

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
APPROVED Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
January 14th, 2020 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      14 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 December 10, 2019 Township Board minutes.

Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

**5. Treasurer's Report:** Moved by Huehl supported by Bristle to: Approve December 10, 2019 Treasurers report.

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

Nay: none

CARRIED

**6. Communications:** MTA magazine received and multiple calls on parcels for sale in the township.

**7. Public Comment:** Suzanna Flower, from Washtenaw Area Transportation (WATS) spoke about some of the things that were gathered from the Washtenaw Co. Transportation forum that was held a few months ago. 70 surveys were received with many sharing the need for an expanded bus route from Manchester to Chelsea or Ann Arbor. Beth Heuser asked the board to contact the Wash. Co. Road Commission and have them look at the corner of Lima Center and Hieber Rd. The culvert seems to be plugged and it is flooding the area along the edge of the road. And there is concern with the septic system at a home located in that area at 11493 Hieber Rd, especially if work begins on that culvert. The road commission and health dept. need to work together.

**8. Reports:**

Planning Commission report: Larry Lindemann reported that there was a public hearing before their regular meeting to approve zoning amendments for changes to update the zoning map. StoneCo-Burmeister pit submitted their extraction renewal permit application and it will be reviewed at next month's meeting. Rick Wilson gave a presentation on solar energy. Two boundary adjustment applications were reviewed. Elections were as followed- Larry Lindemann will remain chair, Matt Little vice-chair, Susan Ochs will be secretary and Jennifer Alexa will remain the recording secretary. The idea of a computer being purchased for the planning commission secretary was raised. There will be a public hearing before their next meeting on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> for zoning ordinance amendments. A full copy of the PC minutes is available from clerk.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Austin Helber reported sending out 2 letters this month, one to the Carver's regarding the raised car and one to the Fowler's for the port-a-john on their property that needs to be removed.

Zoning Inspector- Jim Coval reported for the month of December he had 1 zoning, a new address at 7588 Schenider Rd. Recap of zonings issued for 2019 were as followed- 1 pool, 8 pole barns, 1 new home, 3 home additions, 2 decks, 4 solar arrays, 1 garage and 5 new addresses.

Library- No report

Clerk report: W-2s and 1099s have been prepared and mailed out. Ballots have been ordered for the presidential primary election which will be Mar. 10th. Our monthly township board meeting is the same night so that will need to be moved. Preparations for the annual audit of township records has begun and the township will need to contact a CPA to reform a few standard bookkeeping activities to prepare for it.

Moved by Bristle supported by Layher: To move the March 10, 2020 Township Board meeting to Wednesday March 11, 2020 due to the election.

Motion carried with all Ayes.

CARRIED

Motion by Huehl supported by Layher: To have the clerk contact a CPA firm to prepare the standard bookkeeping needed to be completed before the annual audit.

Roll call vote was unanimous.

Aye: Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Weidmayer

Nay: none

CARRIED

**9. Unfinished Business:**

Short-Term Rentals- The board reviewed the updated regulatory ordinance. Chris Mikesell shared that she supported the ordinance and thanked the board for listening to the residents of the township and preparing this ordinance.

Motion by Weidmayer supported by Huehl: To adopt the Short-Term Transient Rental Ordinance No. 50 to provide for the licensing and regulation of certain residential rental units within Freedom Township and other purposes.

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

**10. New Business:**

Salaries for 2020-2021- Figures discussed but tabled till next meeting.

Poverty Guidelines/Hardship Application- Tabled till next month.

Washtenaw County Weatherization Assistance Program- A flier from Washtenaw County for a weatherization assistance program was shared and posted at the town hall.

**11. Warrants:** Motion by Huehl supported by Layher: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 4399-4423.

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

**12. Public Comment:**

Adjourned at 9:46 pm

Valisa L. Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township