in September:

- Misc. phone calls & website updates.

- Monthly bills.
- Supervisor meeting minutes.
- Worked with KPI & YSM on new garage addition land development plan and park phase 2 plan updates.
- Prepared and mailed 3x SWM O&M recording letters.
- Mailed 1x completed well report and educational brochure per code.
- 2x zoning permits – 1 shed & 1 recreational cabin.
- Prepared 2x resolutions for park phase 2 grant project.
- Started applying for state grant for park phase 2.
- Applied for 2x Adams County tax improvement permits for the solar system and picnic pavilion.
- Took PA Notary exam.
- Coordinated repair of solar panel kWh screen.
- Coordinated repair of copy machine.
- 2x deposits.
- Property folder filing.
- Delivered last code book.
- Pre-grant application phone call with state for park grant.
- Lobar garage addition design meeting on 29th.

The Public Works Department completed the following tasks in September:

- Road mowing, weed and brush cutting, clearing of fallen trees and limbs, trash pick-up along roadways.
- Mowing, trimming, and clean-up at Township lot.
- Install new stop sign on Red Rock Road at Pumping Station Road that was knocked over and had to put back up 2 more times from being knocked over.
- Attended building design meeting with Lobar.
- Return PA 1 calls.

Public Works Employee	Hours Worked
Mike Wenschhof	128
Herb Milligan	0

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to approve September’s Road Report as submitted. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

EMS, Fire, & Police Reports

Adams Regional Emergency Medical Service (AREMS) had the following calls in Freedom Township:

- June – 1x.
- July – 3x.
- August – 0x.

- September – 8x.

Mr. Milligan presented the fire report. Greenmount Fire Department had 13 calls in the month of September:

- 2 transfers – 1 in Thurmont & 1 in Heidlersburg.
- 4 residential fires – 2 in Emmitsburg, MD & 2 in Carrol Valley Borough.
- 1 request for fire police.
- 1 request for line officer.
- 1 traffic accident in Emmitsburg, MD.
- 1 inside investigation in Emmitsburg, MD.
- 1 barn fire in Reading Township.
- 1 medical assist in Freedom Township.
- 1 commercial fire alarm in Freedom Township.

Officer Roosen presented the police report. Liberty Township Police worked 25 hours in the month of September. There were 2x 911 calls, 36x traffic citations, and 16x written warnings.

Old Business

A. Discussion of the Freedom Township Land Development Plan for the garage addition & park phase 2.

Ms. Krantz and Mr. Picarelli presented their sketch of the land development plan including the location of two new stormwater rain gardens. The Board directed them to 1) remove the future salt shed from the design and stormwater calculations; 2) apply for a highway occupancy permit to discharge excess stormwater to the swales along Pumping Station Road; 3) reduce two rain gardens to one if possible; 4) limit vegetation in proposed rain garden(s) if possible; and 5) utilize the existing rain garden for storm water calculations if possible.

B. Consideration of an intermunicipal agreement with Liberty Township.

Mr. Gulden stated that Liberty Township just provided him two resolution samples this week, and Mr. Fenicle has not yet had time to review. He said he will bring it back next month for consideration.

New Business

A. 2023 Budget Discussion.

Mr. Gulden presented the proposed 2023 budget. No tax increase is proposed. The only change requested by the Board was to eliminate the donation to the Adams County Historical Society. Mr. Gulden stated the budget will be placed on the website for public review and brought back next month for advertisement.

B. Approval of Resolution 2022-08 & Promulgation for consideration.

Mr. Gulden stated the Township must reapprove the Emergency Operations Plan of Adams County every two years to be compliant with the PA Emergency Management Services Code.

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 2022-08. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

C. Approval of Resolution 2022-09 for consideration.

Mr. Fenicle stated that Act 57 of 2022 requires all municipalities that levy real estate taxes to adopt a resolution or ordinance directing their tax collector to implement its provisions. It allows taxpayers who fail to receive a tax notice during their first year of occupancy to apply for a waiver from penalties and additional costs from the tax collector.

Chair Young made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 2022-09. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

Other Business

Mr. Gulden informed the board of the following events:

- A. Covered Device Recycling Event & Township parking lot on October 15 from 8am-11am.
- B. Adams Apple Bike Ride – October 15
- C. 2nd garage addition design meeting on 10/13 at 4:00 PM at the Township office.
- D. Broadband meeting at the County on 10/20.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Young made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 7:49 P.M.