

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
January 14th, 2014 8:00 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Change to Agenda:

3. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Huehl supported by Layher to:

Approve the December 10, 2013 Township Board minutes. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

4. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Bristle supported by Huehl to: Approve December 10, 2013 Treasurers report.

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

5. Communications: November sheriff report was received as well as a report from Enbridge. SWWCOG held a meeting on Dec. 11th and decided to hold only 6 meetings in 2014 on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners is thinking of getting rid of the Washtenaw County Road Commissioners board which consists of 3 members. Dale was asked to write a letter sharing his thought on the importance of keeping the road commission board intact.

6. Public Comment: Beth Heuser shared her concern for the road commission destroying property on Heiber Road while they are plowing snow. ~~Stacking~~ STAKING property line was a suggestion. There will be two public hearings for the Pleasant Lake Special Assessment on Mon January 27th and Wed Feb 19th both at 7:00pm at the townhall. The annual CROW Valentine sale of flowers and baked goods be held on Feb 13 3-7 & 14 from 9-4 9-7 at the townhall. Don and Kathy Swalwell want to know the progress being made on the situation between them and their neighbor. ~~The board should have acted sooner but~~ a violation citation has been given to Troy Busha in January. And other citations may be given upon further review. Swalwells were advised to turn in the petition to clean out the JJ Knapp drain.

Chris Bragg and Stan ~~Schultz~~ TSCHILTZ shared a proposal to give the voters of Freedom Township the opportunity to decide whether to continue membership in the Manchester District Library or to withdraw from the library, and no longer pay the yearly millage tax, keeping in mind residents can still continue their personal library membership by paying a fee directly to the library. There are 1,143 properties in Freedom Township being taxed and only 128-75 households with Manchester District Library cards.

7. Reports:

Planning Commission report: At last week's meeting they elected officers, Larry will remain chair, Matt is vice chair and Carol is secretary. They reviewed the future land use map. Next month will be the annual gravel pit reviews. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin received no calls. 11941 Bemis Rd had a barn that was a concern but it is outside of our township. 9821 Waters Rd had 2 trucks he checked on. 6450 Esch Rd had a couple of cars that were of concern but they are insured with license plates.

Zoning Officer: No zonings this month but did received lots of calls.

Library- Next month Jan will be coming to talk about the Manchester Library Millage renewal.

Clerk report: none

9. Unfinished Business:

Gravel Pit Restoration- Chris McNeely sent an email saying he received the letter from the township and they are working on the final stages for implementation of the restoration contract.

Office Rug/Townhall Improvements- Dale showed a sample and quote from Select Flooring for \$900. He was given a couple other vendors to contact and get quotes hoping for a more reasonable price. Also discussed was other updates needed for the townhall and the board will put together a list of things needing repairs.

New Zoning Ordinance- The following resolution was offered by Bristle, and seconded by Layher, to adopt a new

zoning ordinance no.43 regulating the development and use of land.

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

CARRIED

10. New Business:

Permit Department- Motion by Huehl and supported by Schaible to accept the permit departments recommendation to increase permit fees \$5 for electrical, mechanical and plumbing. And increase roofing, windows and siding permits by \$15.

Roll call vote was unanimous.

Aye: Weidmayer, Bristle, Schaible, Huehl, Layher Nay: none CARRIED

Broadband- Matt Little and Ray Berg are gathering information on getting broadband in Freedom township. A survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/washtenawbroadband> is on the website to gather data on current user's broadband service.

2014 Meeting Dates- Motion by Huehl supported by Schaible 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

Road Millage Renewal- Dale and Valisa will speak with the attorney to work on the wording with hopes of getting it on the August ballot.

11. Warrants: Motion by Layher supported by Huehl: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 9935-9954.

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

CARRIED

12. Public Comment: None

Adjourned at 10:49 pm

Valisa Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township