

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DRAFT Minutes of the Regular Meeting
June 13, 2023, 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 8 were present in the audience.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Change to Agenda: none

4. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Schaible supported by Huehl to: Approve the May 9, 2023, Township Board minutes with no corrections. Motion carried with all Ayes **CARRIED**

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Huehl supported by Bristle to: Approve May 9, 2023, Treasurer's report. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Schaible, Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Lindemann Nay: none **CARRIED**

6. Communications: Supervisor Lindemann reported having received the monthly MTA magazine. Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation grant program is looking to connect paths/walkways through neighboring communities.

7. Public Comment: offered at 8:08pm with two comments. One asking about clean up at the property Consumer Energy owns along Pleasant Lake and another asking if anyone has received a letter from an individual or company to purchase their property to install solar panels. Public comment closed at 8:17pm.

8. Reports:

State Police/Washtenaw County Sheriff Report: May Wash. Co. Sheriff Report had 24 calls with 13 handled by the state, 4 county and 7 administratively cleared.

Manchester Fire Department Report: No report for May.

Planning Commission report: Dan Schaible reported the P.C. held their meeting last Tuesday. The P.C. reviewed the lake district article 3 and Zoning Ordinance 43-B and have sent changes to the township planner for review. The July meeting has been canceled. A public hearing for StoneCo to amend their Conditional Use Permit is set for August 1st. A public hearing has been set for Sept. 5th. The masterplan for the township started to be reviewed. A full copy of the PC minutes is available from the clerk or on twp. Website.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer- Austin Helber submitted a report with updates on the shipping container violations within the township. Chris Brooks was at the meeting to explain how clean up is going to the property he rents on Waters Road. The township representatives will evaluate the property after June 23rd to make sure the violations are resolved, or we will have to proceed with legal action.

Zoning Inspector – Jim Coval submitted 2 zonings for the month of May. There will be a new deck at 11948 Elmdale Road and a denied zoning for a fence at 9590 Saline Waterworks Road.

Library- Alex McKay submitted a report from the last meeting. There will be a library milage renewal on a ballot in 2024.

Clerk report- The Washtenaw County Water Resource Commission determined that the East Branch Pleasant Lake Drain needs maintenance and improvement. The Manchester CRC would like to hold a monthly pop-up food pantry in the parking lot. There will be multiple county clean-up days held in the next few months. There are several residents around Pleasant Lake that have concerns regarding individuals firing off fireworks in the area and debris falling onto neighboring properties and doing damage. The Township board will review a sample fireworks ordinance at the next meeting.

Motion by Bristle supported by Lindemann: To allow the Manchester CRC to use the town hall parking lot for a pop-up pantry once a month. Motion carried with all Ayes **CARRIED**

9. Unfinished Business:

Audio/Visual Equipment Quotes– Tabled until next meeting.

Burn Ordinance-Currently Freedom Township does not have an open burning ordinance and it was recommended by the Manchester Fire Department. The board would like to review a few other sample ordinances. Tabled until next meeting.

10. New Business:

Generac Town hall generator annual maintenance- A quote was received from SB Electrical Contractors for annual maintenance on the generator at the town hall. The supervisor will gather a couple more quotes and the board will vote on it at the next meeting.

ARPA stormwater program – Freedom Township was approved for two projects that will total \$54,500 with funds coming from grant money the Water Resource Commission received.

11. Warrants: Motion by Lindemann supported by Schaible: To approve the online payments for the 941-tax withholding and warrants 5271-5291 and journal entries.

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

12. Public Comment: offered at 9:53pm with two comments, one asking about what happens when a property owner doesn't pay their taxes or makes partial payments and the supervisor asked for the clerk to look at the electrical franchise ordinance. Closed at 10:02pm

Rudy Layher would like to paint the doors at the town hall.

Motion by Bristle supported by Lindemann: To purchase paint for the town hall doors not to exceed \$150.

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

Adjourned at 10:05 pm

Valisa L. Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township