

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
APPROVED Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
March 11, 2020 8:00 pm

BUDGET HEARING

Supervisor Weidmayer called the public hearing to order at 7:33pm

Members present: Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Schaible absent: none 8 were present in the audience

Supervisor Weidmayer welcomed everyone and asked Clerk Bristle to present the proposed 2020-2021 budget.

Adjourned at 8:06 pm

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 8:10pm

Members present: Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Schaible absent: none 12 were present in the audience

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Change to Agenda:** none

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

Approve the February 11, 2020 Township Board minutes with corrections. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

**5. Treasurer's Report:** Moved by Huehl supported by Bristle to: Approve February 11, 2020 Treasurers report.

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

**6. Communications:** Monthly MTA magazine was received. The assessing contract from the Washtenaw County Equalization office was received.

**7. Public Comment:** none

**8. Reports:**

Planning Commission report: Larry Lindemann reported that two notices were received from Lima and Lodi Township that they are updating their master plans. Stoneco Pleasant Hills pit 9 renewal was tabled and the Stoneco Burmeister pit renewal application needs more information from the applicant. The Conditional Use application was reviewed and the PC approved several waivers requested. Site inventory of existing trees in the woodlot is requested. Larry, Matt Little and Karen Flahie attended a pipeline safety meeting in Ann Arbor. It was geared towards contractors but they still found it very informative. A full copy of the PC minutes is available from clerk.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Austin Helber reported the port-a-john on the Fowler property has been removed. The clerk mailed a letter with the new short-term transient rental ordinance and an application to Ms. Ring on Happy Hollow Dr.

Zoning Inspector- Jim Coval submitted his report for the month of February he had 3 zonings issued. A new address at 9630 Saline Waterworks Rd, a new house at 7588 Schneider Rd and a temporary trailer at 6200 Ernst Rd. He also issued a stop work order at 7855 Ernst Rd for incompliance with zoning requirements.

Library- Susan Layher submitted a report for their Jan and Feb meetings.

Clerk report: Freedom Township had 472 ballots cast yesterday in the Presidential Primary Election.

Trustee Huehl shared that he fixed the door on the east side of the building, with the town hall manager, and a post outside the door would be helpful to keep the wind from breaking the door again. He has a post to donate for this.

**9. Unfinished Business:**

Road Millage- The current road millage for the township expired on Dec. 31, 2019. The purpose for a road millage is for the township to have more control of the funds and directing its usage for the roads within "OUR" township.

Motion by Layher supported by Huehl: To have clerk contact the township attorney to prepare a resolution to place renewal proposition for road millage on the ballot of the next election.

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

**10. New Business:**

2019-2020 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 2019-2020 fiscal year. Township Matching FICA increased to \$6,400, P.C. Planner Fees increased to \$18,100, Election Wages increased to \$2,300, Election Supplies increased to \$2,500, Cemetary increased to \$1,650, Repairs increased to \$8,600, Fire Contract increased to \$97,000, and Drain Fees increased to \$32,000 for a total increase of \$67,750.

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

2020-2021 Budgets-The following resolution was offered by Weidmayer, and supported by Bristle to adopt resolution 20-01 now therefore be it resolved the Freedom Township Board of Trustees adopts the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget by cost center.

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

The following resolution was offered by Huehl, and supported by Layher to adopt resolution 20-02 now therefore be it resolved the Freedom Township Board of Trustees adopts the 2020-2021 Public Improvement Fund budget by cost center.

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

The following resolution was offered by Bristle, and supported by Huehl to adopt resolution 20-03 now therefore be it resolved the Freedom Township Board of Trustees adopts the 2020-2021 Road Millage budget by cost center.

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

Dan Wheeler spoke to the township board on their consideration of him submitting a bid to maintain the gravel roads within the township. It would include grating the gravel roads and contracting of brine application. The board concluded that a meeting would be needed to discuss details before a decision could be made.

Robotics Teams of Manchester 5K and 10K Runs- Motion by Weidmayer supported by Layher: To give permission to the Robotic Teams of Manchester to move forward with their planning of a 5K and 10K run from Manchester and into parts of Freedom Township so long as no cost or liability is associated with Freedom Township.

Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

Board of Commissioners increased Road Commission Board- The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners voted to increase the Wash. Co. Road Commission Board from 3 to 5 members.

Painting Town Hall Exterior- Supervisor Weidmayer proposed the idea of gathering bids for power washing of the exterior of the town hall building or having it washed and painted. The board had no problem with bids being collected.

**11. Warrants:** Motion by Huehl supported by Layher: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 4441-4467.

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

**12. Public Comment:** Carol Westfall shared she has been pleased with the work the Wash. Co. Road Commission has been doing on Hieber Rd. Chris Mikesell asked if there was any updates on the woman at the PC meeting who asked about the pleasant lake school and its current zoning with interest in purchasing it, none at this time.

Adjourned at 10:28 pm

Valisa L. Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township