

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
December 8th, 2015 8:00 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approve the November 10, 2015 Township Board minutes. Motion carried with all Ayes.

CARRIED

4. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Huehl supported by Schaible to: Approve November 10, 2015 Treasurers report.

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

Nay: none

CARRIED

5. Communications: SWCOG next meeting at Klager School in Manchester, Rudy said it may be postponed. The sheriff report for Nov had 33 calls, the state police responded to 10, the sheriff's office responded to 10 and 13 were cleared. Bruce Manning was at the planning commission meeting and said you could have a special assessment of roughly \$30 per household to put on the August ballot to buy development rights to protect farmland in the area and prevent further development. Scio and Salem townships currently have this in place. Bruce will gather more information and figures for the board to take a look at. Manchester Historical Society has their 2016 calendar out. Rudy had to resubmit a tax bill for Enbridge.

6. Public Comment: Bob Miller asked if the board could speak with Consumers Energy about planting trees along the east and south side of their property. Larry Lindemann said that is something they have talked about doing and down shields for their lights.

7. Reports:

Planning Commission report: Meeting was held last week with a public hearing before it for the master plan. There will be a meeting with Huron River Watershed Council on January 9th 8:30-10:30pm for green infrastructure. A letter was received from Troy Busha/TR Transport. Meeting dates for 2016 are set for the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at the town hall. A resolution for the master plan was set to the township board. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin received one call.

Zoning Officer: Jim had 3 new zonings for November. A pole barn at 11200 E. Pleasant Lake Rd, pole barn at 13430 Waters Rd and a storage building at 7830 Ernst Rd. Jack Westbrook still needs to complete paperwork to be in compliance with our zoning ordinance. Jim received a phone call about a house for sale on Pleasant Lake Rd that is zoned commercial.

Library- none

Clerk report: Clerk received 13 additional letters from lake residents regarding opposition to large no see through fences in the township Lake District. They are addressed to the ZBA and were turned over to the ZBA chair. A land division application for Carl Rose was received. There will be 4 elections in 2016.

9. Unfinished Business:

Township Lawyer- the Township will continue working with John Etter the current township attorney.

Office Improvements. - Improvements need to be made to the township office flooring and space but the board will wait till a new budget year.

10. New Business:

TR Transport- Motion by Layher supported by Huehl to hire John Etter and Victor Lillich to represent the township and start the proceedings in the matter of the zoning violations against TR Transport.

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

Nay: none

CARRIED

Medical Marijuana. - Discussion on a moratorium. The township will continue to work with our attorney and gather more information.

Appointments- Motion by Weidmayer supported by Huehl to appoint Susan Ochs for a 3 year term and Dan Schaible for a 1 year term on Planning Commission. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

Snowplowing - Motion by Weidmayer supported by Layher to have John Engelbert be responsible for snow removal at the town hall for 2015-2016 winter months.

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

Master plan- Motion by Huehl supported by Bristle to adopt the new Freedom Township Master Plan.

Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

2016 Meeting Dates- Motion by Weidmayer supported by Bristle to set the Freedom Township board meetings for the second Tuesday of the month at 8:00 p.m. at the Freedom Township hall.

Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

11. Warrants: Motion by Schaible supported by Layher: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 3281-3314 VOID 3280.

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

12. Public Comment: Lon Nordeen asked about the Foulter property that there are still tents and coolers there. Alvin and Rudy called them last month. A letter will be sent to the property owner regarding clean up. Dan Schaible shared that a no truck route sign is posted on Scio Church Road and it was put up by the Road Commission.

Adjourned at 10:10 pm

Valisa Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township