

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
APPROVED Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
December 14, 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      3 was present in the audience

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Change to Agenda:** none

**4. Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Huehl supported by Layher to: Approve the November 9, 2021, Township Board minutes.      Motion carried with all Ayes      CARRIED

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

**6. Communications:** Supervisor Lindemann reported receiving the monthly MTA magazine. The Board of Review meet today. There have been no updates on HB4722. Notice was received from DTE that there will be a public hearing on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> for increases.

**7. Public Comment:** none

**8. Reports:**

State Police/Washtenaw County Sheriff Report: November Report showed there were 19 calls with 10 handled by the Mich. St. Police, 2 by Wash. Co., and 7 were administratively cleared.

Manchester Fire Department Report: There were 3 calls for the month of November.

Planning Commission report: The P.C. met last Tuesday. A guest speaker from MSU, Charles Gould, was scheduled to speak on alternate solar energy sources but he will have to reschedule for the January meeting. Gravel pit bonds were set at Levy \$672,500, Stoneco Burmeister \$728,500, Stoneco Pleasant Hills Pit #9 \$431,000, Esch Rd. \$250,000. The P.C. schedule was set for the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. There were concerns brought up regarding the demo of the house at 11240 Hieber Road. At this time all the correct permits have been pulled and rules followed. The P.C. will hold another public hearing for feedback on a zoning amendment for alternative energy sources. It is set for Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. A full copy of the PC minutes is available from clerk or on twp. website.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Austin reported sending out three letters last month. A third notice and citation for \$100 was sent to the renter and property owner of 11445 Waters Rd. for property clean up. A first notice was mailed to 580 Lima center Road, and a second notice was mailed to 6251 Lima Center Rd for yard maintenance and unregistered vehicles.

Zoning Inspector – Jim Coval submitted three zonings for the month of November. A new address at 8845 Bethel Church Rd, a new address at 6105 Ernst road, and a detached garage at 9630 Saline Waterworks Rd. There was a meeting Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> between Jim, Doug Parr, WWCA Building Inspector, Beth Heuser and Lon Nordeen regarding the demo of the home at 11240 Hieber Road and the plans for new construction.

Library- Susan Layher submitted her last report for the Dec. meeting.

Clerk report: Clerk and Treasurer are working with IT Right and BS&A on the new server and software program. The 2020-2021 audit is completed and all reporting to the state has been done. Bristle completed a continuing education training for the clerk position provided by the state of Michigan. Bristle has received the W2s and other forms to complete the 2020 tax filings. Bristle will test the township phone extensions and make sure they are forwarding correctly.

**9. Unfinished Business:**

Recognition for Previous Township Officials- Bristle will continue to go through township records to get a more accurate record of the years served by township officials.

Motion by Layher supported by Huehl: to have Layher order the plain barrel wall clock with a plaque in memory of Dale Weidmayer for 44 years of service to Freedom Township.

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

Broadband Update for the town hall- no updates

Cost recovery Ordinance- A draft ordinance was proposed. Lindemann will contact the township attorney to finalize the ordinance.

**10. New Business:**

Appointments- Motion by Lindemann seconded by Huehl to appoint Dan Schaible for a 1 yr. term to the planning commission.

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

Motion by Lindemann seconded by Bristle to appoint Carol Huehl to a 1 yr. term (recording secretary) to the planning commission.

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

Motion by Lindemann supported by Bristle to appoint Susan Ochs for a 3 yr. term to the planning commission.

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

2022 Meeting Dates- Motion by Lindemann seconded by Huehl to set the Freedom Twp. board meetings for the second Tuesday of the month at 8:00 p.m. at the Freedom Township hall.

Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

**11. Warrants:** Motion by Lindemann supported by Schaible: To approve the online payments for the 941-tax withholding and warrants 4886-4912 and the voiding of check 4889.

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. Reminder that the Washtenaw County Conservation District will be holding an event at the town hall on Saturday, dec. 18<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 for recycling of agricultural tires.

Adjourned at 9:55 pm

Valisa L. Bristle,  
Clerk, Freedom Township