

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS Minutes of the Regular Meeting
July 12, 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 8:02pm

Members present: Lindemann, Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Schaible absent none 9 were present in the audience

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Lindemann shared that the clock and plaque at the town hall are hung in memory of former supervisor Dale Weidmayer in honor of his 44 years serving Freedom Township.

3. Change to Agenda: none

4. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Huehl supported by Layher to: Approve the June 14, 2022, Township Board minutes with no corrections. Motion carried with all Ayes **CARRIED**

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Bristle supported by Schaible to: Approve June 14, 2022, Treasurer's report. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Huehl, Bristle, Layher, Lindemann, Schaible Nay: none **CARRIED**

6. Communications: Supervisor Lindemann reported he received the MTA monthly Township Focus magazine. He also received an email from Sara Bassett regarding the recycling trailers at the town hall and how to improve the recycling efforts. On July 23 a local group from Sharon township will be having an educational event titled "How Gravel Mining Impacts Our Community—and Yours". The event will be held at the Local UAW Hall on M-52 from 10am-1pm.

7. Public Comment: Joyce VanDoren Van Ryn asked if the house at 5160 Happy Hollow Dr was being advertised as a short-term rental and if so, did they apply for an application to operate as one? And she asked that we check into 5202 Happy Hollow Dr and make sure they are not operating as a short-term rental. Clerk Bristle stated there are currently no short-term rental applications applied for or approved for in Freedom Township. Tina Bednarski-Lynch, who is running for State Representative for the 47th District, was at the meeting to introduce herself and share why she is running for office.

8. Reports:

State Police/Washtenaw County Sheriff Report: June Report showed there were 30 calls with 4 traffic stops, 4 citations, 17 handled by the Mich. St. Police, 6 by Wash. Co., and 7 were administratively cleared. Lindemann has contacted the Wash. Co. Sheriff's Office to get a quote for a contract with a deputy to serve Freedom Twp.

Manchester Fire Department Report: There were 5 calls for the month of June.

Planning Commission report: At the P.C. meeting last Tuesday they set a public hearing for the Horning property that needs to be rezoned then the parcel will need to go before the Township Board for approval then removed from the PA 116 program then it will go back to the Planning Commission for the split. Due to the August Primary Election, the August P.C. meeting will be moved from Aug. 2nd to Thursday, Aug. 4th at 7:30pm. The public hearing will begin at 7:30pm with the regular meeting to follow. In the future the P.C. will take a look at Zoning Ordinance 43-B and the lake district wording. A full copy of the PC minutes is available from clerk or on twp. website.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer- Austin Helber reported for the month of June he went around the township taking photos and sending violation notices to varies property owners. Clean up has started at 11445 Waters Rd. but it is going slowly. He spoke with the owner of 9211 Pleasant Lake Rd regarding moving the storage container and they are allowed to keep it on the property until their pole barn is completed and the electrical permit with WWCA is good until Nov. 2022.

Zoning Inspector – Jim Coval submitted 3 new zoning issued for the month of June. A new house and garage at 9140 W. Textile Rd, a gazebo on Elmdale (no address just a parcel #) and a new front porch at 11582 Pleasant Lake Rd.

Library- no meeting yet

Clerk report- Clerk Bristle reported that the next election for Freedom Township will be Tuesday, August 2nd. The annual audit for the township has started. A FOIA request was received for the building records for 11240 Hieber Rd. MTA is offering online learning resources again. The township can purchase the classes at any time. Bristle has been working on the newsletter and has the final copy to present to the board. The Township has received its second

payment of the American Rescue Plan Act. A couple lake residents shared their concern for fireworks being shot off around the lake in close proximity to their neighbor's homes/properties.

Ag. Tire Event Agreement– Moved by Lindemann supported by Huehl to: Partner with the Washtenaw County Water Resource Commissioner's Office to hold the Ag. Tire Clean-Up event in the Freedom Township parking lot on Dec. 10th, 2022. Motion carried with all Ayes **CARRIED**

9. Unfinished Business:

Audio/Visual Equipment Quotes–No new updates, tabled till next month.

Summer 2022 Newsletter- Clerk Bristle presented a draft newsletter to the board with a quote from Spectrum Printing in Tecumseh for printing and mailing for \$970.

Motion by Bristle supported by Layher: To accept the quote from Spectrum Printing for printing/mailing of the summer 2022 newsletter.

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

Fillable Forms for the Township Website- Discussion to create fillable forms for the township website.

Motion by Lindemann supported by Bristle to accept the quote from Building Place Consultants to prepare fillable .PDF forms for the Freedom Township website.

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

10. New Business:

Survey for New Construction at 11240 Hieber Rd- Lindemann shared that the township received a FOIA request for 11240 Hieber Rd and several neighbors around that property have shared concerns with the building and site plans for the new home meeting the township ordinance, specifically setback dimensions. The township has had the zoning inspector, building inspector and township planner review the site/building plans and double check measurements. There is still concern among residents, so Lindemann is proposing the option for a survey to verify the structure. Motion by Bristle supported by Huehl to accept Arborland Consultants quote for a boundary verification survey for 11240 Hieber Rd.

Roll call vote was 3-2. Aye: Lindemann, Bristle, Huehl Nay: Layher, Schaible **CARRIED**

Manchester Fire Department Contract- Lindemann shared the Manchester Fire Department contract. The board would like to see more supporting documentation before voting on the contract. Lindemann and Bristle will reach out to get that documentation for the next meeting.

Waive Fee Associated with Horning Land Split- Mason Horning submitted a land division and paid the \$150 and due to the nature of the land split (parcel needs to be rezoned and removed from PA 116 before it can be split) the planning commission asked him to withdraw it. He submitted a second land split application with \$150 fee and again it needs to be withdrawn to get the public hearing for the rezoning completed first. It is being proposed to waive the second fee since he will have to resubmit the application again in the future and no cost were associated with the second application before it was withdrawn.

Motion by Schaible supported by Bristle: To waive the second land split application fee for Mason Horning since he withdrew the application, and the township did not have any costs associated with reviewing the application.

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

11. Warrants: Motion by Huehl supported by Layher: To approve the online payments for the 941-tax withholding and warrants 5036-5052.

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

12. Public Comment: Lon Nordeen shared that a Consumer Energy compressor station, at another location, went down and that sent extra loads to the Freedom Compressor Station and required extra gas releases this week. We need to stay proactive on our safety plan.

Adjourned at 10:12 pm

Valisa L. Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township