

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APPROVED Minutes of the Regular Meeting
September 11th, 2018 8:00 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 8:03pm

Members present: Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Schaible, Huehl absent: 8 were present in the audience.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Change to Agenda:

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

Approved the August 14, 2018 Township Board minutes.

Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Schaible supported by Huehl to: Approve August 14, 2018 Treasurers report.

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

6. Communications: Tom Pigott contacted the Supervisor and asked about the Kuebler Pit and if he could speak with the township attorney. He reached out to the township attorney once but didn't call back again as instructed. Rover Pipeline sent an invite to a wrap up presentation on the pipeline on Sept. 19th in Lenawee County. The latest MTA magazine was received. Paul Parkinson called sharing he is pleased with the clean-up of the Pleasant Lake Inn property but did not give any details on the property being up for sale.

7. Public Comment: Beth Heuser asked when the next county clean-up day will be. It will be on Saturday September 29th 9am-2pm in Saline at the Thomas Reuters office complex, 6300 Interfirst Drive (at State & Textile Rd). Matt Little asked the board to consider passing a resolution opposing Sen. Bill 1031 which would eliminate personal property taxes for utility companies. If it passes Freedom Twp would lose about \$16,000 annually.

8. Reports:

Planning Commission report: At the meeting last week Ceres Farms LLC submitted paperwork to rescind the conditional use permit on the old DuRussel property. This needs to be done before a land division can be reviewed. Checks have been received and a public hearing has been set for Oct. 2nd. Due to the general election the Nov meeting will be moved to Nov. 8th. A land Division and boundary adjustment for Eschelbach Farm LLC was approved. Ordinance 32 was reviewed. A few things they will look at changing are the fee schedule, hours of operation, and that a new picture will not be required if a pit is not in operation. The township planner and engineer will look over the ordinance and bring back recommendations. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin reported a complaint at 11605 Pleasant Shore Dr. for a building being too close to the lake. Property owner is working on zoning compliance for it. Beth Heuser said there is a truck camper on June Fowler's property on Elmdale. They have not submitted a permit for it to be there. Alvin will look into it and possibly issue a citation.

Zoning Inspector- Jim reported 4 zonings issued for the month of August. An addition at 11364 Hieber Rd, a new house and garage at 14255 Bethel Church Rd, solar arrays at 7870 Parker Rd and a new pole barn at 2605 Peckins Rd. Jim did go out and look at the building at 11605 Pleasant Shore Dr and spoke with Jason the property owner. Jim's map did not show the easements but Jason had a different map. When the garage was added the easement was moved. When Jim looked at it the setbacks should be okay but he would like a clearer map before he approves the zoning compliance. Jim also looked at a property on Pleasant Shore Dr. that filled out their zoning compliance incorrectly. They want to put a shipping container on their property that would not be allowed due to size and shape.

Library- no report

Clerk report: The next election will be the General election on Nov. 6th, 2018. There will be no straight ticket voting so there could be longer lines at the polls. Clerk received a FOIA request (as did all the municipalities in Michigan) from United Impact Group, LLC for copies of the ballots from the Nov. 2016 election. I worked with the state, county and township attorney to complete a response.

9. Unfinished Business:

Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office- It would be nice to see a partnership between Freedom, Sharon, Bridgewater, Manchester Township and the Village to share the cost of a deputy. That would allow a deputy to spend a few hours a week in each municipality and be closer than a state trooper.

Civil Infraction Ordinance Fee Schedule- The following resolution was offered by Weidmayer, and seconded by Huehl to set the Civil Infraction fee schedule as 1st violation \$100, 2nd violation \$250 and 3rd violation \$500.

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

10. New Business:

Town Hall Rental Fees- The board will review the fees at the next meeting.

FOIA Policy – Motion by Huehl supported by Layher: To move forward to have a FOIA policy drafted by the township attorney.

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

Senate Bill 1031- The following resolution was offered by Layher, and seconded by Schaible to support the resolution in opposition Sen. Bill 1031.

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

11. Warrants: Motion by Schaible supported by Huehl: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 4039-4058.

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

12. Public Comment: check to see that the Township sent Wash Co \$500 for the county clean-up day in Saline and if we need to send a bill to Bethel Church for \$2500 for the paving of Bethel Church Rd in front of the church.

Adjourned at 10:02 pm

Valisa L. Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township