

**Freedom Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
November 3, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

Board of Supervisors

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

Township Officials

Zach Gulden, Township Manager
Dominic Picarelli, KPI Technology

Members of the Public Present

Ed Buchheit, Mary Buchheit, Herb Milligan, David Shaw, & Nancy Shaw

Call to Order

Chair Beckett called the Board of Supervisor's Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to amend the agenda to include authorizing the Township Solicitor to prepare a 2-year employment agreement with the Township Manager and for it to be placed on the December 8, 2021 agenda. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried (2-1). Mr. Young voted nay.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the October 13, 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 \$16,303.15 from the General Fund and \$13,608.00 from the Highway Aid Fund. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Road Report

The Public Works Department completed the following tasks in October:

- Brush cutting, string trimming, road mowing, leaf blowing, trash pick-up and clearing of limbs & trees along roadways. Blacktop patching on various roads. Placed Gabion stone

in various ditches and culverts. Put up Cunningham & Shriver Road sign that was missing. Mowing & clean-up at Township lot.

- Return PA 1 calls.
- Dodge truck was taken to Myers Electric for trouble starting, and they repair the starter.
- Waterworks Road was paved on October 12.
- Fred Welty Backhoe Service hauled 2A stone from Specialty Granules for the park project parking lot.
- Set up meeting room for voting for the November 2 election.

Public Works Employee	Hours Worked
Mike Wenschhof	146

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve October'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 monthly report.

Mr. Milligan presented the fire report. Greenmount Fire Department had 4 calls in the month of October. Of those calls, 2 were in Freedom Township and 2 in Straban Township. Two calls were motor vehicle accidents, 1 medical assist, and 1 request for fire police.

Mr. Gulden presented the police report. Liberty Township Police worked 25 hours in the month of October. There were one 911 call, 29 traffic citations, and 8 written warnings. They continue to run speed and write citations on Bullfrog Road. Kept an eye on Sachs Bridge. Received complaints about speed on Boyle Road, and will be looking at ways to address that. Received a complaint of a suspicious person in the area of Pumping Station Road and Middle Creek Road. They have been unable to locate this person. If any residents see anyone suspicious anywhere in the Township, please call 911. They encourage residents to contact their Department with any comments, concerns, or issues that they may have.

Old Business

A. David M. & Nancy L. Shaw Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan.

Mr. Gulden stated this plan expires on November 18th; therefore, the Board will need to act tonight.

The Shaw's stated that their sewage testing is not complete, so they requested a plan extension until February 15, 2022.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to approve an extension request until February 15, 2022 for the David M. & Nancy L. Shaw Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

B. Alan D. Trider Revocable Trust dated June 23, 2005 Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan extension request until January 31, 2022.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve an extension request until January 31, 2022 for the Alan D. Trider Revocable Trust dated June 23, 2005 Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Beckett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

C. Tentatively adopt the 2022 proposed budget and approval of an advertisement notice stating that the 2022 proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Township building and on www.freedomtownship.us for consideration.

Mr. Gulden presented the budget and noted that minor adjustments were made to various line items from the previous meeting due to higher than expected inflation (5.9%). The Board decided not to provide life insurance to Township employees in 2022; therefore, they removed that line item for \$501.00.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to tentatively adopt the 2022 proposed budget as modified and approve an advertisement notice stating that the 2022 proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Township building and on www.freedomtownship.us. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Beckett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

D. Public drinking ordinance discussion and consideration.

The Board requested that Mr. Gulden send the 3 sample ordinances provided by the Township Solicitor to the Liberty Township Police Chief, so that she can provide a recommendation.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** table the public drinking ordinance discussion and consideration until the December 8th meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Beckett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

New Business

A. Approval of an advertisement for the 2022 stone bids for consideration.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** approve an advertisement for the 2022 stone request for bids. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

B. Approval of an advertisement of the Notice of Introduction of Proposed Code Adoption Ordinance for consideration.

Mr. Gulden stated that Mr. Fenicle needs more time to review and prepare the ordinance.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** table the advertisement of the Notice of Introduction of Proposed Code Adoption Ordinance until the December 8th meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Beckett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

C. Approval of hiring Herb Milligan as an as-needed CDL snow truck driver for consideration.

The Board decided to hold an executive session on November 9th at 7:00PM to interview Mr. Milligan before deciding.

D. Approval of Resolution 2021-01, authorizing the Township's participation in the PA Township's Health Insurance Cooperative Trust, for consideration.

The Board decided not to act on this matter.

E. Authorize Township Solicitor to prepare a 2-year employment agreement with the Township Manager and for it to be placed on the December 8, 2021 agenda.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** authorize the Township Solicitor to prepare a 2-year employment agreement with the Township Manager including direction to the solicitor to include items such as office hours by appointment only, setting pay for FY2022 and FY2023, severance pay, and firing only for just cause and for this item to be placed on the December 8, 2021 agenda. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Other Business

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 7:53 P.M.