

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 8:00 pm

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 7:58 pm  
Members present: Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Schaible

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**Change to Agenda:**

**3. Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Schaible supported by Huehl to:

Approve the March 11, 2014 Township Board minutes with corrections.

Motion carried with all Ayes.

CARRIED

**4. Treasurer's Report:** Moved by Bristle supported by Schaible to: Approve March 11, 2014 Treasurers report.

Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Schaible, Weidmayer, Layher, Bristle, Huehl

Nay: none

CARRIED

**5. Communications:** SWWCOG meeting April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 in Village of Manchester. Sheriff's report had 18 calls for February. There is a meeting Thursday at 1:00 at the town hall with the board and the Washtenaw County Road Commission. And a meeting on Saturday at the town hall from 9-12 for the planning commission and board to review the new zoning ordinance. Dale has a list of town hall improvements and quotes. At this time we are gathering quotes to replace windows, paint ceiling and replace lightening and clean floors. The Raison River Land Trust has contacted Freedom Township about holding a meeting here but a date has not been set yet.

**6. Public Comment:** Chris Bragg suggested contacting the prison to see if they have inmates that are available to do a public service project such as cleaning up our local cemeteries. Jean Spencer from Happy Hearts Feline Rescue asked the board to pass a resolution recognizing them as a non-profit organization so that they can hold a fundraiser with a raffle drawing (it is required by the state to pass this resolution to do so).

Motion by Layher supported by Huehl that the request from Happy Hearts Feline Rescue of Manchester, county of Washtenaw, asking that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses, be considered for approval.

Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Bristle, Schaible, Huehl, Layher, Weidmayer

Nay: none

CARRIED

Beth asked to use the sign at the town hall to let residents around Pleasant Lake know when treatments would be happening in lake. Pat Conlin stopped by to introduce himself and that he is running for circuit court judge.

**7. Reports:**

Planning Commission report: At last week's meeting future land use maps and new zoning maps were discussed. They need to find a way to define the Lake District. A reminder that there is a review of the new zoning ordinance this Saturday. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin, Dale, Dan and Jim are working on a date to meet with Troy next week and someone from the Water Resource Committee to come up with an action plan to correct violations.

Zoning Officer: No zonings, March was a quite month but the calls have picked up in April.

Library- Correction of name listed for District Library Delegate on the agenda it is not Tom Tuer but his wife Joan Paskewitz.

Clerk report: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation is having a meeting at 4 locations to seek public input and comments on the County Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the next 5 years. The clerk received a letter and check from Enbridge for \$13,500.00 for their environmental stewardship program. The money is to go towards improving recycling efforts in the township. Modern Waste the recycling company the township uses sent a letter of value added services at no additional charge like office paper, magazines and other items. The clerk will contact them to figure out the details. On April 15<sup>th</sup> the clerk will take election containers to Lodi Town hall to be recertified.

**9. Unfinished Business:**

Manchester District Library- The following resolution was offered by Huehl, and seconded by Layher

Be it further resolved that the Township Board of Freedom Township hereby approves this resolution to withdraw from the Manchester District Library Agreement and from the Manchester District Library; the issue of whether Freedom Township should withdraw will be placed on the ballot of the August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 primary election. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Huehl, Schaible, Weidmayer, Layher, Bristle Nay: none CARRIED

Gravel Pit Restoration- Dale talked with Gwen from the bank and Denny received a text the day of the meeting saying that they are moving forward with the restoration of the pit as soon as frost laws are off with Sluerski's out of Adrian doing the work. The board will make a decision at the May meeting if we need to call the letter of credit.

Lawn Mowing Bids- Motion by Huehl supported by Layher to have Mike Meranck mow the township hall grass for \$35.00 per mow. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Bristle, Layher, Schaible, Weidmayer, Huehl Nay: none CARRIED

Broadband- Ray Berg and Matt Little plan to attend the next meeting at Sylvan Township in May.

**10. New Business:**

Recycling in Washtenaw County-Saline- County clean-up day May 17<sup>th</sup> in Chelsea at the Western Washtenaw site from 9-2 for \$10 per car load. Motion by Weidmayer and supported by Layher to support the clean-up date the county has scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup> in Saline. Donation will be discussed at a later date. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Schaible, Layher, Weidmayer, Bristle, Huehl Nay: none CARRIED

**11. Warrants:** Motion by Schaible supported by Huehl: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 9996-10019. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Weidmayer, Layher, Bristle, Huehl, Schaible Nay: none CARRIED

**12. Public Comment:** Dan is planning to attend the HVA information walk through of their call center on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Larry has sent a letter (with the board's approval) to the Washtenaw county equalization department asking them to honor our sliding scales and wait for paperwork from the township. Adjourned at 9:29 pm

Valisa Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township