

**Freedom Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
July 10, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

Board of Supervisors

Matt Young, Chairperson
Paul Kellett, Vice-Chairperson
Brett Johnston

Township Officials

Zach Gulden, Manager - arrived at 7:22 P.M.
Linus Fenicle, Solicitor

Members of the Public Present

Mary Buchheit, Ed Buchheit, Jim Geleta, Joe Bowden, and Terry DeWitt (Liberty Township Police).

Call to Order

Chair Young 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 June 12, 2024, regular meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Monthly Expenses

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the bills in the amount of \$44,412.35 from the General Fund, \$718.68 from the Highway Aid Fund, and \$536.00 from the Escrow fund with the following condition:

1. \$25,000.00 donation to the Greenmount Fire Department only be released if approved at tonight's meeting under New Business.

The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Manager & Road Reports

Chair Young read the Manager's report. The Manager completed the following tasks in June:

- Misc. phone calls / emails / website updates.

- Submitted monthly solar meter reading.
- Monthly & quarterly employment tax reports and payments.
- Reconciliation of all bank accounts.
- June 12 supervisor meeting minutes.
- 1x bank deposit.
- Met with Bob Sharrah and applicant on June 3rd to discuss zoning issues with subdivision application.
- Added garage addition to insurance policy.
- Mailed 1x thank you letter for park phase 2 donation.
- Drafted and sent a request for help letter regarding the 2025 comprehensive plan update to county planning department on behalf of the southwest group.
- Worked with PennDOT to update Boyle Road bids and readvertised.
- Updated intergovernmental services agreement resolution with Liberty Township due to expiration.
- 1x zoning permit (pool).
- Finalized the PennDOT business partner ID process per resolution passed at June meeting. Received approval.

Chair Young read the road report. The Department of Public Works completed the following tasks in June:

- Mowing, weed trimming, brush cutting, and trash pick-up along roadways.
- Clearing fallen trees and limbs from roads and berms after rain and windstorms.
- Mowing, trimming, and clearing of Township lot.
- Called and had a load of road salt delivered from Morton Salt to satisfy our contract.
- Put up a new stop sign and post at the intersection of Bullfrog and Pumping Station Roads after someone ran over the old one.
- Liberty Township replaced a culvert pipe for us on McGlaughlin Road. We supplied the pipe and stone, which was hauled by Welty Backhoe Service.
- Performed misc. shop work and maintenance.
- Returned PA One calls.

Public Works Employee	Hours Worked
Mike Wenschhof	142
Brett Johnston	0
Steve Long	0

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

EMS, Fire, & Police Reports

Adams Regional Emergency Medical Service (AREMS) did not submit the monthly EMS report.

Mr. Buchheit read the fire report. Greenmount Fire Department had 13 calls in the month of June.

Type of calls:

- 3 transfers.
- 2 requests for fire police.
- 2 brush fires.
- 1 commercial fire.
- 1 inside investigation.
- 1 residential auto alarm.
- 1 residential structure fire.
- 1 traffic hazard.
- 1 pedestrian / bicycle struck.

Location of calls:

- 6 to Frederick County, MD.
- 2 to Freedom Township.
- 2 to Liberty Township.
- 1 to Cumberland Township.
- 1 to Hamiltonban Township.
- 1 to Gettysburg Borough.

Liberty Township Police's Officer in Charge, Terry DeWitt, read June's police report:

June

- Hours Worked = 37
- Incidents = 16
- Traffic Citations = 8
- Warnings = 2
- PSP Calls = 0

Patrols conducted speed enforcement on Bullfrog Road, Emmitsburg Road, and Pumping Station Road.

Patrols responded to a total of 16 complaints which were either dispatched or self-created by proactive Policing, which included 10 building security checks.

Part-time patrol officers are being sought for employment.

Body camera footage over 60-days has been deleted.

Old Business

A. Discussion of solar energy systems’ (solar farms) model ordinances.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to table this item. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

New Business

A. Open bids and consider award of Boyle Road project.

The Board opened the bids, and the results were as follows:

	Whole Road	East Section	West Section
C.E. Williams Sons, Inc.	\$278,950.00	\$125,500.00	\$180,400.00
New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc.	\$196,645.00	\$94,125.00	\$121,700.00

Mr. Gulden stated that the Board budgeted \$50,000.00 in Liquid Fuel’s money in 2024 for road projects, so they will need to approve a resolution at next month’s meeting adding more money to the budget to complete a project.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to table this item for staff review. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

B. Consider approval of \$25,000.00 budgeted donation to the Greenmount Community Fire Department for purchase of new tanker truck.

The Board expressed great concern with Greenmount’s decision to purchase a new tanker truck for over \$500,000.00 instead of the original proposal of purchasing a used tanker truck for around \$100,000.00. They asked Greenmount to present a plan on how they will be able to afford the more expensive truck before providing the donation. Mr. Geleta & Mr. Buchheit stated they will prepare the requested plan.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to table this item. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

C. Consider approval of a memorandum of understanding between the County of Adams and Freedom Township regarding website services.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve a memorandum of understanding between the County of Adams and Freedom Township regarding website services. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

D. Consider approval of Resolution 2024-06 – renew intergovernmental service agreement with Liberty Township.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 2024-06. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Other Business

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Young made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 7:47 P.M.