

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DRAFT Minutes of the Regular Meeting
November 10, 2022, 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 21 were 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 October 11, 2022, Township Board minutes without corrections. Motion carried with all Ayes **CARRIED**

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Schaible supported by Bristle to: Approve October 11, 2022, Treasurer's report. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Huehl, Layher, Lindemann, Schaible, Bristle Nay: none **CARRIED**

6. Communications: Supervisor Lindemann reported he received the monthly MTA focus magazine. He received an email from John Heuser. He received a letter from Beth Heuser's attorney. An email came in from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's office asking about using one of the gravel pits in the township for a training exercise. There has been concern with noise issues in the past. Email received from McLennan's Landscaping for a quote to clean up the flower beds and power wash the town hall. This will be added to new business for discussion.

7. Public Comment: offered at 8:17pm with one comment concerning the Supervisor's statement regarding the house at 11240 Hieber Road.

8. Reports:

State Police/Washtenaw County Sheriff Report: October Wash. Co. Sheriff Report had 23 calls with 11 handled by the Mich. St. Police, 1 by Wash. Co., and 11 were administratively cleared.

Manchester Fire Department Report: The October report had 3 calls.

Planning Commission report: Matt Little reported the P.C. held their meeting last Tuesday. A boundary adjustment for Scott Postiff was approved. Reclamation bonds for the gravel pits were set. A vibration study was reviewed. Stoneco would like to mine another 250 feet closer to Bethel Church. They would have to submit a new conditional use application for that to be considered. The Horning Land that they are selling to Consumer Energy was approved by the state to be removed from PA116. Chris Oesterling's conditional use application is incomplete, and he is aware of the missing information needed. Review continued of the lake district article 3 and Zoning Ordinance 43-B looking at height of houses and footprint size. Marcus with OHM is working on GIS mapping of the Lake District and should have it completed in 30-60 days. A full copy of the PC minutes is available from clerk or on twp. website.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer- Austin Helber submitted a report for the month of October. He said the Else Heller/Chris Brooks property has been cleaned up. Bristle would like this property to be reviewed again feeling there are still violations on the property that need to be addressed. Mailed and hand delivered a fourth notice and second citation to 6251 Lima Center Road for property clean up. And mailed and hand delivered a second letter to the property owner of the old Pleasant Lake bar property to remove the motor home.

Zoning Inspector – Jim Coval submitted 0 new zoning issued for the month of October.

Library- no report

Clerk report- Clerk Bristle reported that the General 2022 Election was a success with a 70.4% voter turnout. She is working to finish up the 2021-2022 audit.

9. Unfinished Business:

11240 Hieber Road Home Construction- Larry Lindemann, Supervisor and Jim Coval Zoning Administrator measured the setbacks of the home at 11240 Hieber Road and confirm it meets the 50ft set back from the high-water mark. Then the Supervisor, Clerk, Zoning Administrator and Township Attorney met at the property to discuss some of the concerns with the home-height measurements, east side retaining wall and drainage. The builder of the home has been contacted to provide an as-built survey. And they need to provide the township with drawings that the township

engineer will review to address concerns of drainage on the east side of the property. The site plan has a retaining wall but if they want to use rocks, they will need to submit an amended site plan. The air conditioner platforms have been removed from the west side of the home.

10. New Business:

Snow Plowing Bids – John Engelbert has moved so we need to find a new person/company to plow the parking lot at the town hall. Layher will speak with Mike Mernack and Lindemann will speak with T-n-N and Boswell to get quotes.

McLennan Landscape Fall Clean-up/Power wash Hall – McLennan Landscaping performed work this summer around the town hall and have given us a quote for fall clean-up of the flower beds and power wash the building.

Motion by Layher and supported by Huehl: to accept the quote from McLennan's Landscaping for \$1,280 to power wash the building and perform fall clean-up of the flower beds and have them replace the three plants that have died that are under the one-year warranty.

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

11. Warrants: Motion by Huehl supported by Lindemann: To approve the online payments for the 941-tax withholding and warrants 5118-5148 and journal entries.

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

12. Public Comment: offered at 9:16pm with four comments regarding the house at 11240 Hieber Road and the need to contact state representatives opposing house bills that would take away local regulation of air b-n-b houses and gravel mining operations.

Adjourned at 9:39 pm
Valisa L. Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township