

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APPROVED Minutes of the Regular Meeting
November 9, 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 4 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 October 12, 2021, Township Board minutes with corrections. Motion carried with all Ayes CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Bristle supported by Schaible to: Approve October 9, 2021, Treasurer's report. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Huehl, Layher, Lindemann, Bristle, Schaible Nay: none CARRIED

6. Communications: Supervisor Lindemann reported receiving the monthly MTA magazine. He mailed the Stein Electric Service agreement that was approved at the last meeting. He received a letter from Susan Layher, resigning as one of the Manchester District Library Delegates for Freedom Township. That position will need to be filled. A letter was received from Cadillac Asphalt if we were interested in work done. Washtenaw County sent out an alert that the deadline for FIMA assistance from the June 24-25 flooding is Nov. 12th. Notice was given that there was an error on our ARAP application, the clerk has re-submitted the application with the correction. Lindemann asked if there was any interest in holding a clean-up day wit the County in Freedom Township. Dexter Township just held one and it cost roughly \$6,000. At the SWWCOG meeting last week, the issue with fire runs and HVA responding as well as the Manchester Fire Department was discussed. Manchester Twp. Approved a 150 ac. Solar farm. HB4722 would eliminate a municipality's ability to regulate short-term rentals. The Freedom Township Board has already passed a resolution opposing this bill and sent it on to state representatives.

7. Public Comment: none

8. Reports:

State Police/Washtenaw County Sheriff Report: no report

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

Planning Commission report: The P.C. met last Tuesday. The realtor for Dollar General contacted Matt Little and they are looking at property West of Pleasant Lake School. The Hieber Road house is slated for tear down by Main Street Homes out of Ann Arbor. They are waiting on demo permits and will follow all Township ordinances. HB4722 passed the house and has been assigned to a committee before going to the Senate. The P.C. will hold another public hearing for feedback on a zoning amendment for alternative energy sources. It is set for Tuesday, January 4th at 7:00pm. Jessica Roberts shared a list of concerns around Pleasant Lake and Matt shared the planning commission is looking into a few of the concerns. A full copy of the PC minutes is available from clerk or on twp. website.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: no report

Zoning Inspector – Jim Coval submitted four zonings for the month of September. A solar array at 7880 Ernst Rd, an in-ground pool at 11490 Pleasant Shore Dr., a new address at 9587 Saline Waterworks Rd and a pole barn at 9587 Saline Waterworks Rd. His report for October has 1 zoning issued. A pole barn at 11490 Pleasant Shore Dr.

Library- Elissa Weidmayer submitted a report for the Nov. 4th meeting.

Clerk report: Clerk and Treasurer are working with IT Right and BS&A on the new server and software program. The new computers have been received. Bristle is working with the auditor to complete the F-65 report. A notice was received that there was an error on the ARAP application. Bristle has re-submitted the application with the correction made.

9. Unfinished Business:

Recognition for Previous Township Officials- Bristle shared a list with the board of individuals that have served the township in the past 99 years. The board asked for the ones who served 10+ years to be highlighted and see how many names are counted to be placed on a plaque. The board would like to see 2 quotes for wall clocks.

Document Scanning/Electronic Files –Bristle has spoke with Applied Imaging and received a quote for scanning and managing scanned documents. The board feels it may be a good idea to start with planning commission records specifically gravel pit records. The plan is to take the next 2 months and start organizing those records.

January Public Hearing for proposed Solar Energy Zoning Amendment– The planning commission has set a 2nd public hearing on Jan. 4th for the proposed solar energy zoning amendment. The board would like to mail out a notice in the tax bills making the residents aware of the public hearing.

Ag. Tire Event Agreement– The Supervisor and Clerk will sign the agreement between Freedom Township and the Washtenaw County Water Resource Commissioner’s Office to hold the Ag. Tire Clean-Up event in the Freedom Township parking lot on Dec. 18th.

10. New Business:

Broadband Update for the tax bill and town hall– There was an update from the Washtenaw County Broadband Task Force. Bristle will have it posted on the website and include the information in the next township newsletter. Bristle received an email from Washtenaw Fiber Properties that they are in the process of completing a fiber swap with ACD that would get access to the new tower at Pleasant Lake/Parker Rd. They asked if the board would be interested in an estimate to build out service to the town hall. The board would like to hear more information.

Cost recovery Ordinance– Lindemann shared several cost recovery ordinances from other municipalities. Motion by Lindemann supported by Huehl: To send the City of Roseville’s cost recovery ordinance template to the township attorney for review. It is to cover the costs associated with first responders reporting to situations within Freedom township and may need to contract with a second party for additional services.

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

11. Warrants: Motion by Huehl supported by Layher: To approve the online payments for the 941-tax withholding and warrants 4866-4885.

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

12. Public Comment: Lindemann would like to get some quotes for security cameras positioned around the outside of the town hall building.

Adjourned at 10:16 pm

Valisa L. Bristle,
Clerk, Freedom Township