

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

Budget Hearing was called to order at 7:31 pm with Layher, Weidmayer, Bristle, Huehl and Schaible present. Discussion was held regarding the budget and the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 8:19 pm
Members present: Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Schaible
4 were present in the audience.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Change to Agenda:

4. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Huehl supported by Schaible to:
Approve the February 14, 2017 Township Board minutes. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Schaible supported by Huehl to: Approve February 14, 2017 Treasurers report.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Bristle, Layher, Schaible, Huehl, Weidmayer Nay: none CARRIED

Next Tuesday the Washtenaw County Treasurer's Association will be meeting at the town hall 9-11am with a tour of Horning's Dairy farm afterward at 11:30. Laura, a social worker from Manchester CRC, will send a monthly email of needs to Rudy to share at meetings.

6. Communications: Board of Review was busy with 18 property owners being seen, half had changes made. Taxes on lakefront properties have gone up. Road Commission meeting will be March 30th at 1:00pm at the town hall. Bethel Church Rd is closed for flooding over the road and residents are concerned. Supervisor has spoke with Doug Fuller and is waiting a call back regarding the situation. The Water Resource Commissioner says it is beyond their jurisdiction. Lima Twp just passed a drain ordinance.

7. Public Comment: Prayers for Beth Heuser's granddaughter Grace who was involved in a horseback riding accident.

8. Reports:

Planning Commission report:

The Planning Commission meeting was held last week. Dennis Herrst's land division application was tabled because the survey turned in did not match the information on the application. Private Road Ordinance was updated and reviewed. It does not require a public hearing to adopt. Larry received an email from Consumer's Energy corporate office not to speak with Scott or Mark (~~passed point persons for the project~~ former project managers) regarding anything to do with the company. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin reported there were no calls this month.

Zoning Inspector: no report

Library- no report

Clerk report: The next Clerk's meeting will be next week in Sharon Twp. JCM Media Group and Revize submitted quotes for the new township website. JCM Media Group will be at the clerk's meeting and Clerk would like to gather more information on what other clerks are planning to do. ~~Discussion~~ Decision will be made at next month's meeting.

9. Unfinished Business:

Newsletter- Township Supervisor will work on a write up for the Sun Times and Manchester Mirror regarding the trash that is being put in the township recycle bins illegally.

10. New Business:

2016-2017 Budget-The following resolution was offered by Huehl, and seconded by Layher
Be it further resolved that the total revenues and un-appropriated fund be amended for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.
Township Matching FICA increased to \$5900, Workers Comp Ins increased to \$1,200, Phone increased to \$750 and
Town Hall Repairs/Other increased to \$8600.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Huehl, Bristle, Weidmayer, Layher, Schaible Nay: none CARRIED

2017-2018 Budgets-The following resolution was offered by Bristle, and supported by Huehl to adopt resolution 17-01 now therefore be it resolved the Freedom Township Board of Trustees adopts the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget by cost center.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Schaible, Bristle, Weidmayer, Layher, Huehl Nay: none CARRIED

The following resolution was offered by Huehl, and supported by Layher to adopt resolution 17-02 now therefore be it resolved the Freedom Township Board of Trustees adopts the 2017-2018 Public Improvement Fund budget by cost center.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Huehl, Weidmayer, Bristle, Schaible, Layher Nay: none CARRIED

The following resolution was offered by Weidmayer, and supported by Bristle to adopt resolution 17-03 now therefore be it resolved the Freedom Township Board of Trustees adopts the 2017-2018 Road Millage budget by cost center.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Weidmayer, Bristle, Schaible, Huehl, Layher Nay: none CARRIED

PA 116- Motion by Layher supported by Huehl to approve Jonathon and Ashlee Reese's application to put property in the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program PA 116. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

11. Warrants: Motion by Weidmayer supported by Huehl: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 3644-3665.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Layher, Schaible, Bristle, Schaible, Weidmayer Nay: none CARRIED

12. Public Comment: none

Adjourned at 10:07 pm
Valisa L. Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township