

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
July 12, 2011, 8:00pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Schaible supported by Haeussler to:

Approve the June 14, 2011 Township Board minutes. Motion carried by all Ayes.

CARRIED

4. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Alexa supported by Huehl to: Approve the June, 2011 Treasurers report. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Weidmayer, Schaible, Alexa, Huehl, Haeussler

Nay: none
CARRIED

5. Communications:

C & T auction has been changed to July 28th.

Consumer Energy is calling the supervisor before they release the gas pressure at the Consumer Energy plant on Pleasant Lake road.

PA 116 will be extended till December 31, 2011, existing PA 116 can extend their current PA 116 for any period of time that they would like, but no new PA 116 will be issued.

Troy Ontko from the lake gave the board a letter introducing Sunrise Beach Clean Water Initiative, the organization was started for Sunrise Beach area homeowners in regards to Waste-Water-disposal.

Act 88 – is an act that Washtenaw county commissioners has added .25 mills to everyone's tax bill for the last two years, two residents of Freedom township testified in front of the house hoping to get S.B. 395 to repeal Act 88.

Farm Bureau opposes that the township is still in the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission the board was asked if any efforts have been made to get out; Supervisor Weidmayer explained that the meetings have been canceled until September, which any joint commissions might have to be reorganized. A resident also ask the board not to join in any plan to share a deputy.

Dustin Krasny field representative for Tim Walberg, updated us with information that is taking place in Washington that Representative Walberg is against the debt ceiling increase, he is not for raising taxes.

6. Public Comment: Frank Carson asked questions of how fire and rescue fees work. HVA has a program for retired couples called HVA plus that is less then \$50 a year for the couple that will cover ambulance rides that insurance does not cover.

7. Reports:

Planning Commission report: Boundary adjustment for Boone was approved. PC continued to work on zoning ordinance. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance enforcement: 1454 S. Fletcher has had a year to clean up a pole barn that burned, also 3650 Rentz has had a year to clean up a burned down barn.

Zoning Inspector report: At the Western Washtenaw authority meeting, they discussed their budget they believe they can stay open for another year, even with all the cuts they have made. They may ask the townships for financial help.

Library report: Medieval Faire - Carr Park, August 27th noon to 6 pm. Free (though donations welcome). Library to sign Family Search Center Agreement - should give us access to all the info held by LDS (church of Latter Day Saints) as well as two other sites which cost the individual, but will be accessible at your local library. Distribution of a patron satisfaction survey, all information is available on the Library Web site.

Clerks report: Talked with the SOS and they and the state believe that the township could use the new electronic poll books as a dual use for QVF, the next round of electronic poll books that come available the township will get. Looking into a price to get the old Accuvote fixed for future elections.

8. Unfinished Business:

The board will meet at the Fletcher road cemetery next month to see what kind of maintenance needs to be done.

There will be two state police officers located in the Saline City offices.

Township is going to look onto neighbor hood watch program, to see if we can get the signs; this is a state police program.

Waiting on stats from the Washtenaw county sheriff so the board can review and make a decision of what direction the Township should go with police services; topic was tabled until next month.

Township board reviewed and approved the letter that Chief Scully sent about illegal burning, that the residents privileges have been revoked for a year and a copy of the letter will be forwarded to the resident.

9. New Business: Motion by Weidmayer seconded by Haeussler to appoint Tom Tuer as the second district library representative for the Township. Motion carried by all ayes. CARRIED

Barrett water sampling – tabled.

Motion by Huehl seconded by Alexa to pass a six month resolution to impose a limited moratorium on dispensing marihuana under the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Aye: Weidmayer, Schaible, Huehl, Alexa, Haeussler CARRIED

10. Warrants: Moved by Haeussler supported by Huehl: To approve the online payment for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 9220-9240. Roll call vote was unanimous.

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

11. Public Comment: none.

Adjourned at 9:40 pm. Jennifer Alexa, Clerk, Freedom Township