

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
APPROVED Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
December 11th, 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    absent:            5 were present in the audience.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**3. Change to Agenda:**

**4. Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Layher supported by Schaible to:

Approve the November 13, 2018 Township Board minutes.

Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

**5. Treasurer's Report:** Moved by Huehl supported by Schaible to: Approve November 13, 2018 Treasurers report.

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

**6. Communications:** MTA magazine received. DTE Energy will have a public hearing in Lansing on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Public Comment:** Bob Miller has more copies of the Freedom Township historical book and they are \$15/book

**8. Reports:**

Planning Commission report: At the meeting last week there were no amendments from StoneCo submitted. The township planner gave them recommendations for them to review for Ord. 32. Larry sent a letter to the property owners of Demery kennel on rescinding their conditional use permit since they are not using it. A land division for 6181 Ernst Rd was approved. Meeting dates for 2019 were set for the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at the town hall. The January meeting will be moved to Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup>. They asked Consumers Energy for a revised site plan and they are working on keeping the construction noise and lights down. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin submitted no calls for the month.

Zoning Inspector- Jim submitted his report that there were 2 zonings issued for the month of November – a pole barn at 10811 Bethel Church Rd and solar array at 13621 Alten Brent Rd. He also checked that the 3 buildings that needed to be demolished at Ceres Farms LLC on Esch Rd had been done.

Library- no report

Clerk report: A draft of the township audit was received and hopefully the final copy will be received next week. I spoke with Stephanie with Consumers Energy regarding the grant program for a generator for the town hall and will work with the safety committee to complete the paperwork.

**9. Unfinished Business:**

Civil Infraction Ordinance- Motion by Bristle supported by Schaible: To set up the Civil Infraction Bureau to receive violation fines at the Township Treasurer's address by appointment or by mail.

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

Motion by Bristle supported by Schaible: To set up the Civil Infraction Bureau as the Township Treasurer.

Motion carried with all Ayes.            CARRIED

Marihuana Establishments – Motion by Huehl supported by Layher: To adopt the Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments in Freedom Township Ordinance #47 48

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

**10. New Business:**

Fire Run- The clerk received a call from a person who received an emergency services invoice and they are asking that the fee be waived stating the MFD did not offer any services. The board felt that it was a valid medical emergency and the Manchester Fire Department responded as first responders, which was stated in their official report. The clerk will mail a letter to the party involved and let them know that a payment plan can be set up.

Appointments- Motion by Weidmayer seconded by Huehl to appoint Susan Ochs for a 3 yr. term and Dan Schaible for a 1 year term for Planning Commission.

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

Motion by Weidmayer seconded by Layher to appoint Gerald Huehl, Charlie Hieber and Dave Mieras to Board of Review for 2 yrs. and Dale Ganzhorn as alternate.

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

Motion by Weidmayer supported by Layher to appoint Jeff Weidmayer, Scott Diuble, Frank Lobbestael, chair of planning commission, supervisor and Scott Guenther as alternate for Zoning Board of Appeals for 2 years.

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

2019 Meeting Dates- Motion by Huehl seconded by Layher to set the Freedom Township board meetings for the second Tuesday of the month at 8:00 p.m. at the Freedom Township hall.

Motion carried with all Ayes.      CARRIED

Town Hall Bathrooms- Discussion on the town hall bathrooms and the need to replace the sinks. Supervisor has a quote for new sinks but will also get quotes for replacing the stools to see if it is cost effective to replace everything at once to make it ADA complaint.

**11. Warrants:** Motion by Huehl supported by Layher: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 4110-4139.

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

**12. Public Comment:** Carol Westfall shared that at Donna Lasinski's coffee hour in Manchester, Donna encouraged residents to send letters to the governor regarding different senate bills.

Adjourned at 9:25 pm

Valisa L. Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township