

**Freedom Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
August 19, 2026, at 7:00 PM**

Board of Supervisors

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

Township Officials

Zach Gulden, Manager

Members of the Public Present

Ed Buchheit, Mary Buchheit, David Frock, Michelle Frock, & Mike Lawrence

Call to Order

Chair Young called the Board of Supervisor's Meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of July 15, 2026, regular meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Monthly Expenses

Vice-Chair Johnston made a **MOTION** to approve the bills in the amount of \$20,900.78 from the General Fund, \$2,165.00 from the Fire Tax Fund, \$1,860.50 from the Escrow Account, \$149,500.00 from the Highway Aid Fund, and a transfer of \$5,000.00 from the General Fund to the Land Preservation Fund. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Kellett. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Manager & Road Reports

The Manager completed the following tasks in July:

- Misc. phone calls / emails / website updates.
- Submitted monthly solar meter reading.
- Monthly reconciliation of all bank accounts.
- Monthly employment tax reports and payments.
- Multiple bank deposits.
- Monthly Board of Supervisor's meeting minutes.

- 1x right-to-know request.
- 4x zoning permits – dairy barn, pavilion, deck, and zoning permit extension.
- 1x zoning permit exemption.
- 2x well permits.
- 1x earned income tax volunteer service tax credit application.
- Processed 2x agricultural security area (ASA) addition applications and 1x ASA deletion application.
- Prepared ASA public hearing advertisement, letters, and property postings.
- Adams County grant pre application and supporting materials. Pre-application meeting with county on 7/23.
- Created the land preservation fund with PLGIT per the 2026 budget.
- Started 2027 budget prep.

The Department of Public Works completed the following tasks in July:

- Mowing, weed and brush trimming, clearing of trees, limbs, and debris from roads and berms after storms, and trash pickup along roadways.
- Brett & Mike put up the flashing speed signs on Bullfrog & Boyle Roads.
- Met with C.E. Williams to discuss Boyle Road project. The paving of the road was completed on July 23rd.
- The culvert pipe replacement project on Scott Road was completed on July 24th by Longshot. The new pipe was filled with 2A stone and compacted and then filled the remaining several inches with black top.
- Mowing, trimming, and limb clean up at the Township lot.
- Misc. maintenance and shop work.
- Return PA 1 call request.

Public Works Employee	Hours Worked
Mike Wenschhof	160
Steve Long	0
Brett Johnston	3

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

EMS, Fire, & Police Reports

Mr. Gulden stated that Adams Regional EMS had 5 calls in July to Freedom Township.

Mr. Lawrence stated that the Greenmount Community Fire Department had 22 calls for the month of July. 8 commercial fires, 3 residential fires. 2 fill-ins, 1 gas leak, 1 fire police, 4 medical, 1 MVC, 1 investigation, and 1 vehicle fire.

Liberty Township did not submit the police report.

Old Business

A. Southwest Comprehensive Plan Update

Mr. Buchheit provided the Board with updates from the Southwest Comprehensive Plan work group.

New Business

A. Consider approval of Resolution 2026-07, which would authorize the Township Manager to apply for an Adams County Parks, Recreation, and Greenspace Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00. This amount would help fund Phase 2 of the Freedom Township Municipal Park.

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve the Resolution 2026-07. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

B. Consider proposal from SockEm Web Solutions for website services.

Mr. Kellett stated he may know a few more options for the Township and will work on obtaining quotes.

C. Consider approval of an advertisement for a public hearing to be held on September 16, 2026, at 6:45 PM regarding the Agricultural Security Area seven-year review.

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve an advertisement for a public hearing to be held on September 16, 2026, at 6:45 PM regarding the Agricultural Security Area seven-year review. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

D. Consider proposal from Alpha Space Control for Boyle Road Phase 2 line painting.

Mr. Kellett made a **MOTION** to approve a proposal from Alpha Space Control for Boyle Road Phase 2 line painting in the amount of \$2,483.25. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Johnston. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Other Business

None

Public Comment

Mr. & Mrs. Frock presented the Adams County Property Improvement & PMCA Building Permits to the Board. The Board stated they have until September 16, 2026, to finalize the building permit with PMCA (obtain a certificate of completion).

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Young made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Kellett. Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 7:31 PM.