

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APPROVED Minutes of the Regular Meeting
May 14th, 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, Schaible absent: none 10 were present in the audience.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Change to Agenda:

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

Approve the April 9, 2019 Township Board minutes with corrections. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Bristle supported by Huehl to: Approve April 9, 2019 Treasurers report.

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

6. Communications: Supervisor attended the quarterly permit meeting and reported that the request for permits has increased. MTA magazine was received. DTE will have a public hearing in Lansing on May 21st at 10am. Supervisor has received several calls regarding people from outside of the township parking along dirt roads within the township and walking their dog without a leash. There will be a 2nd public hearing tomorrow night at 7:00pm for the Special Assessment weed Control Management project for Pleasant Lake.

7. Public Comment: Bob Miller shared a few stories about Elaine Watson, a previous township resident who just passed away. She had given Bob a couple of maps of the township that are displayed at the town hall. Stephanie and Kay from Consumers Energy went over the safety procedures if an emergency should arise. If you hear a loud noise, see a fire or suspicious activity at the compressor station please call 911. If you smell natural gas (similar to rotten eggs), blowing or hissing or have no natural gas to your home please call Consumers Energy 24/7 at 800-477-5050. And please sign up for Nixle alerts from Washtenaw County at www.nixle.com or text 888-777 and put in your zip code in the subject. Beth Heuser and Lon Nordeen will discuss what information the PLPOA would like on the website regarding the private boat launch for Pleasant Lake.

8. Reports:

Planning Commission report: Larry reported that the Stoneco extraction renewal permits for the Burmeister and Esch Rd pits will be discussed at the June meeting. The August P.C. meeting will be moved due to the election held that day. A full copy of the PC minutes is available from clerk.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin Ernst submitted his letter of resignation effective May 14th, 2019. Clerk reported that she had sent a letter to June Fowler regarding her violations with the temporary camping ordinance. Several other ordinance complaints have been submitted to the township and the clerk and supervisor will handle them until a new ordinance enforcement officer is appointed.

Zoning Inspector- Jim submitted a report with 5 zoning for the month of April. A pole barn at 4908 Steinbach Rd, a livestock building at 4410 Steinbach Rd, a solar array at 2980 Loeffler Rd, a pole barn at 11364 Ellsworth Rd and a pole barn at 6015 Esch Rd.

Library- Jan Davis submitted a report for Apr.

Clerk report: A FOIA was received regarding Michigan Paving and Materials 2018 annual reports submitted to the township. The next election will be August 6th, 2019 with a township wide Washtenaw Intermediate School District Bond proposal and a Chelsea Library millage renewal just for the residents in the Chelsea School District.

9. Unfinished Business:

Road Commission Agreement- Motion by Huehl supported by Layher to approve the Washtenaw County Road Commission contract for two brines for dust control with a limited 3rd brine determined by the Forman and Township Supervisor.

Roll call vote was 4-1 Aye: Layher, Weidmayer, Bristle, Huehl, Nay: Schaible CARRIED

Motion by Huehl supported by Bristle to approve the Washtenaw County Road Commission contract for gravel and drainage projects and to use the matching funds.

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

Motion by Huehl supported by Weidmayer to carry over our drainage matching funds from 2019 in the amount of \$11,618.00 to 2020.

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

Cemetery Agreement- Motion by Bristle supported by Huehl: To accept the cemetery management agreement between Freedom Township and the Freedom Evangelical Memorial Cemetery Association.

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

Motion by Weidmayer supported by Schaible: As of June 1st, 2019 Dennis Huehl will be the Freedom Township Sexton and submit the cemetery application with the state of Michigan.

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

Cemetery Ordinance- Tabled until next month to give more time to review.

10. New Business:

Zoning Ordinance Amendment 43-E- Motion by Huehl supported by Weidmayer: To adopt the Zoning Ordinance Amendment 43-E, to add "Contractor's Establishment and Equipment Storage Yard" to the C-1 and C-2 zoning districts as allowable land use subject to conditional use permit approval.

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

Ordinance Amendment 32-B Extraction Ordinance- Tabled until next month to give more time to review.

Voting Booths- Different voting booths were reviewed and narrowed down to a 4 station voting booth option. Bristle will gather a couple more quotes and the board will vote at the next meeting.

11. Warrants: Motion by Weidmayer supported by Layher: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 4219-4240.

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

12. Public Comment:

Adjourned at 10:19 pm

Valisa L. Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township