

**Freedom Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
September 8, 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

Members of the Public Present

Ed Buchheit, Mary Buchheit, Norma Calhoun, Laura Neiderer, James Geleta, Lori Morgan, Wayne Belt, James Rife, Eric Meyer, Harlan Lawson, Roger Johnson, & Chris Rogen.

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

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the August 11, 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 \$12,814.87 from the General Fund, \$6,444.58 from the Park & Rec Fund, & \$428.96 from the Escrow Account. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Road Report

Mr. Gulden read a thank you note from Ed Wenschhof, Sr. regarding gift and proclamation honoring his retirement.

The Public Works Department completed the following tasks in August:

- String trimming, brush cutting, storm clean-up, trash pick-up, mowing along roadways, and mowing township lot. Clear trees off of roads. Return PA 1 calls.
- Hauled and spread 2A stones on gravel roads. Picked up at New Enterprise.
- Seal coating was done on Bigham and Shriver Roads by Russell Standard Co.

- New front entrance door was installed by Ed Steinour.
- Painted floor in lady's restroom.
- Place gabion stone at washout area on McGlaughlin Road.
- Picked-up tarp and tools at Tractor Supply Company.
- Dodge Truck was state inspected and serviced at Keisers.

Public Works Employee	Hours Worked
Mike Wenschhof	148
Ed Wenschhof	21.5

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

EMS, Fire, & Police Reports

Adams Regional Emergency Medical Service (AREMS) had 4 calls to Freedom Township in August.

Greenmount Fire Department did not submit the August fire report.

Mr. Rogen presented the police report. Liberty Township Police worked 25 hours in the month of August. There was one 911 call, 29 traffic citations, and 18 written warnings. Liberty addressed complaints about speeding on Bullfrog Road. They are continuing to run speed and write citations on Bullfrog Road. They have also continued to keep an eye on Sach's Bridge. They received a complaint of mailboxes being vandalized. If anyone has any information regarding the vandalism, contact their office. Due to public drinking issues at Sach's Bridge, the police department recommended a public drinking ordinance as it is not covered under State law.

The Board requested the solicitor research public drinking ordinances for the next meeting.

Old Business

- A. Appoint _____ to the Zoning Hearing Board with a term expiration of 12/31/2022 for consideration.**

Mr. Gulden noted that the Township received one application for the position from Mr. James Geleta.

Mr. Geleta submitted his resignation letter from the Board of Auditors.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to approve the resignation of James Geleta from the Board of Auditors. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to appoint James Geleta to the Zoning Hearing Board with a term expiration of 12/31/2022. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

The Board asked for residents interested in the vacated Board of Auditor's position to contact Mr. Gulden.

B. Greenmount Fire Department donation request for consideration.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to donate \$1,000.00 to Greenmount Fire Department to help with training costs. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

New Business

A. Adams County Transportation Planning Organization's (ACTPO) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) information session to discuss thoughts, concerns, needs, and general input regarding the transportation system in the region.

Ms. Neiderer & Mr. Lawson from Adams County Planning presented the ACTPO and took suggestions from the Supervisors and public. The main concern was the intersection of Pumping Station Road and Bullfrog Road. Those present suggested a four-way stop.

B. Approval of allowing the Healthy Adams Bicycle/Pedestrian, Inc. (HABPI) 6th Annual Ride for Trails to use Freedom Township as a rest stop on September 25, 2021 from 8:00AM – 12:00PM for consideration. They have requested to set up a pop-up tents, tables, and bike racks in the parking lot and also have access to the restrooms and potable water faucet.

Mr. Gulden recommended approval with a \$50.00 cleaning fee due to COVID-19 precautions.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to allow HABPI to use Freedom Township as a rest stop on September 25, 2021 from 8:00AM – 12:00 PM with a \$50.00 cleaning fee. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Other Business

Mr. Gulden stated the Board recently signed an Emergency Declaration for the recent storm, and it will need to be approved at this meeting.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Emergency Declaration. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Staff Reports

Mr. Gulden stated the 2020 audit is now complete, and it has been added to the website. Park construction is scheduled to start on September 27th. The 2022 budget presentation will be at the October 13th regularly scheduled Supervisor's meeting.

Public Comment

Mr. Rife stated that the internet in the Township is very bad. Mr. Gulden stated that the County is working on a study to bring better internet to rural areas such as Freedom Township. The Board also expressed support for using all of the COVID-19 Relief Funds to improve internet infrastructure within the Township.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Beckett. Chair Beckett adjourned the meeting at 8:07 P.M.