

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DRAFT Minutes of the Regular Meeting
November 13th, 2018 8:00 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 8:01pm

Members present: Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Schaible, Huehl absent: 7 were present in the audience.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Change to Agenda: Moved by Huehl supported by Bristle to:

Add WWCA report and Recreational Marijuana Establishments to new business.

Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Huehl supported by Layher to:

Approve the October 9, 2018 Township Board minutes with corrections. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Bristle supported by Schaible to: Approve October 9, 2018 Treasurers report.

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

6. Communications: MTA magazine received. Supervisor met with Matt Little, from the emergency committee, regarding sirens for the township and a back-up generator for the town hall. The JJ Knapp drain needs some work (west of Steinbach Rd) and the Grau drain on Fletcher Rd has been fixed. Appointments for planning commission and board of review will take place next month.

7. Public Comment: Beth Heuser would like the board to consider a 3rd brine next year. The board had asked about it for this year and the road commission told us they could not handle it this year. We will talk about it again in the spring.

8. Reports:

Planning Commission report: At the meeting last Thursday there were no amendments from StoneCo submitted.

They are still reviewing the old conditional use permits within the township. No new updates for Ordinance 32. A land division for Peggy Allen was tabled asking for more information. The \$10,000 deposit for Ceres farms has not been received yet. Larry spoke with Travis, the representative, and he is hoping to have the 3 buildings demolished by the end of the month. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin reported no calls. The Fowler trailer is gone but there is still is a port-a-john and other personal property on the lot. Alvin will investigate the situation.

Zoning Inspector- Jim reported there were 2 zonings issued for the month of October – a new attached garage at 10390 Waters Rd and a pole barn at 4488 Schneider Rd.

Library- no report

Clerk report: The General election was on Nov. 6th and Freedom Township had a 72% voter turnout.

9. Unfinished Business:

175th Anniversary Account- Ray Berg has ordered more Freedom Township historical books. Discussion on what to do with the balance in the account roughly \$85.00.

Motion by Huehl supported by Layher: To donate the balance in the 175th Anniversary account to the Manchester historical society.

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

Township Escrow Account- During the audit this year, it was suggested that the township should have a separate escrow account for short-term uses such as site plans.

Motion by Bristle supported by Layher: To open a second escrow account named "Freedom Township Escrow" account.

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

Civil Infraction Ordinance- The board needs to decide if we want to issue citations and have the party involved pay the courts (township would receive roughly a 1/3) or issue a violation and have the township collect the fees. If we

collect the fees we need to set a time that the bureau would be available to receive the payment. Clerk will contact the township attorney to confirm that we can have the hours available to once a month the 2nd Tuesday of the month 7:30-9:30pm and to add ordinance enforcement officer to the list of authorized township officials who can issue violations.

10. New Business:

Fire Run- The board received a letter from a person (was visiting a family member in the township) who received an emergency services invoice and they are asking that the fee be reduced or waived. The board felt that it was a valid medical emergency and the Manchester Fire Department responded as first responders. The clerk will mail a letter to the party involved and let her know that a payment plan can be set up.

Western Washtenaw Construction Authority Report – Denny reported that the permit department is doing well especially with all the permits that Consumers Energy has pulled recently. They now have their own internet access for \$50/ month and their building rent went up \$10.50/month.

Marihuana Establishments – Since the recreational marihuana proposal passed in the November election the board will need to pass an ordinance prohibiting marihuana establishments in Freedom Township to follow our policy already passed of prohibiting medical marihuana facilities. An ordinance will be drafted for next month’s meeting.

11. Warrants: Motion by Huehl supported by Layher: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 4078-4109.

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

12. Public Comment:

Adjourned at 9:45 pm

Valisa L. Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township