

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
December 13th, 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:

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

Approve the November 13, 2016 Township Board minutes.

Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Schaible supported by Huehl to: Approve November 13, 2016 Treasurers report.

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

6. Communications: Supervisor would like to see meetings closer to 2 hours. He enjoyed the HRWC meeting on Saturday. The current plan is to not work on any new ordinances until April 1st when the new fiscal year begins. Snow plowing of the town hall will be done by John Engelbert again. Nov. Sheriff Report had 24 calls- 10 were handled by the state, Washtenaw Co. responded to 5 and 9 were cleared. HVA is celebrating 35 years of service. PDR committee was formed and they held their first meeting last month to meet and begin research. Members are Dale Weidmayer, Sue L, Theresa Schenk and Bruce Manny. Michigan Township Focus magazine had an article on medical marijuana and suggested doing nothing at this time while laws and regulations are going into place.

7. Public Comment: Beth Heuser said it was nice to see Rodney Nanney, twp planner, at the HRWC meeting on Saturday and asked if he was paid to attend. He was not. Carol Westfall wanted to address the board on township finances and using them wisely when getting the township attorney or planner involved in situations. She feels that helpful advice and guidance was not given in her own situation regarding the fence on Hieber Rd, therefore raising costs and wasting time. Instead of working together road blocks were put up. She would suggest bids sent out for a new planner and have presentations from those interested and put policies and procedures in place to keep cost in check. Also mediating skills to deescalate a situation and the benefit of training for board members.

8. Reports:

Planning Commission report:

The P.C. met last Tuesday and had contacted ET Rover to contact Consumers Energy regarding their pipeline and its proximity to their facility. Donna, an ET Rover representative said they are working on an emergency management plan. 2017 meetings will be held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 at the town hall. Marcus is looking at the private road ordinance and the typo on the website. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin sent a certified letter to June Fowler on Nov. 30th giving her 30 days to remove the trailer on Elmdale DR. He spoke with Mr. White and encouraged him to clean up his property on Ellsworth Rd. And he spoke with the owner of 11445 Waters Rd to get the tenant to clean up the property.

Zoning Inspector: 2 new zonings- a pole barn at 7310 Steinbach Rd and a pole barn at 10044 Pleasant Lake rd. WWCA meeting was last Saturday and they approved a fee reduction for all non profits. Audit came back close to their budget. 399 permits were issued in 2016 with 116 being for Freedom Township. Dale Behnke will be retiring January 1st, 2017 and is taking resumes for his replacement. WWCA asked that it be posted on our website.

Library-

Clerk report: General election recount was started and our ballot container was taken to the county to be counted but a court order stopped the process. The recount has been canceled and ballot containers can be picked up this week. Two companies, Revise and JCM Media Group, have been contacted to create the new township website. Clerk will contact a few more and reach out to other townships to see who they are happy with. Current budget was reviewed.

