

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DRAFT Minutes of the Regular Meeting
September 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 8:00pm

Members present: Lindemann, Bristle, Huehl, Schaible absent: Layher 5 were present in the audience
Deputy Treasurer Victoria St. Charles present

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Change to Agenda: none

4. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Huehl supported by Schaible to: Approve the August 10, 2021 Township Board minutes with no corrections. Motion carried with all Ayes CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: no report this month, Treasurer Layher is home with COVID

6. Communications: Supervisor Lindemann reported receiving the monthly MTA magazine. Email received from the Wash. Co. Sherriff Office stated that cell phone carriers would be discontinuing 3G cell towers by Dec. 31, 2021. Question on if Modern Waste, recycling dumpsters, will take plastics 1-7/ Their sign on the dumpsters says 1 and 2 but that may be an old sign. Clerk will contact Modern Waste for clarification.

7. Public Comment: Hannah Bradshaw, from Washtenaw Co. Conservation district, asked if Freedom Township Board would be interested in partnering with them for an agriculture tire pick up day. They would pay for everything they just need a parking lot to hold the event for people to bring their larger ag. Tires for disposal.

Moved by Schaible supported by Huehl to: allow partnership with Washtenaw Co. Conservation District for an agriculture tire drop off event to be held in the Freedom Township hall parking lot. They are interested in Dec. 4th if possible but will take any date available in Dec. Motion carried with all Ayes CARRIED

8. Reports:

State Police/Washtenaw County Sheriff Report: Sup. Lindemann shared the August report. There were 26 calls with 12 handled by the Mich. St. Police, 0 by Wash. Co., and 12 were administratively cleared and 2 were animal complaints

Manchester Fire Department Report: There were 10 calls for the month of August..

Planning Commission report: The P.C. met last Tuesday. A boundary adjustment for Cornell/Haeussler was approved. A gentleman is interested in purchasing land on Ellsworth Rd to build a USDA approved slaughterhouse and they discussed road access and waste water removal. The P.C. would like to hold another public hearing for feedback on a zoning amendment for alternative energy sources. Stoneco P.H. pit #9 had no new information presented. A full copy of the PC minutes is available from clerk or on twp. website.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Austin Helber sent to letters this month. One to 10995 Pleasant Lake Rd. for yard maintenance and a 2nd notice to 11445 Waters Rd. for yard maintenance and property clean-up.

Zoning Inspector –Jim Coval submitted five zonings for the month of August. A new deck at 5203 Happy Hollow Dr, a pole barn at 10175 Scio Church Rd, a pole barn at 2900 Loeffler Rd., and a new address and pole barn at 7610 S. Parker Rd.

Library- Elissa Weidmayer submitted a report for the Sept. 3rd meeting.

Clerk report: Clerk Bristle reported continuing to work on the upcoming safety event. Clerk and Treasurer are working IT Right and BS&A on the new server and software program. Clerk is working on completing the Clerk St. for the county and working with the auditor on the F-5 report for the state.

9. Unfinished Business:

Pipeline Safety/Communications Event- The Public Safety Event is scheduled for this Saturday, September 18th, 2021 at the Freedom Town Hall starting at 10:00am. It will be held outside. Denny Huehl has a 18x40 tent that the

board could use and Dan Schaible has a 15x30 tent that is available. Clerk Bristle will purchase pre-packaged snacks, water bottles and a microphone for the event.

Recognition for Previous Township Officials- nothing to report this month.

10. New Business:

Metro Act Application – Clerk Bristle received a Metro Act application, on Aug. 2nd, 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 following resolution was offered by Bristle, and seconded by Huehl to adopt resolution 21-13 now therefore be it resolved that Freedom Township approves the Metro Acts application from KEPS Tech. Inc. dba ACD.net with the condition they add Freedom Township as the certificate holder on the Certificate of Liability Insurance.

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

Document Scanning/Electronic Files – Clerk Bristle has spoke with Applied Imaging and received a quote for scanning and managing scanned documents. The board would like to review the quote and speak with different officials on how much paperwork they each have that would need to be scanned in.

11. Warrants: Motion by Schaible supported by Huehl: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 4826-4848.

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

12. Public Comment: Supervisor Lindemann will reach out to Stein Electric for a copy of the service agreement for the town hall generator.

Adjourned at 9:47 pm

Valisa L. Bristle,
Clerk, Freedom Township