

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
October 10th, 2017 8:00 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 7:59pm

Members present: Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Schaible, Huehl

3 were present in the audience.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Change to Agenda:

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

Approve the September 12, 2017 Township Board minutes.

Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Schaible supported by Bristle to: Approve September 12, 2017 Treasurers report with amendment.

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

Nay: none

CARRIED

6. Communications: Sept Sheriff's report had 31 calls- 9 handled by the state police, 12 by the sheriff and 10 calls cleared. State police had a helicopter flying over the township looking for marijuana plants. MTA magazine was received. Emergency Action Plan committee will be meeting this Thursday. Denny and Carol Huehl are nominated for an award for their service to their community at the CRC banquet.

7. Public Comment: none

8. Reports:

Planning Commission report: Larry reported on the public hearing held for Happy Heart Feline Rescue. There were roughly 45 people in support of the rescue receiving a conditional use permit to continue their operation. When the planning commission meeting started Jerry Sisco asked about his situation for an accessory dwelling. The planning commission has not made any changes to that part of the ordinance at this time. The amended site plan for Consumers Energy for phase I was approved and they will be putting up temporary sound deadening panels. Next they reviewed the temporary camping amendments to the ordinance, looking at the 10 biggest issues. Lastly they reviewed the Happy Hearts Feline Rescue with a few questions to Jean Spencer, the owner, and due to time it was tabled for next month. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: no report

Zoning Inspector: Jim submitted his report with 4 zonings issued. A storage shed and screened in porch at 5150 Happy Hollow Dr., an addition and garage at 2510 S. Parker Rd., a storage shed at 3430 Schmitz Rd., and solar panels at 13880 Bemis Rd.

Library: Jan Davis submitted a report sharing that the library had a good attendance in August with several activities offered and that the director received an evaluation and the library board was very pleased.

Clerk report: There will be a special election on Nov. 7th. Larry will look at moving the planning commission's meeting to Thursday Nov. 9th.

9. Unfinished Business:

Pleasant Lake Inn/Paul Parkinson- Paul Parkinson has received a health permit from the county and he is continuing his work on the site. Alvin needs to look into the abandoned car that is on the property.

Kuebler-Adler Historic Farm- All maintenance, repairs and restoration costs are the property owner's responsibility. Motion by Weidmayer supported by Huehl to endorse the Kuebler-Adler farm as an historic district.

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

Nay: none

CARRIED

Bemis Rd- Motion by Layher supported by Huehl to pay the full amount of \$78,591.00 to complete the Bemis Rd and Saline Waterworks Rd bridge projects without financing to the county.

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

10. New Business:

Yearly fee to PLPOA and WWCA for website- Motion by Weidmayer supported by Bristle to charge \$100/yr. to PLPOA and \$200/yr. to WWCA for space on the Freedom Township website.

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

PDR Meeting –Discussion on the public meeting held last month. The board would like to see some more figures and information presented. They will be meeting again next month.

11. Warrants: Motion by Huehl supported by Layher: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 3798-3822.

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

12. Public Comment: none

Adjourned at 10:03 pm

Valisa L. Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township

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