

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS Minutes of the Regular Meeting
June 9, 2020 8:00 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 7:59pm

Members present: Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Schaible absent: none 5 were present in the audience

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Change to Agenda: none

4. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Layher supported by Huehl to:

Approve the May 12, 2020 Township Board minutes with no corrections. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Huehl supported by Bristle to: Approve May 12, 2020 Treasurers report.

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

6. Communications: Supervisor received calls with the heavy rain. The next SWWCOG meeting will be Jun. 17th, at 6pm at Sharon Twp. hall.

7. Public Comment: Lon Nordeen shared the planned day for weed treatment of Pleasant would be June 16th or 17th. And he added that Hieber Rd looks good after road grading and brine application.

8. Reports:

Planning Commission report: Larry Lindemann reported that the June meeting was held, last week, electrically using zoom. There was an update on Consumer Energy's construction work. StoneCo extraction renewal app. is tabled. A public hearing will be scheduled in the future for a conditional use permit for StoneCo at the Burmeister pit. Rick Wilson was in attendance regarding commercial solar energy at the old DuRussel property. Currently commercial solar operations are not allowed in Freedom Twp. The gravel pit tour is postponed till this fall. Jim Clarke, owner at 7855 Ernst Rd., submitted a site plan application that will be discussed at next month's meeting. A full copy of the PC minutes is available from clerk.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Austin Helber did not submit a report for the month of May.

Zoning Inspector- Jim Coval submitted his report for the month of May with 3 new zonings. A ground mount solar array at 13750 Waters Rd., a fence at 5150 Happy Hollow Dr., and a single family dwelling at 9630 Salinewaters Rd.

Library- Susan Layher submitted a report for 2 meetings held electronically on May 25th. The Manchester Library has purchased 10 Verizon hot spots that are available for check out. The cost to the library for these devices yearly would be roughly \$7,200. The library will begin a no late fines policy. When the library does open expect limited hours, staff and curb side service. Additional health and safety supplies are being ordered. During the 2nd meeting they discussed the library's budget.

Clerk report: Next election will be State Primary Election on Aug. 4th, 2020. Absent voter ballot applications have been mailed to the voters on the permanent absent voter list. If you wish to vote by an absentee ballot you may pick up an application outside the town hall and drop it in the black drop box out front or print one online and mail it to the clerk personally or use the town hall's address. Notice posted out front about suspected animal abuse in the area. If you have a missing cat or suspect one has been abused please contact The Washtenaw Co. Animal Control Authority or Sheriff's Office at 911 or 734-994-2911. The township received communications from our previous attorney, John Etter, that he is has decided to pass along our files at no charge. Arrangements will be made to acquire the files. The Clerk and Treasurer will follow executive orders and work with the auditor to begin work as soon as it is possible.

9. Unfinished Business:

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.

Motion by Layher supported by Huehl: To approve the Clerk to purchase the required safety supplies needed to run the upcoming elections, specifically protective shields and face shields.

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

10. New Business:

Work on Town Hall- Motion by Layher supported by Bristle: To accept the bid from Kleinschmidt for \$795 to repair the north end gable over roofline- soffit and fascia.

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

Motion by Huehl supported by Layher: To accept bid from Rich Gorlitz for \$700 to power wash the exterior of the town hall building.

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

Painting will need to be done afterward but the board will address this after the power washing is completed.

Ice Cream at Fredonia's on Sat. June 27th- Motion by Weidmayer supported by Bristle: To spend \$200 and purchase ice cream from Fredonia's grocery store and have Linda, at the store, pass it out to children (12th grade and lower) within Freedom Twp. during their normal business hours on Saturday, June 27th

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

11. Warrants: Motion by Huehl supported by Layher: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 4502-4529.

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

12. Public Comment: none

Adjourned at 9:16 pm
Valisa L. Bristle,
Clerk, Freedom Township