

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
March 15th, 2016 8:00 pm

Budget Hearing was called to order at 7:31 pm with Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Huehl and Schaible present. Discussion was held regarding the budget and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm
Members present: Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Schaible

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Change to Agenda:

Wolverine Pipeline- Carl Meyer a representative from Michiana Land Services, Inc. that represents Wolverine Pipeline was present to give an update on the Wolverine Pipeline project in Freedom Township. The proposed 16 inch pipeline will run from Freedom Township to Detroit. It will be 10 feet away and run parallel to the existing line. They have started to clear the right away and pipeline work should begin in June with December of this year as the estimated completion date. There are 9 land owners that will be effect from this project and all have been contacted and signed off on it. The existing pipeline will move crude product and the new line will move petroleum products. They plan to be back in the fall with an update on the project before the pipeline is up and running. They were asked about working with the county and they have been working with them on permits, bonds, drawings and fees.

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

Approve the February 9, 2016 Township Board minutes.

Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Huehl supported by Bristle to: Approve February 9, 2016 Treasurers report.

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

Nay: none CARRIED

6. Communications: Mike Bossory owner of Alber's Orchard would like the township board to recommend his application as a small wine maker be considered for approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Motion by Layher supported by Huehl to pass a resolution to recommend his application be considered for approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

TR Transport/ Troy Busha- the consent judgment is being worked out between the township, Troy and their representatives. After the consent judgment is signed it will be up to the courts to give out fines or seek other judgment if there are violations.

Jim Coval talked with Jack Westbrook with Rural Reach about paperwork needed to put up other sites for service and for a phone at the town hall. Motion by Huehl supported by Schaible to allow Jack Westbrook with Rural Reach to have a maximum of 2 sites on one zoning compliance application.

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

Nay: none CARRIED

Kris Olsen with the Huron River watershed council will be at the April board meeting to present what she has been working on since our meeting in January. Paul Bigelow had been taking care of the flag and flag pole located at the town hall for the past several years but he will no longer be able to do so. Linda from the store will take over doing it. The township board will look up prices to get a light for the flag pole so that it can remain up 24 hours

7. Public Comment: Patricia Redies wants to know how to get Jim Coval to return a phone call. She wants to know how to keep her neighbor, Howard and Penny Golden, from putting up a fence and dog breeding facility.

8. Reports:

Planning Commission report: Meeting was held two weeks ago. Consumers Energy submitted a revised site plan, the planning commission put some limits on it and with that approved it. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: The property owner at 9755 Ellsworth Rd is aware of her violation and said she is speaking with John Mann to buy 2.5 acres. She will have to get rid of her chickens, goats, pig and other livestock she may have until she can purchase more acreage. A letter was sent to June Fowler regarding the cleanup of her property at 12070 Elmdale with no response back. We will keep an eye on this property. Dale Behnke sent a letter to Don Brown at 12015 Elmdale regarding the cleanup of his property. He responded that he would like to get a permit and start to cleanup/rebuild as the weather warms up.

Zoning Officer: Jim issued one new zoning at 8737 Saline Waterworks Rd for an in ground pool. Tammy from the building department called saying the next meeting will be April 2nd at 8:00 am. Dale Behnke is working with Tony Griffin at 11977 Elmdale to get the correct permits for work being done to the house. It will need to be followed up regarding home business occupancy. Nicole Strieter's fence at 9755 Ellsworth Rd has a section that needs to be turned around. Jim has made verbal contact of the violation and now will follow up with a written letter with the time frame for the correction and to set up a date/time that Strieter is allowed to go on the neighbor's property to fix the fence.

Library- report from Janet Davis

Clerk report: the March 8th Presidential primary had a 47.47% voter turnout with 572 voters. Freedom Township was randomly selected for an election audit and that will be conducted in April. There is a clerk meeting next Wed. in Scio Township. And there will be a clerk election training at the end of April at Pittsfield Township.

9. Unfinished Business:

10. New Business:

Zoning Ordinance Lake District- Motion by Huehl supported by Layher to have the planning commission review the fence ordinance and buildable percentage in the Lake District.

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

2015-2016 Budget-The following resolution was offered by Huehl, and seconded by Bristle

Be it further resolved that the total revenues and un-appropriated fund be amended for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Planning Commission salaries decreased to \$9150, Planner fees increased to \$18,000, Election Wages decreased to \$800, Election Supplies decreased to \$600, Office Supplies increased to \$8100, Printing increased to \$1200, Dues increased to \$3000, Other General Govt/Conf decreased to \$600, Cleaning Supplies decreased to \$250, Mowing increased to \$2250, Hall Insurance increased to \$8750, Gas decreased to \$700, Repairs increased to \$9000, Legal decreased to \$8200, Zoning Board of Appeals increased to \$1000, Fire Billing Clerk decreased to \$1500, Fire Contract decreased to \$44,000, and Road Commission Contract increased to \$51,400.

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

2016-2017 Budgets-The following resolution was offered by Bristle, and supported by Huehl to adopt resolution 16-01 now therefore be it resolved the Freedom Township Board of Trustees adopts the 2016-2017 fiscal year budget by cost center.

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

The following resolution was offered by Bristle, and supported by Layher to adopt resolution 16-02 now therefore be it resolved the Freedom Township Board of Trustees adopts the 2016-2017 Public Improvement Fund budget by cost center.

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

The following resolution was offered by Bristle, and supported by Schaible to adopt resolution 16-03 now therefore be it resolved the Freedom Township Board of Trustees adopts the 2016-2017 Road Millage budget by cost center.

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

Road Commission Contract- Motion by Weidmayer supported by Huehl to approve the Washtenaw County Road Commission contract for two brines for dust control and to use matching funds.

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

April 19th at 7:30pm there will be a meeting with the Bridgewater Township board and residents from Bemis Road to discuss the bridge closure on Bemis Road.

Office Floor Improvements- Discussion on the flooring for the office. The file cabinets have been moved into the storage room. Quotes will be gathered and discussed at the April meeting. Also we need to get quotes for repairing the front walkway.

11. Warrants: Motion by Schaible supported by Huehl: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 3352-3382.

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

12. Public Comment:

Adjourned at 10:53 pm

Valisa Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township