

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Approved with Correction Minutes of the Regular Meeting
August 8th, 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 absent-Schaible 10 were present in the audience.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Change to Agenda: Motion by Huehl supported by Layher to add letter from Barry Dettling regarding a public boat launch on Pleasant Lake to new business. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

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

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Huehl supported by Bristle to: Approve July 11, 2017 Treasurers report.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Weidmayer, Huehl, Bristle, Layher Nay: none CARRIED
Bob Miller will speak with Ray Berg about ordering 25 more township books and then consider closing the 175th anniversary checking account and adding it as a line item in the general fund.

6. Communications: The 150th anniversary celebration in Manchester last week was a great event. MTA magazine June Sheriff report had 16 calls- 6 state, 3 sheriff and 7 were cleared. July Sheriff report had 25 calls- 11 state, 5 sheriff and 9 cleared. There will be a public hearing for the Kuebler-Adler historical residence on August 16th from 6-8pm. Bridgewater Township is drafting a medical marihuana ordinance. Karen Flahie is attending an MTA training and that is one of the topics.

7. Public Comment: none

8. Reports:

Planning Commission report: Larry said that the planning commission is sending new member Karen Flahie to an upcoming MTA training. Email came showing sand being added to the shoreline in front of Pittsfield Products property. Larry had Dale Behnke look at it and he said it was ok. Lon Nordeen sent the information to Luke at the DEQ and he said they should have had a permit. P.C. reviewed the private road ordinance amendments and make a recommendation to the board to approve it. If the board does approve it then we will need to move forward with a civil infraction ordinance. Consumers final site plan was approved upon planner and engineers reports. They looked at zoning ordinance for campers in the township and there will be a public hearing before their next meeting on Sept. 5th at 7:30pm. There was a ruling last month on a new bill that allows old school buildings to be used as schools again so this information will be passed along to Ron Milkey regarding the Pleasant Lake school building. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Motion by Bristle supported by Huehl to send Karen Flahie to MTA training.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Huehl, Bristle, Weidmayer, Layher Nay: none CARRIED

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin will pick up the decibel reader meter next Thursday and will be ready to take readings when a noise complaint comes in. He sent a letter to June Fowler that the trailer needs to be removed by Sept. 1st. He also sent a letter to Mrs. Pyle and will explain to her that there cannot be cattle there in the future.

Zoning Inspector: Jim had 2 new zonings for the month of July, building at Bethel church Rd between Esch and Kothe and 11123 Pleasant Lake Rd for a pole barn for storage only.

Library- Jane Davis submitted a report from their July 24th meeting

Clerk report: Special school election today for Dexter school voters only so they were sent to Scio Twp hall to vote. New website is up and running www.freedomtownshipmi.org Clerk will be attended 4 days of training in Sept for the new voting equipment and election inspectors will have a day of training in Oct. There will be an election on Nov. 7th.

9. Unfinished Business:

Pleasant Lake Inn/Paul Parkinson- The board had the township attorney draft a letter to Paul Parkinson pushing him to restore the property by August 8th. Since then he has filed and paid for a demolition permit and a soil erosion permit. He told the WWCA that he plans to have the property restored by August 31st.
Motion by Huehl and supported by Layher to accept the resolution to extend the time for compliance to September 5th. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Weidmayer, Layher, Bristle, Huehl Nay: none CARRIED

Manchester Area Senior Citizens Council- Motion by Layher supported by Weidmayer to give \$500 to Manchester Area Senior Citizens Council, Inc. per service agreement.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Weidmayer, Huehl, Layher, Bristle Nay: none CARRIED

10. New Business:

Gerald Sisco- Wants to put up a dual purpose building- storage building with living quarters in it. As the ordinance stands a second dwelling/living space cannot be put on one lot.
Motion by Bristle supported by Weidmayer to have Planning Commission review section 5.201 Accessory Dwelling to allow for a detached accessory dwelling.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Layher, Bristle, Huehl, Weidmayer Nay: none CARRIED

Private Road Ordinance- Motion by Weidmayer supported by Huehl to approve the planning commission's recommendation for the private road ordinance 12B.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Layher, Weidmayer, Bristle, Huehl Nay: none CARRIED

Emergency Action Plan/Guide- Matt Little shared his idea last month 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.
Motion by Layher supported by Weidmayer to have Matt Little chair the emergency action plan committee and form a committee of volunteers to report back to the board and it will be dissolved by May 2018.
Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

11. Warrants: Motion by Weidmayer supported by Huehl: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 3748-3772.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Bristle, Weidmayer, Huehl, Layher Nay: none CARRIED

12. Public Comment:

Adjourned at 10:24 pm
Valisa L. Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township