FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APPROVED Minutes of the Regular Meeting
January 9th, 2018 8:00 pm

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 8:00pm
Members present: Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Schaible, Huehl 3 were present in the audience.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**.

3. Change to Agenda:

4. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Huehl supported by Layher to:
Approved with corrections the December 12, 2017 Township Board minutes. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Moved by Schaible supported by Huehl to: Approve December 12, 2017 Treasurers report.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Schaible, Weidmayer Nay: none CARRIED

6. Communications: Nov. Sheriff's Report had 18 calls- 12 handled by the state, 3 sheriff's office and 3 cleared. Supervisor received the MTA monthly magazine and roads in review publication from the Washtenaw County Road Commission.

7. Public Comment: none

8. Reports:
Planning Commission report: Larry reported that at last week's meeting the site plan for Mike Bossory was tabled waiting for more information. They approved the temporary camping ordinance and sent a recommendation to the board. Accessory Dwellings ordinance 5.201 was discussed again and at this time they do not feel changes made would be in the best interest of the township. Elections were as followed- Larry Lindemann will remain chair, Matt Little vice-chair and Dan Schaible will be secretary. Dan would like a recording secretary at the meetings and Jennifer Alexa is interested. There will be a public hearing before the next meeting on Feb. 6th at 7:00pm for the proposed zoning ordinance amendment to home occupation standards. Recap for the 2017 year was given and a reminder that the gravel pits will be at the next meeting with their annual reports and Consumers with a site plan. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.
Motion by Weidmayer seconded by Bristle to appoint Jennifer Alexa as recording secretary for the planning commission.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Layher, Huehl, Schaible, Weidmayer, Bristle Nay: none CARRIED
Ordinance Enforcement Officer: none
Zoning Inspector: Jim reported 4 new zonings for the month. A new house at 3148 Haab Rd, new address at 14255 Bethel Church Rd, a new house and garage at 12240 Bethel Church Rd, and a new address at 11997 Ellsworth Rd. In 2017 there were 26 zonings- 11 pole barns, 1 fence, 4 additions, 7 homes and 3 others.
Library- no report
Clerk report: FOIA request from Mika Meyer's law office for gravel pits annual reports. W-2s have been created and mailed out. New phone equipment has been received and is being hooked up.

9. Unfinished Business:
PDR Meeting – The committee has not met since our last township meeting. Augusta Twp passed a millage. A millage would be taxed per parcel not per residential home.

Manchester District Library Delegate- Motion by Weidmayer seconded by Schaible to appoint Susan Layher as the second representative for Freedom Township. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

WWCA Meetings- Motion by Schaible seconded by Layher to have Denny Huehl be an alternate and attend the quarterly meetings for WWCA. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

10. New Business:
Ordinance Amendment for camping and short-term use on vacant lots- An application would need to be filled out and turned in to the ordinance enforcement officer. A civil infraction ordinance would help for enforcement purposes. Tabled for a month so the board can review the ordinance amendment.

Salaries for 2018-2019- Motion by Weidmayer seconded by Huehl to increase Supervisor's, Clerk's and Treasurer's salary by $500, Trustee's by $10/mtg., PC chair salary by $200, PC secretary salary by $200 (increase per meeting by $10 and give to the recording secretary), Zoning Inspector's salary by $200, Ordinance Enforcement Officer's salary by $150, Town Hall Manager salary by $100 and add permit meeting $50/mtg for alternate.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Schaible, Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Weidmayer Nay: none CARRIED
The following resolutions were offered by Bristle and seconded by Huehl: resolutions to establish township officer's salaries. Now therefore it be resolved that as of 4-1-18 the salaries of the township board members are as follows: Supervisor $17,000, Treasurer $18,000, Clerk $18,000, and Trustees $140.00 per meeting.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Bristle, Layher, Schaible, Huehl, Weidmayer Nay: none CARRIED

Fee Schedule-
Motion by Layher seconded by Bristle to add FOIA electronic copy $15 to the fee schedule.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Huehl, Bristle, Schaible, Weidmayer, Layher Nay: none CARRIED

Treasurers Computer- Treasurers computer is 7 years old and currently running very slow and at the minimum requirements for the BS&A tax software. Rudy will bring the cost of a new computer to the next meeting.

Town hall Improvements- Some things that the town hall could use- a vacuum, new larger mat at the front door, new blinds and carts for the tables and chairs. Tabled till next month.

11. **Warrants:** Motion by Schaible supported by Layher: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 38580-3895.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Schaible, Bristle, Huehl, Layher, Weidmayer Nay: none CARRIED

12. Public Comment: none

Adjourned at 10:35 pm
Valisa L. Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township