

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APPROVED Minutes of the Regular Meeting
May 8th, 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

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 the April 10, 2018 Township Board minutes.

Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Bristle supported by Schaible to: Approve April 10, 2018 Treasurers report.

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

CARRIED

6. Communications: It has been a year since Supervisor Weidmayer broke his leg and he thanked the board for their help. He attended the permit meeting and they have been busy issuing permits and had some new hires. Their online permit option seems to be working well. We may need to re-evaluate out town hall rental fees. On July 14th at 9:30 Donna Lasinski will hold a meeting at the Freedom Town Hall. He proposed the idea of skipping the July meeting, if there are no pressing matters to take a vote on, and asked the board to think about it. The township received a letter from Modern Waste, the recycling company the township uses, about a fee increase.

7. Public Comment: Charlie Braun asked the board to look into a water run-off issue from his neighbor Tony Griffith. After Tony put on an addition he re-directed his storm water run-off towards Mr. Braun's drain field and it is causing problems for him. He spoke with the drain commissioner and was told to take it up with the township. Dale and Denny will contact Doug Parr and find out the status on Mr. Griffith's building permit and look into the issue.

8. Reports:

Planning Commission report: Larry reported that at last week's meeting Mike Bossory was not in attendance to answer questions but his site plans were approved with conditions, such as parking lot material, sidewalk material and width and removable handicap signs. They also added no fireworks or fiery projectiles are allowed. He will need to provide the P.C. with 3 copies with the corrections within 60 days. Next they reviewed the Conditional Use Permit for DuRussel's migrant workers housing. Also looked at Kennedy's Dog Kennel which is no longer operating. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin contacted Tony Scheffler regarding the berm that needs to be removed between his property and Doc Wellmens.

Zoning Inspector- Jim submitted his report with 4 zonings issued for the month of April. A new house and garage at 2404 S. Fletcher Rd, re-locating an existing barn at 13011 Bethel Church Rd., a solar array at 3074 S. Fletcher Rd., and a new address at 5063 Happy Hollow Dr.

Library- Report submitted that there will be a new drop box for books at Fredonia Grocery Store by late May. The summer reading program is being developed. They reviewed the volunteer policy and internet policy for the library. And the proposed budget was reviewed and will be voted on at the next meeting.

Clerk report: Township Audit will be June 14th. Motion by Huehl supported by Schaible to stay with a yearly audit.

Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Schaible, Huehl, Weidmayer, Layher, Bristle

Nay: none CARRIED

9. Unfinished Business:

Road Commission Agreement- Motion by Schaible supported by Huehl to approve the Washtenaw County Road Commission contract for two brines for dust control, gravel and to carry over our Drainage matching funds to 2019.

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

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Medical Marihuana- Lori Fredericks was not able to attend the meeting. Tabled till next month.

PDR- While it is a valuable program the board does not feel it needs to be discussed without new information being presented.

Civil Infraction Ordinance- A draft ordinance has been received. The board will review it and vote next month.

10. New Business:

Paving Parking Lot- 3 bids for fixing the town hall parking lot were received. The board would like to get one more and review them since they all varied in the work that would need to be done.

11. Warrants: Motion by Huehl supported by Schaible: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 3955-3970.

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

12. Public Comment: none

Adjourned at 9:54 pm

Valisa L. Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township