

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
April 14, 2009, 8:00pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 8:00PM.

Members present: Haeussler, Weidmayer, Huehl, Alexa & Schaible

2. Pledge of Allegiance – a moment of silence for Jeanette Schneider.

3. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Huehl Seconded by Haeussler to:

Approve the March 10, 2009 Township Board minutes. Motion carried by all Ayes.

CARRIED

4. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Alexa seconded by Schaible to: Approve the March 10, 2009 Treasurers report.

Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Schaible, Huehl, Weidmayer, Alexa, Haeussler Nay: none

CARRIED

5. Communications: Final payment from the CROW group of \$725. The county is asking residents to write to 20/20 communications supporting wireless Washtenaw. ITC will be cutting trees down in the township they are a contractor for DTE.

6. Public Comment: A resident gave the board information about purchasing office supplies through the county, the board will look into that. Another resident brought up that the county is pushing for townships to get one garbage hauler. Greg Glasser, reported that wild Russian boars got out of a township residents property and six were shot. The USDA feels that the boars are a problem.

7. Reports:

Planning Commission Report: Lorna Brown ask about the first alert monitoring plan and why it was not included in the budget. Work session April 23, at 7:30 for zoning ordinance. The PC approved the amendment to the Bonnie Brae subdivision. PC meeting in May has been moved due to the school election it will be May 7th. Public hearing for Hickory sticks will be at 7:30 on May 7th to remove the conditional use permit. Land division for the Mann's was tabled until the zoning inspector can review the survey.

Ordinance enforcement officer report: A dog on waters was bugging the neighbor's sheep. The resident on Ellsworth and Fletcher has been ask to clean up the property.

Zoning Inspector report: Blue spruce lawn care needs to remove the sign on pleasant lake road that is at a resident's home.

Library report: The library is having discussions on how the population is affecting the library and the use. There is an increase in DVD rental and internet use.

Clerks report: School election will be held May 5th at the Freedom Township hall to vote on school board members.

160 voters and 40 AV voters voted at the February election for the schools. June 2009 you will have to have either a passport or an enhanced driver's license to go to Canada.

8. Unfinished Business:

The sign for Freedom Township hall was tabled. The township newsletter will go out late May. Special assessment for fire/rescue tabled.

Moved by Weidmayer seconded by Huehl to revise the beginning and ending fund balance on the Appropriation act.

A roll call vote resulted in:

Aye: Alexa, Schaible, Haeussler, Huehl, Weidmayer

Nay: none

CARRIED

Moved by Huehl seconded by Schaible to put the survey with the newsletter with a disclaimer about e-mail addresses.

Motion carried by all Ayes.

CARRIED

9. New Business:

Moved by Alexa seconded by Huehl to sign the Washtenaw county road commission contract. A roll call vote resulted in:

Aye: Schaible, Huehl, Alexa, Weidmayer, Haeussler

Nay: none

CARRIED

Moved by Huehl seconded by Alexa to accept the Blue Spruce lawn-mowing bid with deleting the price escalation clause.

A roll call vote resulted in: Aye: Weidmayer, Schaible, Alexa, Huehl

Nay: Haeussler

CARRIED

Moved by Alexa seconded by Weidmayer to approve consent judgment to vacate a portion of Bonnie Brae Boulevard, an unnamed road, Crocker road, Rose court, and Meyres drive in the plat of Bonnie Brae country club subdivision.

A roll call vote resulted in:

Aye: Schaible, Haeussler, Alexa, Huehl, Weidmayer

Nay: none

CARRIED

10. Warrants: Moved by Alexa, seconded by Haeussler: To approve warrants 8547-8572. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Aye: Haeussler, Weidmayer, Alexa, Huehl, Schaible

Nay: none

CARRIED

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Jennifer Alexa, Clerk, Freedom Township