

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
December 11, 2012 8:00 pm

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

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 8:02  
Members present: Weidmayer, Layher, Schaible, Bristle, Huehl

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**Change to Agenda:** Moved by Huehl supported by Schaible to add 4 county transit authority to new business Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

**3. Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Schaible supported by Huehl to: Approve the November 13, 2012 Township Board minutes. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

**4. Treasurer's Report:** Moved by Huehl supported by Bristle to: Approve November, 2012 Treasurers report. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Schaible, Layher, Weidmayer, Bristle, Huehl Nay: none CARRIED

**5. Communications:** Supervisor Weidmayer shared that the SWWCOG meeting for December is canceled. He recommended that a board member and planning commission member should attend it every other month. There were 20 calls made to the sheriff's department and they handled 14 of them.

**6. Public Comment:** Bob Miller showed the board the frames he had made and hung at the townhall with the proofs for the cemetery displays in them. Bob and Ray Berg are thinking March is a good time to clean up the cemeteries and in April have the unveiling and tour of each with a potluck back at the townhall. We will set a date at a later time.

**7. Reports:**

State Police: No report

Planning Commission report: Meet last Tuesday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. They set their 2013 calendar with their first meeting being Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will start with a public hearing at 7:00 to amend the Levy/Waterland/Burmeister ridge agreement. No zoning ordinances to go over. They will hold Jan. elections for officers. Planning consultant hopes by March to be through the zoning ordinances. Also set the bonds for 2013 for Waterland \$250,000, Barrett \$554,000 (down 10%) and American Aggregates \$489,000. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin reported it was a quiet month with no complaints. He found some vehicles around and there was a neighbor dispute in the southwest corner of the township.

Zoning Officer: Jim called in no reports

Clerk report: MTA new officials training next Tuesday

**9. Unfinished Business:**

MTA Convention- January 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 with early bird sign up by Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Weidmayer supported by Layher to spent \$398.00 to send Denny Huehl and Dan Schaible to MTA convention in Detroit on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

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

**10. New Business:**

Zoning Ordinance- To amend section 1.05- Conflict with other laws.

Motion by Huehl supported by Bristle to adopt ordinance 42 an ordinance to amend section 1.05 of the Freedom Township zoning ordinance.

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

Don Pennington has a write-up for publication for Bristle to post.

Levy Check-Supervisor Weidmayer read a letter from Dale Sawyer regarding a check the township received from Levy for \$3100 and will continue to receive that payment for a total of 9 years. The check will be put into the general funds and can be allocated as needed, it is to help offset expenses related to the gravel pit.

Set Meeting Dates for 2013-

Motion by Huehl supported by Layher to set the Freedom Township board meetings for the second Tuesday of the month at 8:00 p.m. at the Freedom Township hall. Motion carried with all Ayes CARRIED

New AccuVote Card-

Motion by Bristle supported by Layher to spend \$47.50 on a new accuvote card needed for elections. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Schaible, Layher, Weidmayer, Huehl, Bristle Nay: none CARRIED

Tom Pigott-Supervisor Weidmayer read a email he received that day from Tom Pigott. 3 points were made

- 1.) He created Pigott Aggregates of Michigan, LLC
- 2.) Michael Sanders will be the consultant working with him
- 3.) He is currently working on air and land surveys to complete the photo requirements for the permit application. As of Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 no application has been filed and the township has not received a check from the bank for expenses in conjunction with the C&T Reclamation plan.

Pigott did not comply with #6 c.) filing an application within 10 days and the bank did not comply with #29 in providing us with a check for expenses within 10 days of signing the agreement.

Motion by Huehl supported by Schaible to enforce the Reclamation Agreement since dates and fees received have not been met, Supervisor Weidmayer needs to contact Chris McNeely and if needed our attorney will contact him.

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

Appointments-

Motion by Weidmayer and supported by Bristle to appoint Lynn Voegeding, Earl Horning and Frank Lobbestael for 2 year terms for Board of Appeals.

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

Motion by Weidmayer and supported by Huehl to appoint Susan Ochs and Dan Schaible for 3 year terms for the Planning Commission Board.

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

Motion by Weidmayer and supported by Layher to appoint Edward Curley, Gerald Huehl, and Charles Hieber for 2 year terms for Board of Review and David Mieras will be an alternate with a 2 year term.

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

4 County Transit Authority- Schaible just wanted to make the board aware of a 4 county regional transit authority for Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties. They would tax your vehicle registration and he is not sure if we will have the option to opt-out.

**11. Warrants:** Motion by Huehl supported by Schaible: To approve the online payment for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 9637-9673

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

**12. Public Comment:**

Adjourned at 10:03 pm

Valisa Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township