

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Approved with Corrections Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
March 12th, 2019 8:00 pm

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 8:00pm

Members present: Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Huehl absent: Schaible 10 were present in the audience.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**3. Change to Agenda:** add new entrance rug at the town hall to new business.

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

Approve the February 12, 2019 Township Board minutes.

Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

**5. Treasurer's Report:** Moved by Huehl supported by Bristle to: Approve February 12, 2019 Treasurers report.

Roll call vote was unanimous.

Aye: Huehl, Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher

Nay: none

CARRIED

Motion by Huehl supported by Weidmayer to authorize the treasurer to invest \$150,000.00 from the general fund to an interest earning account with Old National Bank for 18 months.

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

Nay: none

CARRIED

**6. Communications:** The Jan. Sheriff report had 17 calls- 10 state police handled, 2 by the sheriff's office and 5 were cleared. Board of Review has met the past 2 days. There was a meeting with a few Consumers' Energy representatives last week to discuss communication.

**7. Public Comment:** Manchester Area Seniors Citizens Council representative, Margaret Jacob, presented the board with some information on their program and asked the board to consider supporting the program. The board will discuss it at the April meeting. Larry Lindemann asked about the trash being dumped in the recycle bins. Rudy Layher will look into a few options to try and help the problem.

**8. Reports:**

Planning Commission report: At the meeting last Thursday there was discussion regarding Consumers Energy. There will be a public hearing April 2<sup>nd</sup> to consider a zoning ordinance amendment. When reviewing Ord. 32 they found that the gravel pits are responsible for paying to have the wells tested, which is planned for this year. The gravel pit tour has been set for April 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am starting at the StoneCo-Burmeister pit. A full copy of the PC minutes is available from clerk.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin reported that he took noise level readings, 3 different nights, at 4 different locations near Consumers Energy. It was on Elmdale Dr, Reno Rd, Hieber and Ernst Rd and Reno Rd near the pumping station. The readings taken on Friday Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30pm and Saturday Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:45pm ranged from 58-61 decibels. The readings taken on Monday Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:15pm spiked at 64 decibels.

Zoning Inspector- Nothing to report

Library- no report

Clerk report: Motion by Huehl supported by Layher: To upgrade the clerk's quickbooks program to the 2019 version.

Roll call vote was unanimous.

Aye: Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Huehl

Nay: none

CARRIED

**9. Unfinished Business:**

**10. New Business:**

2018-2019 Budget-The following resolution was offered by Huehl, and seconded by Bristle

Be it further resolved that the total revenues and un-appropriated fund be amended for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Township Matching FICA increased to \$6,150, P.C. Professional Fees increased to \$1,550, Printing/Newsletter increased to \$2,550, Dues/Memberships increased to \$3,300, Phone increased to \$2,200, Repairs increased to \$6,800, Legal-Atty Fees increased to \$7,850, Audit increased to \$11,100, Fire Contract increased to \$60,500, Dumpster increased to \$6,150 and Drain Fees increased to \$4,300 for a total increase of \$11,150.

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

Nay: none

CARRIED

2019-2020 Budgets-The following resolution was offered by Bristle, and supported by Weidmayer to adopt resolution 19-01 now therefore be it resolved the Freedom Township Board of Trustees adopts the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget by cost center.

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

The following resolution was offered by Bristle, and supported by Huehl to adopt resolution 19-02 now therefore be it resolved the Freedom Township Board of Trustees adopts the 2019-2020 Public Improvement Fund budget by cost center.

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

The following resolution was offered by Bristle, and supported by Huehl to adopt resolution 19-03 now therefore be it resolved the Freedom Township Board of Trustees adopts the 2019-2020 Road Millage budget by cost center.

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

Motion by Bristle seconded by Huehl: To transfer \$26,748.53 from the road millage account to the general fund.

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

Generator- Motion by Weidmayer supported by Layher: To purchase a generator for the town hall and have Stein Electric update the panel for \$10,685.00. StoneCo will be giving the township an in-kind donation to go toward the purchase of the generator.

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

Consumers Energy Communication- Representatives will be at the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to give a presentation on various forms of communication related to their business.

Cemetery- Motion by Layher supported by Huehl: To continue communication with the ~~Freedom Evangelical Church Association~~-Freedom Emanuel Evangelical Memorial Cemetery Association regarding the cemetery at the end of Lima Center Rd.

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

Town Hall Rug- Motion by Huehl supported by ~~Huehl~~ Weidmayer: To authorize treasurer to spend up to \$350 to replace the mat at the front door of the town hall.

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

**11. Warrants:** Motion by Huehl supported by Layher: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 4176-4199.

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

**12. Public Comment:**

Adjourned at 10:05 pm

Valisa L. Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township