

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 8:00 pm

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Clerk Bristle called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm  
Members present: Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Schaible  
6 were present in the audience.

Absent- Weidmayer

**2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Selecting Moderator to run meeting:** Moved by Bristle supported by Schaible to have Huehl moderate the meeting. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

**3. Change to Agenda:**

**4. Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Layher supported by Schaible to: Approve the January 10, 2017 Township Board minutes. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

**5. Treasurer's Report:** Moved by Huehl supported by Schaible to: Approve January 10, 2017 Treasurers report. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Bristle, Layher, Schaible, Huehl Nay: none CARRIED

**6. Communications:** Board of Review Organizational Meeting will be on March 7<sup>th</sup> at noon and the board will see property owners Monday March 13<sup>th</sup> 1-4, 6-9pm and Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> 9-12am, 1:30-4:30pm The Budget Meeting will be Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. ET Rover pipeline has approval from FERC to build the pipeline and will start cutting down trees. The annual MTA conference will be held in Lansing in April.

**7. Public Comment:** none

**8. Reports:**

Planning Commission report:

The Planning Commission meeting was last week and their elections were as followed- Larry Lindemann will remain chair, Matt Little vice-chair and Dan Schaible will be the new secretary. The Carson Boundary Adjustment was approved. Gravel Pit reviews were done and the pit tour was set for April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00am starting at the Burmeister pit. Consumer Energy site plan review took a long time and there are several minor changes that need to be made before the planning commission will approve. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin reported the trailer on Ellsworth Rd has been removed. Trailer on Elmdale has been removed as well and now there is discussion on other trailers around the township that may be in violation. The township ordinance may need to be reviewed.

Zoning Inspector: Jim reported there are no new zoning compliances this month but lots of calls. A candidate was chosen at the WWCA meeting on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Bristle supported by Layher to accept Doug Parr as our Building Official in charge of the building authority for WWCA. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Schaible, Huehl, Layher, Bristle Nay: none CARRIED

Library- Jan Davis submitted a report.

Clerk report: Clerk reported that new voting equipment is being evaluated by the state and the township will need to purchase it at some point in the future. The township has decided to move forward and ask for a detailed bid from JCM Media Group for the new township website.

**9. Unfinished Business:**

Salaries for 2017-2018- Motion by Huehl supported by Schaible to increase Clerk's and Treasurer's salary by \$500 and Zoning Inspector's salary by \$200.

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

The following resolutions were offered by Bristle, and seconded by Huehl: resolutions to establish township officer's salaries. Now therefore it be resolved that as of 4-1-17 the salaries of the township board members are as follows:

Supervisor \$16,500, Treasurer \$17,500, Clerk \$17,500, and Trustees \$130.00 per meeting.  
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Huehl, Bristle, Layher, Schaible      Nay: none

CARRIED

**10. New Business:**

Hardship application-

Moved by Bristle seconded by Layher to approve the 2017 poverty guidelines.

Motion carried by all Ayes.      Nay: none

CARRIED

Motion by Huehl seconded by Bristle 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

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

Motion carried by all Ayes:      Nay: none

CARRIED

Newsletter- Township Board will work on a newsletter or postcard to send out to residents regarding what can be put into the recycling bins at the town hall and what cannot.

**11. Warrants:** Motion by Schaible supported by Layher: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 3622-3643 and VOID 3634.

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

Nay: none

CARRIED

**12. Public Comment:** none

Adjourned at 9:57 pm

Valisa L. Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township