

**FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2019  
7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Allen Beckett, Chairperson  
Matt Young

**TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Zachary Gulden, Township Manager  
Linus Fenicle, Township Solicitor

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT**

Daniel Ohler, Herb Milligan, Brenda Synder, Jim Geleto, & Susanne Maruskin

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Beckett called the Board of Supervisor's Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice-Chair Kellett was noted as absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Young made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the July 10, 2019 meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Beckett. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

**APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,732.54 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, \$6,097.06 FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND (LAWN MOWER) AND \$29,925.00 FROM THE LIQUID FUEL'S FUND (SEAL COATING PROJECTS) FOR CONSIDERATION.**

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to approve the financial report and bills in the amount of \$26,732.54 from the General Fund, \$6,097.06 from the Capital Reserve Fund, and \$29,925.00 from the Liquid Fuel's Fund. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

**ROAD REPORT**

The road crew completed the following tasks in July:

- String trimming, brush cutting, trash pickup, and mowing along roadways and mowing at Township lot.
- Hammaker conducted the sealcoating on Gordon Road and Bullfrog Road.
- International Truck was state inspected and serviced at Sander's Garage.

- Ed helped at the second e-recycling event at Hamiltonban Township.
- Misc. maintenance work on tractor and mower. Return PA 1 calls.

Road Crew Employee	Hours Worked	Mileage
Mike Wenschhof	98	0
Ed Wenschhof	43	0
Allen Beckett	0	0

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

Mr. Gulden said that the Township received a letter from PennDOT regarding the speed reduction request for the Emmitsburg Road. It stated: "This is in response to your letter dated June 12, 2019 requesting traffic studies for Emmitsburg Road (SR 3001) in Freedom Township, Adams County. Engineering and traffic studies will be performed to determine what, if any, changes in the existing conditions should be made to the subject area. PennDOT will forward the results as soon as the studies are complete. Please allow up to 30 days for completion of the studies."

### **EMS & FIRE REPORTS**

Adams Regional Emergency Medical Service (AREMS) had a total of 2 calls to Freedom Township for the month of June and 6 calls in July.

Mr. Gulden said he received a donation request from Mr. Ohler of the Greenmount Fire Department that stated: "Greenmount is planning to hold an event for National Fire Prevention Week and also a Halloween event this year (with hopes to hold each year thereafter). With both of these events comes costs. We are asking if Freedom Township would be interested in co-hosting / co-sponsoring these events with us. We are looking at a grand total of approximately \$500.00. Dates have not yet been set in stone; however, we are currently planning. Both events will have games and activities for all age groups (however primarily geared towards children), and we would like Township presence at both events. Plans are to reach out to a few businesses also for donations."

Mr. Young made a **MOTION** to donate \$250.00 towards the fire department's Halloween event. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Beckett. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

The Greenmount Fire Department had a total of 15 calls for the month of July. Their calls included: 5 structure fires, 3 outside investigations, 3 AFA's, 1 request for fire police, 1 inside investigation, 1 brush fire, and 1 MVA. Of those calls, 6 were to Freedom Township, 4 to Frederick County, MD, 2 to Cumberland Township, 2 to Straban Township, and 1 to the Gettysburg Borough. There were 13 responses, 1 cancelled before responding, and 1 failed call. There was an average total of 3.94 personnel per call and 2.58 man hours per call.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### A. Electric Vehicle Charging Station Project

1. Approval of Resolution 2019-05, which authorizes:
  - The purchase of the ChargePoint CT4000 Level 2 Commercial Charging Station, 1 year ChargePoint Assure warranty, 3 year Cloud Plan, & other accessories in the amount of \$9,757.00 **(fully funded by a PA DEP grant)**.
  - The ChargePoint Master Services & Subscription Agreement for consideration.
2. Approval of updated contract with Hulls Electric in the amount of \$3,975.00 **(fully funded by a PA DEP grant & donations)**.

Mr. Gulden said if passed tonight, we will be the first municipality to have an electric vehicle (EV) charging station at their municipal building. He applied and was approved for a \$10,000.00 Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) "Driving PA Forward" grant. We also received a \$2,600.00 donation from Adams Electric, \$1,500 donation from Allen Beckett Construction, and \$350 donation from Paul Kellett / Community Benefit Real Estate. This station has two plugs, so it is capable of charging two EVs at once. No taxpayer dollars will be spent on this project as it is fully funded by the grant and donations. Mr. Gulden said he views this project as Freedom Township doing our part in order to help reduce the harmful emissions that contribute to climate change and smog, improving public health, and reducing ecological damage. This project will help expand the EV base across America, which will incentivize more drivers to go clean and green.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 2019-05. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to approve the Hull's Electric contract in the amount of \$3,975.00. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Approval of an Adams County National Bank 15-month certificate of deposit (CD) in the amount of \$100,000.00 with an interest rate / annual percentage yield of 2.18% / 2.20% (subject to slight changes) for consideration.
  - The new CD will earn \$2,820.37 in interest earnings compared to \$62.50 with the current checking rate of 0.05% / 0.05%.

Mr. Gulden said that the interest rates have slightly changed in the past week. This will now be a 13-month CD with an interest rate of 2.18% and annual percentage yield of 2.20%. The CD would earn \$2,385.50.

Chair Beckett said the bond / stock market did horrible today, so he would like to wait one week before applying for the CD to see if the rates will increase.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to open a 13-month CD in the amount of \$100,000.00 with a condition of waiting at least one week. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (2-0).

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Milligan stated that the Greenmount Fire Department will now host a Scouts of America troop. They will hold a car wash and hot dog sale at the fire department's property on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **A. Manager / Zoning Officer**

Mr. Gulden said he had one right-to-know request, completed and submitted Form 536 to the Federal Highway Administration, applied for the EV grant, processed zoning permit applications – 17 has been issued so far this year, normal up-keep to the website, and answered misc. questions from residents.

#### **B. Solicitor**

Mr. Fenicle provided an updated on the old Middle Creek Bible Conference property. He said the property has changed from non-profit to profit; therefore, it is now subject to property tax. The Adams County Tax Department has made a determination to tax the property in Liberty Township and the Fairfield Area School District even the vast majority of taxable buildings/property is located in Freedom Township. The Gettysburg Area School District and Freedom Township has partnered and have appealed the Adams County Tax Department's determination.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The Motion was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. Chair Beckett adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.