

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
November 10th, 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 absent-Schaible

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Change to Agenda: Motion by Huehl supported by Bristle to add library representative and office improvements to old business. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Huehl supported by Layher to:
Approve the October 13, 2015 Township Board minutes. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

4. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Bristle supported by Huehl to: Approve October 13, 2015 Treasurers report.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Huehl Nay: none CARRIED

5. Communications: Bob Miller received the 5 star award at the CRC banquet. SWCOG next meeting will be in Dec. at Klager school in Manchester. Lisa King from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's office shared drug problem in the area. The sheriff report for October had 38 calls, the state police responded to 9, the sheriff's office responded to 20 and 9 were cleared. Colleen the representative from the Pleasant Lake Inn called to say they are trying to complete the clean up of the bar. At the pit tour Dale asked about gravel. He called Dale Sawyer from American Aggregate and he said they will most likely not be opened in 2016 but we could get 3000 tons of gravel. Consumers Energy- Freedom Pipeline Project is having a appreciation dinner at the town hall tomorrow night 6-8pm.

6. Public Comment: Beth Heuser asked about the red equipment that Panhandle has on Fletcher Rd. Handed out resolution 2015-03 from the Pleasant Lake Property Owners Association to express support for the board of trustees to conserve the water quality of Pleasant Lake.

7. Reports:

Planning Commission report: Meeting was held last week. Bruce Manning was there talking about sliding scales for open areas. Troy Busha/TR Transport sent no word on his conditional use application so action was taken. Roll call vote to deny his conditional use permit was unanimous. Rodney Nanney will send a letter to supervisor to forward onto Troy. There will be a public hearing December 1st at 7:30pm for the master plan. A land division for Carl Rose on Waters Rd was denied and may go before zoning board of appeals. A medical marijuana resolution has been sent to the township lawyer for review. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office. Lon Nordeen presented about the Huron River water shed.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin received no calls. He will speak with Rodney to see if Scott Burke needs to do anything for his personal shooting range.

Zoning Officer: Jim had no new zonings this month but did receive a lot of calls.

Library- none

Clerk report: MTA training in Frankenmuth Dec. 15th for writing, adopting and enforcing ordinances if anyone wants to attend. Clerk received 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. Lon Nordeen and Carol Westfall would like to know when they will receive some communication on when a public hearing will be set up for their ZBA application. Dale Benke from the Western Washtenaw Construction Authority checked out the new windows at the town hall and everything looks good with them. He did notice a potential liability issue on the front walk, cracks and small ramp. And other minor maintance issues of clean & paint gas line and chack AC lines & gas line.

9. Unfinished Business:

Township Lawyer- The Township has 4 law firms they are considering working with. Currently the township is working with John Etter from Reading, Etter & Lillich. Mark Fosdick out of Fowlerville, Fink & Valvo out of Ann Arbor and Mariah Fink out of Dexter have all shown interest in working with the township. Tabled till next meeting.

Freedom Township Library Rep.- Motion by Weidmayer supported by Layher to appoint Jan Davis for one year as the Freedom Township Library Representative. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

Office Improvements.- The idea of changing the flooring in the office. We need to review the budget and see if this project should be pushed back till next year. Possibly get another cart for the new chairs. Tabled till next month.

10. New Business:

Huron River Watershed Council Meeting.- Motion by Layher supported by Bristle to have Larry Lindemann contact the Huron River Watershed Council to set up a working information meeting with them and the township board and planning commission for January 9th or January 14th. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

WATS- It is \$1000 total split between Freedom, Bridgewater, Sharon, Village of Manchester and Manchester township.

Motion by Huehl supported by Layher to pay our share of \$200 to the Village of Manchester for WATS (Washtenaw Area Transportation Services).

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

MTA Annual Conference.- Motion by Huehl supported by Layher to send up to 6 board members or planning commission members for 1 day to the MTA annual conference.

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

11. Warrants: Motion by Huehl supported by Layher: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 3262-3279 VOID 3278.

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

12. Public Comment: Beth Heuser shared that several lake residents are asking about the Foulter property that there are still tents and coolers there. Alvin will get a phone number for the property owner from Rudy and call them and write a letter that they need to clean up the property.

Adjourned at 9:20 pm

Valisa Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township