

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DRAFT Minutes of the Regular Meeting
June 12th, 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

7 were present in the audience.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of silence in honor of Memorial Day and the passing of Mildred Huehl and Herman Coval.

3. Change to Agenda: none

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

Approved the May 8, 2018 Township Board minutes.

Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Huehl supported by Bristle to: Approve May 8, 2018 Treasurers report.

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

CARRIED

6. Communications: MTA magazine received. Dale, Bob Miller and Ray Berg meet at the town hall to go over historical documents. They thought it would be a good idea to loan some of the documents to the Manchester Historical Society. Barry Lonik called to share that the County has funds available for the PDR program if anyone is interested in the program. Washtenaw County recycle day will be in Saline at the corner of State and Textile Road on Sept. 29th from 9-2pm. DTE public hearings in Lansing Jun. 14th and 26th.

7. Public Comment: Horning Farms will have an open house on Saturday June 16th from 1-4pm with tours given and ice cream served.

8. Reports:

Planning Commission report: Larry reported that at last week's meeting they reviewed the Conditional Use Permit for DuRussel's. The new owners want to sell 10 acres to the neighbor but the conditional use permit needs to be lifted first and the buildings need to be removed. Larry wondered if Esch Rd to the north of Pleasant Lake Rd is a county road. The current owners of the property where the Kennedy's Dog Kennel was are not planning to operate a kennel but they do not want to give up the conditional use permit. A couple of lake residents had a noise complaint from the area where Consumers Energy is. Consumers said they did not make any noise and believes it to have been ET Rover or Panhandle pipeline. There are several classes given by Michigan State Extension coming up regarding Right-To-Farm and event barns if any members are interested in attending. The July 3rd meeting will be canceled and the next meeting will be Aug. 7th. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin submitted his report with 2 calls this month. The first was for dogs barking and the second was a loud noise in the Lake District thought to be from Consumers.

Zoning Inspector- Jim reported 2 zonings issued for the month of May. A new sign at 10425 Bethel Church Rd. and a bedroom and kitchen added to a storage building on Schmitz Rd. The bedroom and kitchen need to be removed before a certificate of occupancy will be issued on the new house they are building.

Library- Report submitted regarding their May 23rd meeting. A new catalog system is being used. June 15th is the kickoff to the summer reading program. The new dropbox for Freedom Township at Fredonias has arrived and just needs to be painted. They approved the budget for next year.

Clerk report: Township Audit will be June 14th. The next election will be on August 7th for the State Primary.

Rudy shared that he met with other treasurers from the county, and their assessors, and was given an equalization report.

9. Unfinished Business:

Civil Infraction Ordinance- We will need to set the fee schedule and get forms printed for citations.

The following resolution was offered by Huehl, and supported by Bristle to adopt resolution 18-04 now therefore be it resolved the Freedom Township Board of Trustees adopts the Civil Infraction Ordinance #47.

Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Weidmayer, Huehl, Layher, Bristle, Schaible Nay: none CARRIED
Motion by Huehl supported by Schaible: To authorize the expense of getting civil infraction citation forms printed.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Layher, Bristle, Huehl, Schaible, Weidmayer Nay: none CARRIED

Parking Lot Bids- Motion by Huehl supported by Huehl to accept the Mullins Asphalt bid to seal with a second coat the town hall parking lot.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Huehl, Layher, Weidmayer, Schaible, Bristle Nay: none CARRIED

Medical Marihuana- There is nothing new to report at this time. The board will wait to see what happens after the November election.

10. New Business:

Washtenaw County Sheriff Contract- Lisa King for the Washtenaw County Sheriff's office would like to come and talk with the board about the idea of contracting with them to get a paid deputy in the area. Supervisor will schedule a time for her to come to a meeting.

Town Hall Front Door- Right door is jammed. Supervisor will contact someone to get the lock replaced.

Modern Waste Recycling Price Increase- Modern Waste sent a letter last month that there will be an increase in the fee of dumping each bin. Modern Waste is cheaper than other companies and at this time there is still room in the budget to cover this expense.

Regional Transit Authority- Rudy found some information on a House Bill that local municipalities could potentially opt-out of the Regional Transit Authority. Resolution needs to be sent to our state representatives.
Motion by Weidmayer supported by Layher: To support House Bill 5869 to allow Freedom Township to opt-out of the Regional Transit Authority.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Bristle, Weidmayer, Schaible, Layher, Huehl Nay: none CARRIED

11. Warrants: Motion by Weidmayer supported by Huehl: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 3971-3990.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Bristle, Schaible, Huehl, Weidmayer, Layher Nay: none CARRIED

12. Public Comment: Dan mentioned that we may need extra brine on Bethel Church Rd where we had the slag gravel applied. Beth Heuser said that Hieber Rd is in need of brine to help with the dust and that the next weed treatment for Pleasant lake will be on Thursday June 14th.

Adjourned at 10:09 pm
Valisa L. Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township