

**FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 10, 2019  
7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

**TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Zachary Gulden, Township Manager  
Linus Fenicle, Township Solicitor

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT**

Ed Buchheit, Brenda Snyder, & Ed Wenschhof

**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 March 13, 2019 meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

**APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,615.35 FOR CONSIDERATION**

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the financial report and bills in the amount of \$14,615.35. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Beckett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

**ROAD REPORT**

The road crew completed the following tasks in March:

- New lawnmower was delivered on 4/5.
- Plow, salt, & anti-skid roads. Approx. 9" snow total on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Picked up cold mix materials at F.C.I. in Greencastle and repaired potholes on misc. roads.
- Cleaned and plowed sod and anti-skid material at intersections and bridges.
- Replaced two speed limit signs and posts on Bullfrog Road.
- Alexander's replaced water heater with 20 gallon heater. Old 12 gallon heater started to leak around the bottom.

- Chemung Supply delivered two plow edges and NAPA delivered misc. supplies.
- Cleaned Township lot, wash off trucks, return PA One calls and misc. work.

Road Crew Employee	Hours Worked	Mileage
Mike Wenschhof	85	0
Ed Wenschhof	42	0
Allen Beckett	0	0

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

Mr. Gulden asked the Board what they would like to do with the old lawnmower. Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to donate the old lawnmower to the Greenmount Fire Department if they would want it. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

#### **EMS & FIRE REPORTS**

Mr. Gulden said the EMS report was not submitted for the month of March.

The Greenmount Fire Department had a total of 1 call for the month of March.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. Approval of a special event permit for the Gettysburg Civil War Battle Reenactment to be held on July 5, 6, & 7, 2019 at 965 Pumping Station Road for consideration.**

Mr. Gulden said he reviewed the plan with no comments, and KPI reviewed the plan and approved a temporary sewage permit. Chair Beckett said he reviewed the plan as Emergency Management Coordinator and only had one comment. He would like to be notified at least one week in advance before the placement of equipment.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve a special event permit for the Gettysburg Civil War Battle Reenactment to be held on July 5, 6, & 7, 2019 at 965 Pumping Station Road with the following condition:

1. The event staff must contact Chair Beckett at least one week in advance before the placement of any equipment.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Approval of Resolution 2019-03 for consideration – support of specific amendments to the PA Open Record's Law.**

Mr. Gulden said the resolution was sent to him by the Adams County Association of Township Official's Chairman. The Chairman asked for the Board's support. Mr. Gulden said the resolution is also supported by the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS). The resolution states:

WHEREAS, the Right to the immediate review of any documentation detailing the public actions of our elected and appointed governmental and public officials should be unfettered to their direct constituents and the Media/Press, and;

WHEREAS, those employed by such governmental and public agencies should reasonably expect a Right to Privacy concerning their personal information, such as their home addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, etc., for the sake of their personal safety and well-being, and;

WHEREAS, a current trend of for-profit, non-constituent requests of governmental and public agencies for this and other information has resulted in countless hours of labor and preparation by these agencies to fill requests designed to data-mine public records, to be repackaged and sold for profit, and;

WHEREAS, these agencies cannot currently recuperate the costs associated with these for-profit, non-constituent requests, placing the burden of funding this research squarely on the wallets of the local taxpayers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the elected members of the Freedom Township Board of Supervisors hereby petition the State Representatives and Senators duly elected from our district, including the Governor and Lt. Governor, to support the ideals contained within this Official Resolution to safeguard the Financial and Personal Safety of our citizens by amending our PA Open Records Laws to exclude the personal information of our agency employees and to allow for a fair, recuperative fee to be charged for labor time spent on non-constituent requests.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 2019-03. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Gulden said the first E-waste recycling event of the year will be held on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Hamiltonban Township maintenance building, 31 Carroll's Tract Road, from 8am-12pm.

He said Mr. Wenschhof will attend and represent Freedom Township as an event worker. Similar events will be held on July 13 and October 12.

Mr. Gulden said that he sent letters to all Freedom Township property owners in order to notify them of the upcoming zoning ordinance workshops. He also said he included the following three questions in the letter:

1. Are you willing to pay higher property taxes in order to increase funding for emergency medical services and fire protection?  
Yes. No. No Opinion.
2. Are you willing to pay higher property taxes in order to increase police protection?  
Yes. No. No Opinion.
3. Are you willing to pay higher property taxes in order to fund parks and recreational projects in and around the Township? (Projects may include walking / biking trails, playgrounds, sport fields, pavilions, etc.)  
Yes. No. No Opinion.

Mr. Gulden said he added these questions to the letter, because the Board may find this information useful in order to make future policy decisions.

Chair Beckett said he recently met with the road crew, and they determined that an extensive amount of ditch work is needed around the Township. He suggested that they spend at least \$10,000 in 2019 to catch up on this work. Mr. Young said he would like to table this decision until the Natural Dam Road Bridge bids come back next month. Chair Beckett said the work needs done regardless of the bid price due to safety.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to spend a maximum of \$10,000 in 2019 for ditch work along various Township roads. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried (2-1). Mr. Young voted nay.

Chair Beckett said the road crew would also like to seal at least one road in 2019. He recommended requesting separate bids to seal Bullfrog and Gordon Roads. Mr. Wenschhof said the Township parking lot also needs sealed. The Board said he should get a separate quote for the Township lot.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to approve an advertisement in order to request bids to sealcoat Bullfrog and Gordon Roads. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

## **STAFF REPORTS**

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

None

**B. Solicitor**

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 7:32 p.m.