

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
APPROVED Minutes of the Regular Meeting by electronic remote access  
May 12, 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      2 were present in the audience

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Huehl supported by Layher to:

Approve the April 14, 2020 Township Board minutes with corrections.                      Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

**4. Treasurer's Report:** Moved by Bristle supported by Huehl to: Approve April 14, 2020 Treasurers report.

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

**5. Communications:** MTA monthly magazine received. DTE public hearing in Lansing on May 14<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>. Panhandle Pipeline contacted the township that they will be working with residents within the township to clean up easements for the next couple of weeks.

**6. Public Comment:** Lon Nordeen asked about airbnb rentals in the township. There have been no communications from property owners wishing to fill out the paperwork to comply with our ordinance.

**7. Reports:**

Planning Commission report: Larry Lindemann reported that the May Planning Commission meeting was canceled due to the COVID-19 crisis. He may cancel the gravel pit tour and reschedule it for this fall. The property owner at 7855 Ernst Rd. has submitted paperwork but it is incorrect and lacking the required fees. Larry will be in touch with Rodney Nanney, Township planner to address the issues. Doug Parr from WWCA issued a red tag for electrical work and Jim Coval issued a red tag for the building permit. A full copy of the PC minutes is available from clerk.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Austin Helber submitted his report for the month of April. He received several calls on noise related to dirt bikes on Bethel Church Rd. He asked the resident to speak with their neighbors regarding the noise and if that didn't work he would get involved. He will be sending letters to property owners in violation of the weed management ordinance if necessary now that lawn care workers can work again.

Zoning Inspector- Jim Coval submitted his report for the month of April with no new zonings.

Library- none

Clerk report: Next election will be State Primary Election on Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We may need to order special supplies to address health and safety concerns related to COVID-19. Clerk received several calls asking if the recycling is available at the town hall. The answer is yes. And if the county would be holding their clean-up days this fall. It is unknown at this time.

**8. Unfinished Business:**

None

**9. New Business:**

SWWCOG Meeting- There will be a zoom meeting or an in-person meeting if possible at Sharon Township hall in June to discuss issues related to the jurisdictions within Manchester.

Upcoming Elections- The county and state have been in communication regarding required supplies needed for the upcoming elections to accommodate more absentee voter ballots and safety measures for in-person voting.

**10. Warrants:** Motion by Huehl supported by Layher: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 4486-4501.

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

**11. Public Comment:** Larry Lindemann shared he has been organizing the planning commission records at the town hall.

Adjourned at 8:39 pm                      Valisa L. Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township