

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Approved Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
February 10, 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 Bill Ames & Erwin Haab.

**3. Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Huehl Seconded by Haeussler to:  
Approve the January 13, 2009 Township Board minutes. Motion carried by all Ayes. CARRIED

**4. Treasurer's Report:** Moved by Alexa seconded by Huehl to: Approve the January 13, 2009 Treasurers report. Aye:  
Schaible, Huehl, Weidmayer, Alexa, Haeussler Nay: none CARRIED

**5. Communications:** The CROW organization gave a check at the end of the last board meeting for \$650.00. Happy Hollow drive, the road commission said there are no signs that are approved for hidden driveways, the road commission, recommends cleaning the site on. If the Township were to purchase welcome to Freedom Township signs the cost would be \$310.00 apiece. Huehl & Weidmayer attended the MTA conference they thought the day was well spent. Lindemann & DeLoof from the Planning Commission also attended the MTA convention and said there is a big push on wind generation for the State of Michigan. County administrator Gunzel has sent a letter to the township about setting up a meeting. Western Washtenaw Construction Authority is only open Monday, Wednesday and Friday until 1pm.

**6. Public Comment:** Dave Davis got a water level report from the Consumer compression station the monthly water level for 2008 is below the 15 year average; Larry Lindemann is going to give the Hydro geologist the report for his files.

**7. Reports:**

Historian report: more information on the Dettling Family.

Planning Commission Report: Bucholtz/Wells application tabled until June 2009. The PC has ask the OHM to do the gravel inspections in October so it gives the gravel pits 60 days to get their bonds to the township. March 24th, work session on the Zoning Ordinance. Gravel pit inspection reports. SWWCOG by state law has to have 5, 7, 9 members, the board is going to alternate the ninth person yearly with a different township or the village. Pleasant lake school amendments were sent to the township. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Library report: Virtual book group at goodreads.com, friends of the library an on going book sale. Jane Thornton was honored for her CRC award.

Clerks report: Special School election will be held February 24<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion in Manchester, Freedom, Bridgewater and Manchester townships are combining precincts for this election.

**8. Unfinished Business:**

The townships 175<sup>th</sup> celebration will be a township wide picnic in September 2009. Motion by Haeussler seconded by Schaible to set aside \$500 towards a town hall sign in connection with the 175<sup>th</sup> celebration for September 2009. A roll call vote resulted in:

Aye: Alexa, Schaible, Haeussler, Huehl, Weidmayer Nay: none CARRIED

The township will put a survey in the township newsletter this spring/summer. There is a service that township residents can purchase for ambulance services.

**9. New Business:**

Moved by Weidmayer seconded by Alexa to adopt income poverty guidelines for 2009.

Motion carried by all Ayes. CARRIED

Moved by Weidmayer seconded by Huehl to increase the clerk and treasurers salary by \$500, the supervisor will remain the same. A roll call vote resulted in:

Aye: Schaible, Huehl, Alexa, Weidmayer, Haeussler Nay: none CARRIED

Budget hearing is set for March 10, 2009 at 7:30pm at the township hall, prior to the board meeting at 8:00pm.

Moved by Schaible seconded by Huehl the resolution for charitable gaming license for the CROW organization being recognized as a nonprofit organization.

Motion carried by all Ayes. CARRIED

The CROW event will not take place at the township hall.

**10. Warrants:** Moved by Alexa, seconded by Haeussler: To approve warrants. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye:  
Schaible, Haeussler, Alexa, Huehl, Weidmayer Nay: none CARRIED

**11. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 p.m.  
Jennifer Alexa, Clerk, Freedom Township