

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
February 11th, 2014 8:00 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm
Members present: Bristle, Huehl, Layher, Schaible, Weidmayer,

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Change to Agenda:

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

Approve the January 14, 2014 Township Board minutes with corrections.

Motion carried with all Ayes.

CARRIED

4. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Huehl supported by Bristle to: Approve January 14, 2014 Treasurers report.

Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Huehl, Schaible, Layher, Weidmayer, Bristle

Nay: none

CARRIED

5. Communications: Feb. 13th DTE Gas Company will hold a public hearing in Lansing. Evan Pratt Water Resources Commissioner for Washtenaw County sent a letter regarding funding for clean-up. SWWCOG meeting tomorrow night at 7:30 at Manchester Township. December sheriff report had 18 calls and they handled 13. Dale sent a letter sharing his thought on the importance of keeping the road commission board intact. Received a 5 year plan from Washtenaw County Road Commission.

Library- James Miller director of the library and Jan Neukom representative came to talk about the Manchester Library Millage renewal. A renewal will be on the November 4th ballot at the same millage rate of 1.05 mills for 10 years.

6. Public Comment:

Frank Rybarsyk, Chris Bragg and Stan Tschiltz asked the board to consider putting the option to withdraw from the Manchester District Library on the 2014 ballot. Bob Miller, Ray and Karen Berg, and Karen Flahie had nice words to say in support of the Manchester district library. Bob Miller received a letter and a donation to plant trees in the waters road cemetery. Beth Heuser noticed the sidewalks at the townhall were not shoveled on Sunday and the heat was still turned up.

7. Reports:

Planning Commission report: At last week's meeting they went over gravel pit reports. Next month they will set a date for gravel pit tours and a training day for the new zoning ordinances. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin received no calls this month. He is setting up a meeting with Troy Busha for the end of the month to discuss violation.

Zoning Officer: No zonings this month

Clerk report: none

9. Unfinished Business:

Gravel Pit Restoration- No contact

Office Rug/Townhall Improvements- Dale received a second quote of \$900 for new carpet in the office. At this time the board will postpone the office carpet and look at quotes for cleaning the floors, new lighting and painting the ceiling in the large room. Motion by Layher seconded by Huehl to order a exit sign for the townhall from Chelsea Lumber Co. for \$59.99.

Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Bristle, Huehl, Weidmayer, Schaible, Layher

Nay: none
CARRIED

Broadband- Surveys are available on the township website or Rudy will have paper copied at the townhall Feb 13&14. They are due Feb.14th. Next meeting will be in March at Lima townhall. Wireless providers will make proposals.

Road Millage Renewal- Township lawyer is working on the resolution and ballot wording. The current millage is good through December 2014. Normally a renewal would go on the ballot the year after it expires but Bristle will call MTA to see if it is possible to have it on a 2014 ballot and word it to take effect in Dec. 2015 to save money in election costs.

10. New Business:

2014-2015 Salaries- The following resolution was offered by Weidmayer, and seconded by Layher to increase the clerk and treasurers salary by \$500, trustees by \$5/meeting, planning commission chair by \$300, planning commission secretary by \$100/yr and \$15/meeting, planning commission board by \$15/meeting, zoning officer by \$150/yr and ordinance enforcement officer by \$150/yr.

Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Huehl, Bristle, Weidmayer Layher, Schaible Nay: none CARRIED

The following resolution was offered by Huehl and seconded by Weidmayer to establish township officer's salaries.

Now therefore it be resolved that as of 4-1-14 the salaries of the township board members are as follows:

Supervisor \$16,000, Treasurer \$16,500, Clerk \$16,500, and Trustees \$130.00 per meeting.

Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Schaible, Weidmayer, Layher, Huehl, Bristle Nay: none CARRIED

Budget- A budget hearing is set for March 11, 2014 at 7:30 pm at the townhall, prior to the board meeting at 8:00 pm.

Hardship application-Motion by Bristle seconded by Weidmayer to accept state guidelines for the hardship application and for it to be put on file with the township. Motion carried with all Ayes. Nay: none CARRIED

Moved by Bristle seconded by Layher to approve the 2014 poverty guidelines.

Motion carried by all Ayes. Nay: none CARRIED

Motion by Bristle seconded by Huehl to adopt the office policy for assessing documents.

Motion carried by all Ayes: Nay: none CARRIED

Motion by Bristle seconded by Huehl to give permission to Raman Patel (Washtenaw county equalization) to respond on our behalf to the state of Michigan.

Motion carried by all Ayes: Nay: none CARRIED

Motion by Huehl seconded by Schaible to allow Bristle to renew Norton Antivirus software on the clerk computer.

Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Schaible Nay: none CARRIED

11. Warrants: Motion by Schaible supported by Huehl: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 9955-9972.

Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Weidmayer, Schaible, Huehl, Bristle, Layher Nay: none CARRIED

12. Public Comment: None

Adjourned at 10:33 pm

Valisa Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township