

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
January 12th, 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 Bristle to add Huron River watershed council green infrastructure to new business. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Schaible supported by Huehl to:
Approve the December 8, 2015 Township Board minutes with corrections. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Bristle supported by Schaible to: Approve December 12, 2015 Treasurers report.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Schaible, Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Weidmayer Nay: none CARRIED

6. Communications: No SWWCOG for December. The sheriff report for Dec. had 34 calls, the state police responded to 7, the sheriff's office responded to 17 and 10 were cleared. There will be a Visioning Day in Manchester on Sat. Jan. 30th at the Emanuel United Church of Christ. Ava Goff shared her concern for people throwing things in the recycle bins that are not allowed.

Consumers Energy shared a short presentation with slides on the changes they will be making this spring with motors at a temporary site and the permanent site being completed by 2020. They are working closely with an outside firm on noise control and trying to keep it as low as possible. They were responsive to the townships concerns for noise levels and lighting issues. It was suggested they reach out to property owners around them to make them aware of the changes coming.

7. Public Comment: Lon Nordeen asked what is happening with the tent and coolers on the Fouler property at 12070 Elmdale? Dennis Hurst showed his concern as well for this property. A letter was not sent last month as stated so a letter will be sent this week. Dale or Rudy will get an address from the taxes for the property owner. And Dennis was advised to contact either the sheriff's office or the Washtenaw County Health department. Dennis was not happy about the condition of Don Brown's property at 12015 Elmdale. The house had burnt down and the property was not cleaned up. He had called Dale Benke with no success. The board will contact Dale Benke and have him look at it under the dangerous building ordinance. Next he shared his concern at Tony Griffith's property at 11977 Elmdale. There are roughly 30 wave runners around the property and varies trucks and trailers and now he is putting on an addition with no permits. Beth Heuser voiced her concerns with several areas of the township that need to be cleaned up for example Milkey's barn, Vogel's lean to and the Pleasant lake Inn. Barb Fuller Road Commissioner dropped off a hand out for the new road funding package. She will be running for the senate in the 52nd district and will be on the November ballot. She will seek reappointment to the road commission if she doesn't get elected. Dan Schaible asked about the state police issuing tickets on Scio Church Rd west of Parker Rd and Parker Rd south of Scio Church Rd to farm trucks for being on a no truck route. She will look into it.

7. Reports:

Planning Commission report: Meeting was held last week and they reviewed the Rose land division. It was postponed till next month because they need to demolish a couple buildings. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin received a complaint at 9755 Ellsworth Rd for a violation of zoning ordinance section 5.105.

Zoning Officer: Jim attended the Dec. 19th meeting for the Western Washtenaw Construction Authority and they are considering extending hours to include Tuesday and getting a credit card machine. It will be a \$450 initial setup fee and all townships participating have to approve it. They will decide at their March meeting. He received a call regarding property on Elmdale Rd and he called Bonnie Hieber regarding the land division application she turned it.

Library- none

Clerk report: Clerk received 6 additional letters from lake residents regarding opposition to large no see through fences in the township Lake District. They are addressed to the ZBA and were turned over to the ZBA chair. Ballots have been ordered for the March 8th election. Bristle and Huehl are going to the MTA annual conference next week.

9. Unfinished Business:

Office Improvements. - Improvements need to be made to the township office flooring and space but the board will wait till a new budget year. Supervisor will call to get some quotes.

10. New Business:

TR Transport- Motion by Huehl supported by Layher to have the township attorney move forward and file the complaint against Troy Bush owner of TR Transport.

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

2016-2017 Salaries for Board Members- The following resolution was offered by Schaible, and seconded by Huehl: resolution to establish township officer's salaries.

Now therefore it be resolved that as of 4-1-16 the salaries of the township board members are as follows:

Supervisor \$16,500, Treasurer \$17,000, Clerk \$17,000, and Trustees \$130.00 per meeting.

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

Meeting with Road Commission- Meeting with the Washtenaw County Road Commission will be held March 3rd at 1:00p.m. at their office on Zeeb Rd.

Huron River Watershed Council Green Infrastructure- an informative meeting was held on Jan. 9th with around 25 people varying from representatives from the township board, planning commission, CROW, PLPOA, lake residents and the county. A presentation was given by Kris Olsson from the Huron River watershed Council and a map of Freedom Township was evaluated. She will work on the map and information she was given and return closer to summer.

11. Warrants: Motion by Huehl supported by Schaible: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 3315-3332.

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

12. Public Comment:

Adjourned at 10:35 pm

Valisa Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township