

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
APPROVED Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
August 10, 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 8:00pm

Members present: Lindemann, Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Schaible      absent: none      4 were present in the audience

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Change to Agenda:** Moved by Bristle supported by Schaible to: add Metro Act application to new business.  
Motion carried with all Ayes      CARRIED

**4. Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Schaible supported by Huehl to: Approve the July 13, 2021 Township Board minutes with no corrections.  
Motion carried with all Ayes      CARRIED

**5. Treasurer's Report:** Moved by Huehl supported by Bristle to: Approve July 13, 2021 Treasurers report. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Huehl, Lindemann, Bristle, Schaible, Layher      Nay: none      CARRIED

**6. Communications:** Supervisor Lindemann reported that Wash. Co. held a pop-up COVID vaccination unit at the town hall and had 3 residents receive the vaccine. He attended the Safety Open House and Tour at Consumer Energy on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. They have the warning siren installed and tested.

**7. Public Comment:** none

**8. Reports:**

State Police/Washtenaw County Sheriff Report: Sup. Lindemann shared the July report. There were 25 calls with 8 handled by the Mich. St. Police, 4 by Wash. Co., and 13 were administratively cleared.

Planning Commission report: The P.C. met last Tuesday. A public hearing was held to review a draft amendment to the zoning ordinance regarding solar/alternative energy sources. They will have it on next month's agenda for a vote. A gentleman is interested in purchasing land on Ellsworth Rd to build a USDA approved slaughterhouse. Stoneco P.H. pit #9 will be on next month's agenda as well as a boundary adjustment for Cornell/Hauessler. A full copy of the PC minutes is available from clerk or on twp. website.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: no report

Zoning Inspector –Jim Coval reported four zonings for the month of July. A new address at 1023 Saline waterworks Rd, a new address at 3798 Schmitz Rd, a detached garage at 11490 pleasant Shore Dr, and a new address at 3319 Schmitz rd.

Library- no report

Clerk report: Clerk Bristle reported the ZBA approved a variance on Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> for Howard Jr. and Ann Poley. The Washtenaw Co. Board of Commissioners will meet Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> and hopefully vote to use a portion of the American Rescue Act dollars on broadband infrastructure for the entire county. The American Rescue Act funds application for Freedom Township has been received and it is in the next review phase. The Clerk has been working with Chris Mikesall to put together the summer newsletter. The Clerk is continuing to work on the upcoming safety event. The BS&A software agreement has been received and the company will reach out in the next 3 weeks to start the training and implementing process.

**9. Unfinished Business:**

Pipeline Safety/Communications Event- The Public Safety Event is scheduled for Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Freedom Town Hall starting at 10:00am. Plan A is for the event to be held in doors with plan B outside. If outside Trustee Huehl has a 18x40 tent that the board could use and Mike has a 15x30 tent that is available. Clerk Bristle will purchase pre-packaged snacks and water bottles for the event and add her email to the newsletter for a rough idea of attendance.

Memorial Gift for Previous Township Officials- Discussion was had on purchasing a gift to be displayed at the town hall in memory/ honor of township officials and committee members who previously served Freedom Township. The idea of a plaque with names and years served. Supervisor Lindemann received some quotes for name plaques. A 12x15 plaque with 12 names would cost 67.00 dollars and 120.00 dollars for 24 names. Clerk Bristle will look at the oath book to start gathering a list of township officials and years of service.

**10. New Business:**

Summer Newsletter- Clerk Bristle and Chris Mikesall have been working on the summer newsletter for the township and shared the draft copy with the board. A few additions were made. The Clerk will get copies made and mail out the newsletter by the end of the month.

I.T. Right Server Quote—Clerk Bristle, in speaking with BS&A, found it would be beneficial to the township to get a dedicated server for the township. The quote from I.T. Right for the server is 9,900.00. The board would like the Clerk to ask about quotes for 2 new laptops, for the clerk and treasurer, so the equipment is all up-to-date. Motion by Huehl supported by Bristle: To accept the quote from I.T. Right for a server for the Township. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Huehl, Schaible, Rudy, Lindemann, Bristle Nay: none CARRIED

Document Scanning/Electronic Files – Clerk Bristle has spoke with Applied Imaging and is waiting to receive a quote for scanning and managing scanned documents. This will be on next month’s agenda.

Metro Act Application – Clerk Bristle received a Metro Act application, on Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>, from ACD.net for access to and ongoing use of public ways by telecommunications providers under metropolitan extension telecommunications right-of-way oversight act. The Township Board has 45 days to approve or deny the application. Supervisor Lindemann will reach out to Lodi Township (the application is for work along Parker Rd which the west side is Freedom and the east side is Lodi) and see if they can share any information on this application. Clerk Bristle will forward the application onto the township attorney for review and direction since no one on the board has had to approve an application like this previously.

**11. Warrants:** Motion by Lindemann supported by Layher: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 4809-425. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Schaible, Layher, Lindemann, Bristle, Huehl Nay: none CARRIED

**12. Public Comment:**

Adjourned at 10:21 pm

Valisa L. Bristle,  
Clerk, Freedom Township