

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

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 7:57pm outside in the town hall parking lot
Members present: Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Schaible absent: none 16 were present in the audience

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Change to Agenda: Moved by Bristle supported by Layher:

To add Secure Properties (the former Pleasant Lake Inn site) rezoning and the town hall rental lease agreement to new business. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

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

Approve the July 14, 2020 Township Board minutes with no corrections. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Bristle supported by Schaible to: Approve July 14, 2020 Treasurers report.

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

6. Communications: The next SWWCOG meeting will be Aug. 26th, at 7pm at Freedom Twp. hall.

7. Public Comment: none

8. Reports:

Planning Commission report: Larry Lindemann reported that the P.C. met last night. A public hearing, for a zoning amendment for Paul Parkinson, was held first at 7:30pm. An email was received from a couple who have been looking for property in Freedom Township for a slaughterhouse. That is an industrial zoning. StoneCo has submitted payment for a special hearing on Sept. 10th for their conditional use permit. The gravel pit tour is postponed until further notice. Jim Clarke was not present to answer questions so his application was tabled. Rick Wilson would like to give a power point presentation on commercial solar energy. He and his team will work on getting it to the P.C. for a future zoom meeting. The P.C. voted to recommend the board approve the rezoning of the 9.5ac of vacant land (previously the Pleasant Lake Inn site) from C-1 to Lake District and the 2.52 ac. of vacant land across the road from C-1 to R-2. They also approved the boundary adjustment from parcel N-14-22-200-028 (11275 Pleasant Lake Road to enlarge the rear portion of parcel N-14-22-200-037 (11237 Pleasant Lake Road). A full copy of the PC minutes is available from clerk.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Austin Helber reported that he received a call from Patricia Reddis, regarding the property next to her, at 11174 Hieber Rd, with a large brush pile and concerns with the drain field. Jessica Roberts called with concerns with noise around Pleasant Lake from gun shots, people partying on boats and golf carts. He will send a letter to Pleasant Lake Rd regarding cleaning up the property.

Zoning Inspector- Jim Coval reported he had 2 zonings for the month of July. A pole barn at 10540 Koebbe Rd and a deck and pole barn at 11519 Waters Rd.

Library- Susan Layher submitted a report from their July 27th meeting. The library has a contract with the state of Michigan to follow state standards for opening up the library.

Clerk report: The State Primary Election on Aug. 4th, 2020 had 239 voters vote in-person and 299 by absentee for a total of 538 ballots in Freedom Township. Voters passed the road millage proposal for Freedom Township. Clerk has received 2 FOIA requests for documents related to the state primary election.

9. Unfinished Business:

Town Hall Internet- The Washtenaw County Broadband Task Force is providing grant funding for rural townships to provide a cellular hotspot for parking lot access to WiFi. The Clerk will continue to work with JLT Solution and AT&T to get a quote on connecting to existing fiber and getting broadband service at the town hall.

Motion by Huehl supported by Schaible: To accept the Washtenaw County Broadband Task Force's grant funding that will provide one cellular hotspot, antenna, installation and 12 months of service for the town hall.

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

10. New Business:

Secure Properties Rezoning- Motion by Bristle supported by Huehl: To accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve amendments to the Official Zoning Map to rezone the former Pleasant Lake Inn site, which consists of approximately 9.95 acres of vacant land at 11275 Pleasant Lake Road (parcel N-14-22-200-028) from the C-1 (Local Commercial) District to the LK (Lake) District; and to rezone approximately 2.52 acres of vacant land across from 11237 and 11275 Pleasant Lake Road on the north side of Pleasant Lake Road in the northwest quarter of Section 22 (parcels N-14-22-200-005 and -006) from the C-1 District to the R-2 (Single-Family Residential) District.

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

Town Hall Rental Agreement- Motion by Weidmayer supported by Bristle: To accept the updated Freedom Township town hall rental lease agreement. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

Town Hall Water Softener- The Town hall manager is concerned with problems with the water softener at the town hall. The board members will look over the water softener. Tabled until next month.

11. Warrants: Motion by Huehl supported by Schaible: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 4548-4580.

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

12. Public Comment: Beth Heuser said she was pleased with the brine treatment received on Hieber Rd.

Adjourned at 9:12 pm

Valisa L. Bristle,
Clerk, Freedom Township