

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DRAFT Minutes of the Regular Meeting
December 13, 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 14 were present in the audience

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Change to Agenda: none

4. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Schaible supported by Layher to: Approve the November 10, 2022, Township Board minutes without corrections. Motion carried with all Ayes **CARRIED**

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Bristle supported by Huehl to: Approve November 10, 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 Dan McKernan regarding the Barn Sanctuary, and he would like a pre-application meeting. Feb. 16, 2023, at 7:00pm the Manchester Twp Board will be having a presentation on land preservation and Sharon Twp will have one on January 18, 2023, at 6:00pm, they are open to anyone.

7. Public Comment: offered at 8:15pm with two comments. The first concerning the Supervisor's statement regarding the house at 11240 Hieber Road from last months meeting. Beth Heuser would like to submit a letter for public record from her attorney with concerns regarding this new construction. Second comment asked when the next budget year would be discussed. The 2023-2024 budget meeting will be at 7:30pm before the March Township Board meeting.

8. Reports:

State Police/Washtenaw County Sheriff Report: November Wash. Co. Sheriff Report had 25 calls with 11 handled by the Mich. St. Police, 0 by Wash. Co., and 14 were administratively cleared.

Manchester Fire Department Report: No report for November.

Planning Commission report: Matt Little reported the P.C. held their meeting last Tuesday. Chris Oesterling's conditional use application was reviewed. A public hearing will be set for January 3rd at 7:30pm. Two land split applications for Lois Schenk estate were approved. 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. 2023 meeting dates are set for the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. Review will continue of the lake district article 3 and Zoning Ordinance 43-B now that GIS mapping of the Lake District is completed. A full copy of the PC minutes is available from clerk or on twp. website.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer- Austin Helber submitted no report for the month of November. Clerk Bristle created a chart to have the ordinance enforcement officer fill out each month of the various notices sent out with dates, so the board is aware of the violations and time frames for each. Austin 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. A follow up is needed to Beth Heuser regarding the distance from the property line for a propane tank.

Zoning Inspector – Jim Coval submitted 2 new zoning issued for the month of November. A pole barn on Pleasant Lake Road and a new house at 11725 Hieber Road. Melissa Brooks, from the Wash. Co. Equalization office contacted him to get the ag. Exempt buildings issued this year.

Library- Alex McKay reported that the library will be extending their Thursday hours to 8pm. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library program will expand to cover the entire Manchester school district. The library board is looking into investment opportunities with greater rates of return.

Clerk report- Clerk Bristle is working to finish up the 2021-2022 audit.

9. Unfinished Business:

