

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
August 9th, 2016 8:00 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm
Members present: Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Schaible

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Change to Agenda: Motion by Huehl supported by Layher to add cemetery loitering to new business.

Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Schaible supported by Huehl to:

Approve the July 12, 2016 Township Board minutes.

Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Huehl supported by Schaible to: Approve July 12, 2016 Treasurers report.

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

Nay: none CARRIED

6. Communications: July Sheriff Report had 24 calls- 11 were handled by the state, Washtenaw Co. responded to 5 and 8 were cleared. Michigan Twp Focus magazine was received. DTE hearing in Lansing, Public Service Commission, on Sept 1 at 9am and Customer Relations Filing Aug 31st at 9am. The County clean-up day in Saline is Oct. 1st and the township is looking for 4 volunteers, shifts are 9-11 or 11-1.

7. Public Comment: Bruce Manning was asked by Lon Nordeen to come and speak to the board about the Purchase Development Rights (PDR) program. He has 40,000 acres in Scio Twp in the PDR program. In Scio Twp they have a millage for a PDR program. The board can look up the language that Scio Twp used to put it on the ballot. The program helps to keep open space and slow down development. Lon Nordeen added that it was successful in Scio Twp because the residents had awareness of the program and the benefits from it. ET Rover Pipeline got an approval on their final environmental impact statement and anticipates receiving their notice to proceed for construction by October. Consumers are doing some work on piping N of Pleasant lake rd. Wolverine Pipeline is doing a pressure test.

8. Reports:

Planning Commission report: The public hearing was held on August 4th at 7:00pm at the town hall with the planning commission meeting after it. The P.C. made a motion to recommend that these zoning ordinance updates be approved by the township board based on the draft dated 6-30-16 with changes to the diagram in section 6.09, watercourse to wetland setbacks should be 25' for wetlands and 50' for watercourse, on page 4, section 6.09 under E limitations established to meet that stipulation. Need to add 4' statement to all 3 illustrations and some language to the proposed update. Talked about Huron River Watershed recommendations and passed all information onto the planning commission members. They also had a discussion about the PDR program. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin reported an issue at 8730 Saline Waterworks Rd with a dirt pile created. Dale Benhke issued a soil erosion permit and was unaware of the townships ordinance against importation of material and stock piling. The property owner was having fill dirt hauled in to farm a parcel and dredge his pond for top soil for that parcel. Alvin will take the property owner a copy of ordinance 32 and follow up with a stop work order till we get this situation figured out. 9755 Ellsworth Rd. has a LED light as a light for protection on their property and the neighbor claims it is shining into her house. Alvin reported it shines downward and seems more of a neighbor dispute than a lighting issue. The home owners at 9755 Ellsworth rd have MAEP certification and Alvin called to verify that. They have moved their propane tank by their garage and off of the neighbor's property. There is a trailer on Elmdale that needs to be removed. Sec. 11 says a trailer can be parked for camping in up to 15 days if there is a permanent residence and this property does not have one so that rule does not apply. Kevin Ernst is working on removing the trailer from his property.

Zoning Inspector: new zoning issued at 11834 Pleasant Lake Rd for 2 pole barns.

