

**FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
May 8, 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
Brandon Guiher, KPI Technology

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Ed Buchheit, Mary 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

Mr. Gulden stated that he would like to thank the Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC), York Campus, for donating the new speaker podium. He also thanked Mr. John Sica, Freedom Township Planning Commissioner, for picking it up at HACC and dropping it off at the Township building. Mr. Gulden asked that all future public comment be made from the podium. The Board also thanked them and asked for a thank you card to be mailed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the April 10, 2019 meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,462.09 FOR CONSIDERATION

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the financial report and bills in the amount of \$14,462.09. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Beckett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

ROAD REPORT

The road crew completed the following tasks in April:

- Take plow, spreader, and chains off of Int. truck.
- Brush cutting, string trimming, and trash pickup.
- Cleanup antiskid on bridges and at intersections.
- Take down leaning tree overhanging Bigham Road.

- Haul two RC material to fill in potholes on Rohrbaugh Road.
- Blade grading on Rohrbaugh, Gordon, and Dawn Roads.
- Haul #4 stone to McGlaughlin Road at Township line turnaround.
- Haul #3 stone to Shorb's Mill Road at garbage truck turnaround.
- Had water pump and belts replaced on Dodge Truck at Keiser's.
- New mower was delivered by Messicks.
- Old mower was picked up by Greenmount Fire Company.
- Closed Gordon Road again on 21st after another water rescue.
- KPI and Ed met with bidder for Natural Dam Road culvert repair project (pre-bid meeting).
- Met with three electrical companies for car charging station to install wiring and slab for units.
- Ed helped at E-Recycling event held at Hamiltonban Township.
- We have been installing new street name and other signs on north end of Township.
- Started mowing along roads and here at Township lot.
- Maintenance work on tractor and mower.
- Return PA One calls.

Road Crew Employee	Hours Worked	Mileage
Mike Wenschhof	125	0
Ed Wenschhof	80.5	56
Allen Beckett	0	0

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

Mr. Gulden stated that he has been talking with the Electric Vehicle Institute (EVI), and they have agreed to install two electric vehicle charging stations at the Township property for free. He said that Adams Electric has agreed to pay for most of the electrical work needed to install the stations. He asked for a vote in order to continue discussions with the EVI & Adams Electric or halt conversations. Chair Beckett and Vice-Chair Kellett, said they believe it is a great idea.

Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to continue discussions with EVI and Adams Electric in order to install two electric vehicle charging stations at the Township lot. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

EMS & FIRE REPORTS

Adams Regional Emergency Medical Service (AREMS) had a total of seven calls to Freedom Township for the month of April.

The Greenmount Fire Department had a total of 13 calls for the month of April. Their calls included: 3 house fires, 1 barn fire, 1 commercial building fire, 3 brush fires, 1 CO alarm, 1

transfer, and 3 MVA's. Of those calls, 3 were in Freedom Township, 8 were in Frederick County, MD, and 2 were in Cumberland Township. Each call had an average of 4 personnel and a total of 44 hours.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Open bids for Natural Dam Bridge project.

Mr. Guiher electronically opened the bids from PennBid on his computer beside Mr. Fenicle. The bid totals were as follows:

- Crilon Corp. - \$50,314.74
- Fares Farhat General Construction Serv. - \$56,789.00
- JVI Group Inc. - \$41,999.98
- Mar-Allen Concrete Products Inc. - \$77,779.00

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to table awarding the contract until June's regular meeting in order to have KPI Technology and the Township's solicitor review the bids. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Beckett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of a special event request for the 2019 Gettysburg Baseball Festival for consideration. The applicant has requested that the Board waive the traffic control requirements.

Mr. Gulden recommended that the Board conditionally approve the festival until a sewage permit is obtained from KPI Technology.

Mr. Young made a **MOTION** waive the traffic control requirements and conditionally approve the 2019 Gettysburg Baseball Festival with the following conditions:

1. The applicant must obtain a sewage permit from the Township's Sewage Enforcement Officer.
2. The applicant must contact the Township's Emergency Management Coordinator at least 72 hours in advance of the festival.

The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Beckett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Gulden stated that Coleen Reamer, Adams County Council of Government's (ACCOG) Comcast re-negotiation's committee secretary, sent him an email today stating:

- Attorney Wiser has quoted a ceiling price (not to exceed) \$6,000.00, but does believe we would experience that amount in negotiations. If all who engaged with us were to commit to joining, there would be six municipalities splitting that bill equally which would not exceed \$1,000.00 each. If we have a lesser number of perhaps four, then the cost would be no higher than \$1,500.00. If a municipality chooses to negotiate something additional from the others, they will be billed separately for those hours.
- Attorney Wiser is asking one municipality to agree to accept and make payment to his office, then charge out by share to each of the others for reimbursement. He also asks that each municipality that chooses to join the group to provide a copy of their current contract to this office.
- Our next meeting is set for Monday June 10, 2019 at 2:00 PM at the Hamiltonban Township Office.

Vice-Chair Kellett made a **MOTION** to have Freedom Township be the lead municipality responsible for payments and proceed forward with Comcast re-negotiations with ACCOG conditioned upon at least one other municipality joining the agreement. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chair Beckett. The motion carried unanimously (2-1). Mr. Young voted nay.

Vice-Chair Kellett stated that the multi-use trail public meeting will be held at the Charlie Sterner Building at the Gettysburg Rec Park from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM on May 14th. The trail is being proposed to run through Freedom Township to Emmitsburg, MD.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Manager / Zoning Officer

Mr. Gulden stated that 11 zoning permits have been issued to date.

B. Solicitor

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brenda Synder asked from what line item in the 2019 budget will the Comcast re-negotiation fee be paid. Mr. Gulden said it was budgeted under 01-404-317 – Solicitor Fees.

Ms. Synder asked for an update on the 4-way stop sign request from PennDOT. Mr. Gulden said that PennDOT conducted an engineering and traffic study. Elements considered in the study were a three-year crash analysis, geometric review, sight distance, speed data, and traffic volume. Results of the study indicate conditions for a multi-way stop are not warranted.

However, opportunities exist that PennDOT and Freedom Township can pursue to increase safety at this intersection. They are the following:

- PennDOT will add a stop line at the South leg of Bullfrog Road (SR 3005)
- Freedom Township should consider adding a stop line on the Township leg of Bullfrog Road (T-321)

Mr. Young asked staff to send a letter to Representative Moul requesting PennDOT lower the speed limit from 55 to 40 MPH from the bridge near the intersection of Bullfrog and Emmitsburg Roads to the Freedom / Cumberland Township line. The Board supported such a letter. Mr. Gulden said he would write the letter and bring it back to the June meeting for approval.

Ms. Snyder asked if the Township minutes are available for the public to review. Mr. Gulden said yes, and she should file a right-to-know request. Mr. Fenicle said Mr. Gulden is correct that she must file a right-to-know request.

Ms. Snyder asked the Board to confirm that the office hours are on Wednesdays from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Mr. Gulden said that is correct. Ms. Snyder stated she was at the Township building at 6:45 PM last Wednesday and no cars were here. Mr. Gulden said he was there.

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 7:44 p.m.