

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Approved Minutes of the Regular Meeting
July 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 9 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 June 13, 2017 Township Board minutes. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Schaible supported by Huehl to: Approve June 13, 2017 Treasurers report.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Bristle, Weidmayer, Huehl, Schaible, Layher Nay: none CARRIED

6. Communications: No sheriff's report for the month of June yet. MTA magazine has a write-up with Sharon Township in it. Supervisor sent a letter to DEQ wanting to work with them and WWCA regarding the soil erosion officer. Township attorney sent a letter to Paul Parkinson regarding the violations with his property where PLI once stood. The Manchester Fair starts today. County Clean-up Day will be in Saline on September 30th, 2017 from 9-2pm. The address is 1234 Tefft Court, Saline 48176. There will be a PDR (Purchase Development Rights) informational meeting for the public on September 21st at 7:30pm at the town hall. There was a complaint to the Washtenaw County Public Health Department regarding the trailer on Elmdale. They inspected the area and found no issues.

7. Public Comment: Matt Little shared his idea to update the emergency action guide/plan for the township. Need to develop a plan to protect residents, property and natural resources. This is not just for pipelines but tornados, fires, power outages, crime/terrorism, hazardous material and more. Matt would like to see a committee formed to discuss these issues and he would be willing to chair it. It will be on next month's agenda. Beth Heuser has concern for the water quality of pleasant lake and the pipeline going in by consumers. She asked who is responsible for the weir and she was told it is the county drains jurisdiction so they are responsible for it.

8. Reports:

Planning Commission report: The Planning Commission meeting was canceled for July. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin sent a letter to Paul Parkinson regarding the littering of concrete around his property. He spoke with Mr. White regarding his property at 12340 Ellsworth Rd and needing to clean up the property. He has a letter for Mrs. Pyle and will explain to her that there cannot be cattle there in the future. He found a place in Livonia that will calibrate the decibel reader and will take some readings and report next month.

Zoning Inspector: Jim had 2 new zonings for the month of June. Pole barn at 7855 Ernst Rd and a new address at 9828 Waters Rd. He put a stop work order on Bethel church Rd between Esch and Kothe. The property owner did not file for zoning compliance.

Library- none

Clerk report: There is an August election but the only thing on it for Freedom Township is Dexter school district voters so I will send the 5 voters we have to Scio Township to vote. New website is almost ready to go live.

Motion by Bristle supported by Layher to change the domain name to freedomtownshipmi.org.

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. Clerk will work on a resolution based on the one for CRC and have it at next month's meeting.

Rock at the Town Hall-Discussion on placing a rock in front of the town hall that people could paint like other communities. At this time it is not something the township will move forward with.

Town Hall Recycling Bins- There continues to be trash and materials that are not recyclable dumped into the recycling bins. Dale will reach out to Washtenaw Recycling Authority on their services.

Bemis Rd Bridge- The work should be completed this year.

10. New Business:

SRSLY Manchester- Alison, a representative, and Lindsay Hannah, the advisor, for the Manchester SRSLY club came to speak about the program. It is a coalition of community members dedicated to preventing destructive behavior and helping youth make wiser choices when it comes to drug and alcohol use.

ER Lawn Service- Motion by Layher supported by Huehl to have ER Lawn Service prune bushes and weed the flower beds around the town hall for \$175.

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

11. Warrants: Motion by Schaible supported by Huehl: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 3731-3747.

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

12. Public Comment: Can we have the township lawyer draft a contract with Paul Parkinson that the township will clean up the PLI property and either put a lien on the property or put it on his taxes. The board will look into this and get 3 bids for cleaning up the property. Karen Flahie asked when Monica Day, speaker from the Dec. 10th water quality forum, could come speak to the board. Beth Heuser shared some of the events during the Manchester 150th celebration that require tickets. July 29th fashion/high tea event, Aug. 4th agr-tour with lunch, Aug. 6th main st. dinner.

Adjourned at 9:59 pm

Valisa L. Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township