

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
October 12, 2021 8:00 pm  
In Person at the Freedom Township Hall

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

Supervisor Lindemann called the meeting to order at 8:01pm

Members present: Lindemann, Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Schaible      absent: none      1 was present in the audience

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Change to Agenda:** none

**4. Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Huehl supported by Schaible to: Approve the September 14, 2021 Township Board minutes with no corrections.      Motion carried with all Ayes      CARRIED

**5. Treasurer's Report:** Moved by Bristle supported by Huehl to: Approve August 10, 2021 Treasurers report. Roll call vote was unanimous.      Aye: Schaible, Bristle, Layher, Lindemann, Huehl      Nay: none      CARRIED

Moved by Huehl supported by Bristle to: Approve September 14, 2021 Treasurers report. Roll call vote was unanimous.      Aye: Bristle, Layher, Schaible, Huehl, Lindemann      Nay: none      CARRIED

**6. Communications:** Supervisor Lindemann reported receiving the monthly MTA magazine. Advertisement from Ann Arbor Community Foundation received. Fahey, Schultz, Burzych & Rhodes are hosting a virtual Inland Lakes Improvement Webinar Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> from 12-1pm if the board is interested in viewing. Matt Little would like to receive the MTA monthly magazine and Mike Bossory would like to receive the MTA emails. WWCA held their quarterly meeting last Saturday and they are financial secure at this time. They approved to purchase a new desk for the office manager.

**7. Public Comment:** none

**8. Reports:**

State Police/Washtenaw County Sheriff Report: Sup. Lindemann shared the September report. There were 22 calls with 11 handled by the Mich. St. Police, 5 by Wash. Co., and 6 were administratively cleared.

Manchester Fire Department Report: There were 9 calls for the month of September.

Planning Commission report: The P.C. met last Tuesday. The P.C. would like to hold another public hearing for feedback on a zoning amendment for alternative energy sources. Gravel Extraction Renewal application for Stoneco P.H. pit #9 was approved with conditions. There is no date, at this time, when they will continue mining. The gravel pits themselves, pull a water sample annually for testing. The township will have a water sample pulled and tested 1-2 years before the pit begins operating again. A full copy of the PC minutes is available from clerk or on twp. website.

Motion by Lindemann supported by Schaible: To have OHM witness the taking of the water sample pulled by Stoneco and have it paid for out of the gravel escrow account.

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

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: no report

Zoning Inspector –no report

Library- Elissa Weidmayer submitted a report for the Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Clerk report: Clerk Bristle shared a recap of the Public Safety Event held on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. The event was held behind the hall under tents with township officials, presenters and residents making up a group of roughly 75 individuals present. Clerk received positive feedback from residents and speakers. The 2020 audit review was received with no problems reported and minor suggestions offered. The clerk will meet with Decker Insurance to review the township's insurance policy. Clerk and Treasurer are working with IT Right and BS&A on the new server and software program.

**9. Unfinished Business:**

Recognition for Previous Township Officials- Lindemann shared size and pricing for various plaques. A 12x15 plaque with 12 name plates with engraving would cost around 100.00. Bristle will have a list of previous township officials and years of service to give the board an idea of how many plaques we would like to purchase. Layher found prices on wall clocks if the board would like to do something special to honor former supervisor Dale Weidmayer for 43 years of service to the township.

Document Scanning/Electronic Files –Bristle has spoke with Applied Imaging and received a quote for scanning and managing scanned documents. The board would like to take the next month to organize the town hall records before proceeding with the scanning project. The board feels it may be a good idea to start with planning commission records specifically gravel pit records.

I.T. Right Laptop Quote- Motion by Lindemann supported by Layher: To approve the I.T. Right quote for two new laptops for the township given to the clerk and treasurer for use.

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

**10. New Business:**

December Public Hearing for proposed Solar Energy Zoning Amendment– The planning commission has set a 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> for the proposed solar energy zoning amendment. If the board would like to mail out a postcard to the entire township making them aware of the public hearing it will cost roughly .95/postcard. It was discussed to add something to the tax bills going out Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> to save money. The board will ask the planning commission to move the public hearing to Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 so a notice can go in the tax bill mailing.

Town Hall Generator Maintenance Contract– Motion by Huehl supported by Layher: To contract with Stein Electric to service the town hall generator once a year for routine maintenance.

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

**11. Warrants:** Motion by Schaible supported by Huehl: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 4849-4865.

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

**12. Public Comment:** GFL Trash Company may not be picking up trash in our area due to staff shortage.

Adjourned at 10:54 pm

Valisa L. Bristle,  
Clerk, Freedom Township