

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
April 11th, 2017 8:00 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Change to Agenda:

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

Approve the March 14, 2017 Township Board minutes with corrections. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Schaible supported by Huehl to: Approve March 14, 2017 Treasurers report.

Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Weidmayer, Layher, Bristle, Huehl, Schaible 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: MTA magazine had information on township meetings. March Sheriff report had 33 calls: state responded to 7, 9 by the sheriff's office and 17 were cleared.

7. Public Comment: Bob Miller shared kind words in memory of Frank Rybarsyk. He also shared information on Manchester's 150th anniversary being celebrated Aug. 1-8th.

8. Reports:

Planning Commission report:

The Planning Commission meeting was held last week. Dennis Herrst's land division application was approved combining lots with his house. Nothing new has been submitted from Consumers Energy. Manchester Joint Planning master plan is approved and in place. Kathleen Davis' land division application is tabled waiting for a survey of the property. Pyle's have 3 head of cattle on their property. Alvin Ernst will be notified as ordinance enforcer to look into the situation. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer:

Zoning Inspector: March had 1 zoning, pole barn and lean-to off of garage at 12036 Pleasant Lake Rd. April had 3 zonings- 4' fence at 11939 Elmdale Dr, new address at 7021 Ernst Rd, temporary mobile home at 9602 Waters Rd.

Library-

Clerk report: Washtenaw County has decided to go with Hart InterCivic to provide our new voting equipment. The board will need to accept the state's grant acceptance resolution at a future board meeting to receive funding for the equipment. I meet with, Pam Code, a risk control representative from Michigan Township Participating Plan to discuss a risk control site visit. She will be sending the township a follow-up letter with recommendations if she has any. Donna Baker & associates CPAs, the company that the township uses for our auditing services, is merging with, the certified accounting firm, Lally Group P.C., out of Jackson. Gary Owens, our auditor in the firm, is retiring but will work with us this year to make it a smooth transition.

9. Unfinished Business:

Website- quotes were received from JCM Media Group and Revize Media Group. We need to send a letter/email to PLPOA and WWCA regarding the change to Freedom's Twp website and costs associated if we migrate their documents to the new website.

Motion by Huehl supported by Layher to move forward with Revize Media Group to design and host the new township website.

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

Camper/Trailers- how do we track and enforce how long trailers sit on properties in the township. Need to look at vacant lots vs. a lot with a house on it.

Motion by Huehl supported by Layher to have planning commission look at an ordinance for trailers used as temporary or recreational use.

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

Amended by Layher supported by Huehl to have the ordinance recommended at the June meeting.

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

10. New Business:

Lawn Mowing Bids-Motion by Huehl supported by Layher to have ER Lawn Service mow the town hall lawn for 2017 for \$40.00 per mow and Fletcher rd cemetery 6 times at \$60 per mow.

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

Private Road Ordinance- Draft is put together and when the attorney looked at sec. 16 he recommends changing it from a misdemeanor to a municipal civil infraction. The board will have the attorney look at that section again and reword it for civil infraction and put together a civil infraction ordinance.

Road Commission Meeting- the flooding on Bethel Church Rd was discussed. The Road Commission will put together an estimate to resolve the flooding issue. The conventional local road matching program dollars increased from \$13,575 last year to \$19,003 this year. The board would like to see Forestry operations/tree trimming removed from the proposed projects.

11. Warrants: Motion by Huehl supported by Schaible: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 3666-3688.

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

12. Public Comment: asked if we were going to do something similar to Sharon Twp and get better internet services in the township? Wanted to know if we could contact AT&T and see if we could get some hard wire, pole to house service.

Adjourned at 10:07 pm

Valisa L. Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township