

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
December 9th, 2014 8:00 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 8:01 pm
Members present: Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Schaible

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Change to Agenda: Motion by Huehl supported by Schaible to add C&T gravel pit to new business
Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Schaible supported by Layher to:
Approve the November 11, 2014 Township Board minutes. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

4. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Bristle supported by Huehl to: Approve November 11, 2014 Treasurers report.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Weidmayer, Layher, Schaible, Huehl, Bristle Nay: none CARRIED

5. Communications: Supervisor went to the CRC banquet and Lynn Voegeding received a plaque for his service which is on display at the town hall. No SWWCOG meeting this month. Phillip Boham is a new Government Relations Liaison for HVA and he would like to set up a meeting. StoneCo has purchased all the Barrett Pits in the state of Michigan and the Barrett Paving pit in Freedom Township is closed until further notice.

6. Public Comment:

7. Reports:

Planning Commission report: At the meeting last week they set the 2015 meeting dates for the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 at the town hall. They tabled a land division for Rose due to structure setbacks. A combination of parcels was approved for Rice. They are working with Rodney on the masterplan. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin reported a noise complaint at 11400 Waters Rd. Several calls were received asking about ordinances.

Zoning Officer: Jim turned in report with an addition to a house at 7241 Schneider Rd, new house at 7221 Waters Rd and a pole barn at 9140 W. Textile Rd.

Library- Library board dismissed director James Miller saying he was not a good fit. Kathleen Diamond is acting as interm director.

Clerk report: Clerks meeting at Pittsfield Township. Holiday open house Dec 17th 9-4 at the County. Clerk is working with the county to correct a few voters whos school district information is incorrect in their voter files.

9. Unfinished Business:

Road Millage- Discussion no action

ET Rover Pipeline- The township and residents are encouraged to leave comments on the FERC website as it is record showing our opposition of the pipeline. Comments can be received until January 1 and then FERC has till November 2015 to make their decision.

The following resolution was offered by Schaible, and supported by Layher to submit the foregoing resolution opposing the energy transfer Rover Pipeline Company aka ET Rover Pipeline Company LLC in the creation of a new pipeline and rerouting of the pipeline that incorporates existing corridors along roadways and other existing pipelines in Michigan.

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

10. New Business:

Appointments- Motion by Weidmayer and supported by Huehl to appoint Larry Lindemann for 3 yr term and Dan Schaible for 1 yr term for Planning Commission. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

Motion by Weidmayer and supported by Bristle to appoint Gerald Huehl, Edward Curley and Charles Hieber for 2 yr term for Board of Review and David Mieras as alternate. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED
Motion by Weidmayer and supported by Huehl to appoint Frank Lobbestael, Scott Diuble, Larry Lindemann and Dale Weidmayer for 2 yr term for Zoning Board of Appeals and Scott Guenther as alternate. CARRIED
Motion carried with all Ayes.

Chairs in Office- Old office chairs are being stored in the town hall garage. If any residents are interested in a chair please contact a board member.

Fire Run Billings- Supervisor will will contact the Manchester Fire Department Chief to see if possible for him to attend a meeting and discuss why they act as our first responders, the incident report sent and building a relationship with the township.

MTA- At this time no board members are interested in the classes that MTA is offering at their annual conference held in Grand Rapids this year.

2015 Meeting Dates- Motion by Huehl and supported by Layher to set the 2015 meeting dates for the second Tuesday of the month at 8:00 pm and meet at the town hall. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

C&T Gravel Pit- The board is working hard to wrap up the gravel pit restoration by the end of the year. Motion by Huehl supported by Schaible to have First Federal Bank pay the 2 outstanding OHM invoices for the C&T gravel pit for \$987.25 and waive the \$419.00 unpaid balance in schedule A to wrap up this pit restoration. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Bristle, Schaible, Weidmayer, Layher, Huehl Nay: none CARRIED

11. Warrants: Motion by Schaible supported by Huehl: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 3030-3056. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Weidmayer, Schaible, Huehl, Bristle, Layher Nay: none CARRIED

12. Public Comment:
Adjourned at 10:34 pm

Valisa Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township