

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 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 Schaible supported by Layher to:

Approve the December 13, 2016 Township Board minutes.

Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

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

Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Schaible, Huehl

Nay: none CARRIED

**6. Communications:** Thank you letter received from the Manchester Area Senior Citizens Council for including information about their services in with resident's tax bills. Thank you letter received from Kris Olsen regarding the Huron River Watershed water quality forum. Dec. Sheriff Report had 28 calls- 9 were handled by the state, Washtenaw Co. responded to 11 and 8 were cleared. MTA magazine had another article on medical marijuana. The annual MTA conference will be held in Lansing in April.

**7. Public Comment:** Karen Flahie ~~passed~~ passed out to the board a packet with information regarding the planning commission vote last month. Beth Heuser read a paragraph from the Michigan Township Focus magazine on building trust. Carol Huehl shared that the planning commission meeting was canceled last week because there was not a quorum present. All absent members had valid reasons for not being there.

**8. Reports:**

Planning Commission report:

The Planning Commission did not have a quorum at the meeting last week so the meeting was canceled. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin reported the trailer on Elmdale has been removed but gave a heads up they want to bring it back this summer. Current ordinance says it is not allowed without a home on the property.

Something the planning commission may want to review.

Zoning Inspector: Jim reported there are no new zoning compliances this month. 3 phone calls on solar panel farms. There are no zonings for this but it would be very difficult to pursue. The next WWCA meeting will be Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> at 8am. There are 4 candidates for Dale Behnke's job as building inspector.

Library-

Clerk report: Clerk is working on tax forms for the township. 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.

**9. Unfinished Business:**

Appointments- Supervisor Weidmayer shared that the motion made at last month's meeting to change the planning commission from 5 to 7 members is not valid. The township board is without power or authority to change the size of its planning commission from 5 to 7 members without passing a new ordinance which amends the current planning commission ord. 40. Discussion was had including comments on size of pleasant lake in reference to the entire township, cost savings of staying at 5 members, term limits, wide variety of backgrounds for the planning commission. Comments from the public were consistent that they would like a person from the lake district on the planning commission. After the years were shared of how long current members have been on the planning commission Carol Huehl said she would be willing to step down to end this pressure and create an opening on the

