

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
May 9th, 2017 8:00 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

absent- Weidmayer

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Weidmayer is in the hospital with a broken leg and Jim Coval, Zoning Inspector, is home with a broken foot.

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

3. Change to Agenda: Motion by Huehl supported by Bristle to add Paul Parkinson/Pleasant Lake Inn and Interim Zoning Inspector to new business. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Schaible supported by Huehl to: Approve the April 11, 2017 Township Board minutes. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Bristle supported by Schaible to: Approve April 11, 2017 Treasurers report. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Layher, Schaible, Bristle, Huehl Nay: none CARRIED

6. Communications: Enbridge Community Meeting being held tonight in Stockbridge. Consumers Energy email indicated work will start next week on Reno Rd by the pump station. And they will be conducting a sound study around the lake. SWWCOG will hold its next meeting at Freedom Town Hall Wed. June 14th. Supervisor attended a meeting with DEQ and WWCA regarding the soil erosion officer. State law has changed and we are out of compliance the way we are handling soil erosion permits. They will continue to work together to come up with a solution moving forward and the determination will be made by July 14, 2017.

7. Public Comment: John Hochsteler had a stroke recently and asked for reduction in his property taxes. He filled out the Hardship application for 2017 and Rudy will pass it along to the townships assessor. He also asked when the Bemis Rd. bridge would be fixed. There is not an exact time table but bids are being taken by Washtenaw Co Water Resource Dept.

8. Reports:

Planning Commission report: The Planning Commission meeting was held last week. Tabled Consumers Energy site plan, remaining information needed will be at next month's meeting. July meeting has been canceled. Kathleen Davis' land division application was approved. Mike Skowronski/EMMA Farm minor site plan for farm labor housing was approved. Great discussion was had regarding recreational vehicles on vacant lots and the planner will have something at the next meeting. Gravel Pit tour went well. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: No calls this month. Will look into 3 head of cattle at Pyle's place.

Zoning Inspector:

Library-

Clerk report: Township Audit with Lally Group P.C., will be Thursday June 15th at 9:00am. The new township website is underway.

9. Unfinished Business:

Road Contract- Discussion to remove the forestry operations on Waters Rd from the contract. Motion by Huehl supported by Layher to approve the Washtenaw County Road Commission contract for two brines for dust control, gravel and to carry over our Drainage matching funds to 2018.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Schaible, Weidmayer, Bristle, Huehl Nay: none CARRIED

10. New Business:

Freedom Winery LLC- Mike Bossory, owner of Alber's Orchard and Freedom Winery LLC, 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

Paul Parkinson/Pleasant Lake Inn- WWCA sent a letter on May 8th that his permit has expired and a final site plan is needed and a soil erosion permit is needed. The township will continue to work with Paul and push him to come into compliance and clean up the site.

Interim Zoning Inspector- Motion by Huehl supported by Layher to have Larry Lindemann or Alvin Ernst act as interim zoning inspector for physical site visits while Jim Coval's broken foot heals.
Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

11. Warrants: Motion by Schaible supported by Layher: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 3688-3706.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Layher, Schaible, Bristle, Huehl Nay: none CARRIED

12. Public Comment:

Adjourned at 9:10 pm
Valisa L. Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township