

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
October 14th, 2014 8:00 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm
Members present: Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Schaible

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Change to Agenda: Moved by Bristle supported by Huehl to add Waters Road cemetery
Motion carried with all Ayes.

CARRIED

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

Approve the September 9, 2014 Township Board minutes. Motion carried with all Ayes.

CARRIED

4. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Huehl supported by Schaible to: Approve September 9, 2014 Treasurers report.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Schaible, Weidmayer, Layher, Huehl, Bristle Nay: none CARRIED

5. Communications: Township residents were happy with the county clean-up day in Saline but no results yet on how many used it. Permit meeting last month revealed their account is currently positive. Tom Pigott has said he is working on a permit and talking with the Kueblers regarding the gravel pit. HVA is having an open house on Oct. 16th 5-7 pm. SWWCOG meeting was held here last week and there was discussion from Manchester village and township about a joint planning commission. Dec 10th will be their next meeting and we will continue to be a part of WATTS. August sheriff report had 27 calls, 10 handled by state police, 10 by the sheriff's office and 7 were cleared.

6. Public Comment: Kelly Belknap asked the board to consider a resolution opposing the ET Rover pipeline coming through Freedom Township and she encouraged residents to send their comments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Bob Miller planted three trees at the Waters Road cemetery with funds donated to the township for this reason.

7. Reports:

Planning Commission report: At the meeting last week they denied a land division application from the Clark's and they can file for a variance before the board of appeals if they so choose. Helber land division was approved. Bonds for the gravel pits were set for 2015. American Aggregate/Levy is \$489,600.00, Barrett Paving \$431,000.00, and StoneCo \$347,500.00. The November meeting will be moved to Nov. 6th at 7:30 pm. Bill DeGrot received a promotion so the township will continue working with Rodney Nanney. They continued talking about the new zoning maps and the lake district. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin called Dale with his report. He received a noise complaint on Waters Road for a band practicing by the time he got their they were finished. No word yet on the letter he sent to Mr. Scott Burk. He will talk with Troy Busha about a special use permit.

Zoning Officer: Jim received many calls and had two new zonings for a pole barn at 13860 Bemis Road and a wood shed at 3211 Haab road.

Library- Jan Nuekom asked to put a sign up at the townhall regarding the Manchester District Library millage renewal and the board felt it would only be appropriate to post it on election day with the rest of the signs on the corner so Beth Heuser said she would find a home for the sign. Jan will step aside as district library delegate in January and Sarah Heuser would like to replace her as delegate.

Clerk report: The general election will be held on November 4th. Ballots have been tested and will go out this week. At last month's clerk's meeting we were told there will be 10 precinct audits after the November election.

9. Unfinished Business:

Town hall chairs- Kelly Belknap will share with the township some purchasing contracts the county has regarding tables and chairs. Motion by Layher supported by Huehl to not exceed \$650.00 to purchase 32 chairs for the town hall. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Weidmayer, Layher, Huehl, Bristle, Schaible Nay: none CARRIED

Road Millage- There was a 6-3 vote by the Washtenaw County Road Commission to put a .50 mil tax on the residents of the county for the next year. The township board needs to decide if and when to put the road millage on the ballot at the current rate of .25 mil or look into a special assessment. We would like to see the township having more control of the funds and directing its usage.

10. New Business:

ET Rover Pipeline- Supervisor and trustees went to a meeting today at Lima township town hall to discuss information regarding the proposed pipeline. The township and residents are encouraged to leave comments on the FERC website as it is record showing our opposition of the pipeline. Comments can be received until January 1 and then FERC has till November 2015 to make their decision. The board will work on a resolution for the next meeting and the idea of moving the path of the pipeline to the west maybe through some state land instead of residents homes and property.

Planning Commission Lake District Zoning Maps- Clerk will talk with Rodney Nanney to draft a resolution for the next meeting to amend the zoning maps and include the changes the planning commission has recommended.

Waters Road Cemetery- A resident approached Rudy about cleaning the tombstones at the cemetery. Rudy will ask her further what she would like to do and what products she would use to preserve the stones.

11. Warrants: Motion by Schaible supported by Huehl: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 10128-1145.

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

12. Public Comment: Clerk will contact Verizon wireless and authorize Dan Schaible, Larry Lindemann and Carol Huehl to make changes to their wireless accounts and order a free upgraded device for the clerk's computer.

Adjourned at 10:00 pm

Valisa Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township