

**Freedom Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
March 10, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

Board of Supervisors

Allen Beckett, Chairperson
Paul Kellett, Vice-Chairperson
Matt Young

Township Officials Present

Zach Gulden, Township Manager
Linus Fenicle, Township Solicitor
Ed Wenschhof, Road Superintendent

Members of the Public Present

Ed Buchheit, Mary Buchheit, & Daniel Ohler

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 February 10, 2021 regular meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Beckett. The motion carried unanimously (2-0). Mr. Young abstained, because he said he never received the minutes.

Monthly Expenses

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the bills in the amount of \$15,121.74. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Beckett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Road Report

The road crew completed the following tasks in February:

- Plow, salt, & anti-skid roads;
- Replaced edges on both plows;
- 2 loads of anti-skid material delivered by Fred Welty from Specialty Granules;
- 1 load of salt delivered from Morton Salt;
- Burn brush pile behind building;
- Wash off trucks and shop floor; and
- Trash pick-up, return PA 1 call, misc. snow removal related work.

Road Crew Employee	Hours Worked
Mike Wenschhof	83
Ed Wenschhof	56

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve February'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) did not submit the report.

The Greenmount Fire Department had 10 calls for the month of February: 2 residential structure fires, 1 commercial structure fire, 2 medical assists, 1 vehicle fire, 1 transfer, 1 inside investigation, and 2 requests for fire police. Of those calls, 1 was to Freedom Township, 3 to Frederick County, MD, 2 to Cumberland Township, 1 to Gettysburg Borough, 1 to Carroll Valley Borough, 1 to Fairfield Borough, and 1 to Germany Township.

Liberty Township Police worked 25 hours and had zero 911 calls, 36 traffic citations, and 10 written warnings for the month of February.

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Approval of \$500.00 contribution request from Liberty Township Police Department towards replacement of ENRADD system for consideration.

Ms. Buchheit asked if this would replace the police presence in the Township. Vice-Chair Kellett said no, and explained that the ENRADD system is used by police to determine the speed that vehicles are traveling. Pennsylvania does not allow local police departments to use radar systems, so this is what they use instead.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve a \$500.00 donation towards Liberty Township's ENRADD system. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

B. Approval of the Adams County Parks, Recreation & Green Space Grant Program grant agreement for consideration (accepting \$25,000.00 park grant).

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to conditionally approve the Adams County Parks, Recreation & Green Space Grant Program grant agreement with the following condition:

1. Township Solicitor shall review the agreement.

The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried (2-1). Mr. Young voted Nay.

C. 2021 Road Project(s) Discussion.

Mr. Gulden stated the current Liquid Fuel Fund balance is \$173,809.26.

Mr. Wenschhof said that the Township bid road widening work in 2020 for Boyle Road from SR 0015 to Emmitsburg Road (approximately 1108' x 22'). The lowest bid was \$75,940.00. The Township did not do the work, and instead completed three other smaller projects. He said he would like to do this work in 2021.

Mr. Gulden stated he reached out to PennDOT, and they said the Township does not need to rebid the project, because it has been less than 1 year since it has been bid. PennDOT stated that the Township would need to reach out to the two bidders, New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. & C.E. Williams' & Sons, Inc. and obtain updated bids. Mr. Gulden said he reached out to both entities, and they provided updated bids:

1. New Enterprise – no change in price - \$75,940.00
2. C.E. Williams - \$77,810.00

The Board asked Mr. Gulden to reach out to each company, and see if it would save any money closing Boyle Road during the duration of the road work. They also asked Mr. Wenschhof to determine if there are any other projects for 2021. Everything is to be discussed again at the April meeting.

Other Business

Mr. Gulden stated the County has reached out to the Township asking if we would like to participate in trash service joint bidding again.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to participate in trash services joint bidding through Adams County. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Mr. Gulden stated that the Township has been awarded a \$5,000.00 grant from the York/Adams Relators Association for Phase 1 of the Freedom Township Municipal Park.

Mr. Young stated the Board should reach out to Representative Moul asking for legislative change allowing municipalities, with their own police force, to collect more fine money from traffic citations. The vast majority goes towards court costs and other fees. He stated we only receive \$10 - \$15 per ticket, which doesn't help cover police coverage expenses. The Board agreed.

Mr. Young made a **MOTION** to contact Representative Moul regarding the fine money issue. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Beckett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Staff Reports

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 7:35 p.m.