

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DRAFT Minutes of the Regular Meeting
November 10, 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, 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 Schaible to: Approve the October 13, 2020 Township Board minutes with no corrections. Motion carried with all Ayes CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Schaible supported by Bristle to: Approve October 13, 2020 Treasurers report. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Layher, Weidmayer, Bristle, Huehl, Schaible Nay: none CARRIED

6. Communications: Supervisor Weidmayer shared an upcoming DTE public hearing in Lansing on Nov. 12th. MTA magazine had lots of information on different townships ways of handling the COVID-19 pandemic. A letter was received from the Wash. Co. Water Resource Office regarding the treatment of Pleasant Lake in Sept. and the miscommunication of notices informing residents.

7. Public Comment: Beth Heuser thanked the board for the 3rd brine on the roads and shared how pleased she was with the results. She turned in 11 more letters from residents requesting support and action on two areas of concern to the township and residents: the need for a viable safety plan and warning system(s) and high-speed internet service. Doug Fuller, Wash. Co. Road Commission member, shared information on a grant that the road commission has received to gather traffic data and public input regarding the stretch of Pleasant Lake Road between Parker and Schneider Road. And Doug shared what a pleasure it has been working with Dale as Township Supervisor over the years.

8. Reports:

Planning Commission report: Larry Lindemann reported that the planning commission met last Thursday at the town hall. They approved a boundary adjustment for Mark Johnson and a land division for Maxwell/Goodwins. Reclamation bonds for the gravel pits were set-American Aggregates/Levy \$705,500, StoneCo/Burmeister \$585,500, StoneCo/Pleasant Hills \$431,000. Jim Clarke site plan was approved. There was lots of discussion on Stoneco's Conditional Use Permit and it will be on next month's agenda. Larry Lindemann submitted his letter of resignation, as planning commission member, and will continue serving Freedom Township next month now as Superviosr. A full copy of the PC minutes is available from clerk.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Austin Helber submitted his report for the month of October. A letter was sent to 9211 Pleasant Lake Rd for property maintenance and issues with storage on the property (storage containers are illegal). He will issue a civil infraction violation if the property is not cleaned up by the deadline given. Jessica Roberts shared seeing and hearing fireworks and other explosions at 5870 Lima Center Rd and asked this to be looked into further.

Zoning Inspector- Jim Coval reported having 2 zonings for the month of October. One was issued for a new address at 6380 Lima Center Road and the other was for a 2 car garage attachment on Happy Hollow that was denied. That homeowner has submitted an application for a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Library- Susan Layher submitted a report from their Oct. 26th meeting. The library will be opened till 7:00p.m. on Thursday evenings and has switched back to curbside pickup only until the Manchester Schools open back up.

Clerk report: Presidential Election on Nov. 3rd, 2020 ran very smoothly for Freedom Township. Voter turnout was 80.4% with 503 voters voting by absentee ballots and 522 voting in-person. Clerk is currently working to get the township auditor copies of our quickbook records to begin working on the township audit.

