

9. Unfinished Business:

Safety Committee wrap-up- Matt Little, safety committee chair, will get a finalized copy of the continuity and emergency preparedness plan for the next meeting and it will be sent to Dave Halteman, the director of Wash. Co Emergency services, for approval.

10. New Business:

Town Hall Water Softener- Kinetico came out and evaluated the water softener and said with the silt buildup a new system is needed. They were asked for a quote but did not submit one. A quote from Champion came in at \$1,850. The board will seek a couple more quotes and plan to make a decision at the next meeting.

Town Hall Rentals- Town hall rentals will follow all current health and safety guidelines. Michigan Emergency Order MCL 333.2253- Gathering Prohibition and Mask Order says “In venues without fixed seating, limit attendance to 20 persons per 1,000 square feet in each occupied room.” Based on the square footage of the town hall it could hold up to 40 people for an event.

Planning Commission Recording Secretary- Motion by Weidmayer supported by Bristle: To have Carol Huehl fill the position of recording secretary for planning commission for one year.

Roll call vote passed. Aye: Layher, Schaible, Bristle, Weidmayer Nay: none Abstained: Huehl CARRIED

Freedom Township Broadband Task Force- Gov. Whitmer announced awarding 12.7 million to projects across the state to increase broadband internet access. Mercury Wireless was awarded funding to service 7 municipalities in Washtenaw County, including Freedom Township, by 2023. Bristle is attending monthly Wash. Co. broadband task force meetings and will share updates as details are provided.

Warning Siren- At the last meeting 140 letters from residents were received expressing the need for a viable warning system. Discussion was had on outdoor warning systems and their purpose for activation- tornado, high winds, hazardous material accident, and terrorist attack. Outdoor warning systems purposes are to sound signaling people to take cover and tune to local media for details. These systems are not designed to be heard indoors. Wash. Co. is currently using the Everbridge Alert System to communicate with citizens and businesses during emergencies and other critical events. You will need to sign up (www.washtenaw.org/alerts) for the service and messages will be sent to either- your cell phone, SMS (text), home phone, email, fax or pager. When looking at warning sirens we need to be mindful to use township funds for services that will benefit the township as a whole, not just parts of it. Township officials will continue to push pipeline companies to work together on communication and safety issues. This topic will be on next months agenda.

11. Warrants: Motion by Huehl supported by Layher: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 4604-4624.

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

12. Public Comment:

Adjourned at 9:54 pm

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Clerk, Freedom Township