

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
June 13th, 2017 8:00 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Supervisor Weidmayer ~~Clerk Bristle~~ called the meeting to order at 7:59pm
Members present: Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Schaible
17 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 May 9, 2017 Township Board minutes.

Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Schaible supported by Huehl to: Approve May 9, 2017 Treasurers report.

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

Nay: none CARRIED

6. Communications: SWWCOG will meet at Freedom Town Hall tomorrow night. Supervisor has ice cream for after the meeting to celebrate June is dairy month. 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. The supervisor is working on it and has 6 months to fix the issue. A public hearing will be set in the future for the Adler-Kuebler farm as a historical site. Wolverine pipeline sent out a letter and a brochure. MTA Focus magazine was received. Sheriff report for June had 20 calls- 10 were handled by the state, 4 by the sheriff's office and 6 were cleared.

7. Public Comment: Jeff Krcmarik, with Washtenaw Co Public Works, said that last Thursday the State had contacted his office that a spot on Pleasant Lake in front Elmdale drive tested positive for blue-green algae. Signs have been handed out to the neighbors regarding this. 6 samples were taken on Friday and 1 tested positive. The hope is that the weed treatment of the lake on Thursday will help take care of this problem. The state and the county will continue to monitor this problem. Catherine Roberts read a portion from the townships noise ordinance regarding the noise from Scott Burk's shooting range. Alvin Ernst will have the decibel reader calibrated and take some readings. Doris Taddiano asked about the Pleasant Lake Inn property and when it would be clean up. A resident asked about the trailers around pleasant lake, specifically do we have a way to control how long they are there. A change to the ordinance is at the planning commission level.

8. Reports:

Planning Commission report: The Planning Commission meeting was held last week. Consumers Energy site plan, questions on the compressors. A sound test was conducted around the lake and they are working on reducing the noise. July meeting has been canceled. Kevin Ernst's boundary adjustment was discussed. Mike Bossory owner of Alber's Orchard submitted a minor site plan and wants to move the barn along Eisman Rd further into the orchard. The planning commission approved the preliminary site plan but he will have to come back with more details before they will approve the final site plan. New wording for the ordinance amendment for recreational trailers in the township is not ready yet. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: 3 head of cattle at Pyle's place from last year have been removed but there are 2 new feeder calves currently there.

Motion by Weidmayer supported by Huehl that the Pyle's have 90 days to remove the feeder calves from their property.

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

Nay: Bristle

CARRIED

Zoning Inspector: Jim did not make it to the May meeting for WWCA. There was a new zoning at 7020 Ernst Rd for a new house and garage. Larry Lindemann issued 2 new zonings on behalf of Jim, a pole barn at 11980 Bemis Rd and a new sign for Zion Lutheran Church.

Library- They have bookmarks with summer activities at the library. Kicking off of the summer reading program at the library on Tuesday. And they are looking for a part time circulator helper.

Clerk report: Township Audit with Lally Group P.C., will be Thursday June 15th at 9:00am. The new township website is underway with hopes to have it live between July 1-10. The next clerk meeting is in Dexter on June 28th. There is an August election but the only thing on it for Freedom Township is Dexter school district voters so I will send the 6 voters we have to Scio Township to vote. New voting equipment will be coming this fall.

Motion by Bristle supported by Huehl to give authority to township clerk to submit the grant application for the new voting equipment. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

9. Unfinished Business:

Manchester Area Senior Citizens Council- Discussion on what services are provided for residents from Freedom Township and how many use it. More information and data is needed.

Town Hall Recycling Bins- There continues to be trash and materials that are not recyclable dumped into the recycling bins. Discussion about putting up a security camera or getting a group right and removing the bins and having trash/recycling pickup at residents homes.

Bemis Rd Bridge- We should have the final contract by next meeting with the final cost and the work should be completed this year.

Private Road Ordinance- The township lawyer has made a change and it will go before planning commission or directly to the township board at the next meeting.

Pleasant Lake Inn- Calls and letters from the township to Paul Parkinson, the owner, have gone unanswered. Motion by Layher supported by Schaible to have the township attorney draft a letter with all the violations to Paul Parkinson regarding his property where the Pleasant Lake Inn was located and have the property filled, seeded and restored completely by August 8th, 2017. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Weidmayer, Schaible, Huehl, Layher, Bristle Nay: none CARRIED

10. New Business:

Mark Skowronski Escrow Account- Motion by Schaible supported by Layher to give Mark Skowronski his \$300 escrow check back since his site plan is complete and the escrow account is no longer needed. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Layher, Weidmayer, Bristle, Schaible, Huehl Nay: none CARRIED

County Clean-up Day- It will be in Saline on September 30th, 2017 from 9-2pm. The address is 1234 Tefft Court, Saline 48176. Motion by Layher supported by Huehl to pay Washtenaw County \$500 for the County Clean-up Day in Saline. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Huehl, Bristle, Layher, Schaible, Weidmayer Nay: none CARRIED

Rock at the Town Hall- Discussion on placing a rock in front of the town hall that people could paint like other communities.

PDR Public Informational Meeting- There will be an informational meeting for the public on September 21st at 7:30pm at the town hall.

11. Warrants: Motion by Schaible supported by Layher: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 3707-3730. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Layher, Weidmayer, Schaible, Bristle, Huehl Nay: none CARRIED

12. Public Comment: Lon Nordeen asked that we watch ET Rover Pipeline and any damage they may be creating in the township. Shawn Andring asked about run off from fields on Hieber Rd that Hornings farm. Denny Huehl said that Hornings have a manure nutrient management plan that they follow.

Adjourned at 10:45 pm
Valisa L. Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township