

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
June 11th, 2013 8:00 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Change to Agenda: Supervisor Weidmayer moved Fire Contract up to first order of business

Fire Contract- Ron Mann and Bill Scully were present with a new 3 year contract for Fire Rescue Protection with the Manchester Fire Department. When a person calls 911 HVA dispatches the Manchester Fire department because they are contracted with us. If the board did not approve the contract the Manchester Fire department is not required to respond to the call because they are paid on-call fire fighters. Freedom Township pays for roughly 1/3 of the cost of the service and the party involved is responsible for the other 2/3.

Motion by Huehl supported by Layher to sign the 3 year contract and continue to use Manchester Fire Department as our fire protection providers and first responders.

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

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

Approve the May 14, 2013 Township Board minutes. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

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

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

5. Communications: The townhall had some damage to the men's bathroom towel dispenser and a security deposit check was kept to pay for the damage. Supervisor Weidmayer attended a ribbon cutting ceremony in Manchester. SWWCOG meeting tomorrow night at 7:30 at Sharon Townhall. Sherriff report for May had 59 calls they handled 46. Weidmayer sent a letter to a resident around the lake asking him/her to please mow their property.

6. Public Comment: Don Swalwell had Alvin Ernst out to look at his property and gave him pictures.

7. Reports:

Planning Commission report: Land division for Elmer Herschelman was reviewed. Steve Lemon brought in some information about Stoneco (new owners of the Waterland gravel pit). Don Pennington talked about the situation Don Swawell is having and adding to section 2.16. They finished the zoning ordinances and will not have a July meeting so they can review the final copy. At their August meeting they will finalize and bring it to the township board in August. Enbridge gave Larry a copy of DEQ permits and the water in the temporary holding tanks will be tested before being released. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin reported bon fire at 3:00 am at 11441 Waters Rd was not in violation. A trailer on the property was thought to have someone living in it but there was no electricity or water going to it so he just asked them to get it plated or have it moved. Zoning violation to 4754 Fletcher Rd they have 60 days to clean up after a barn fire. Talked with owner at 9980 Saline Waterworks Rd and the issues with neighbor blocking the natural water right of way. Bill Degroff will visit with Alvin again to work with neighbor to resolve these issues.

Zoning Officer: Pull barn at 5805 Hickory Sticks Drive and issued new address at 6068 Steinbach Rd for Stoneco.

Clerk report: Clerk meeting on June 26th at Bridgewater Townhall. MTA sent us principles of governance to adopt if we so choose. At this time the board will think about it. Enbridge sent back our grant application saying our part on improving the cemeteries is not allowed as part of the grant so we have to think of another program to submit. We will address it at the next meeting.

9. Unfinished Business:

Gravel Pit Restoration- An extension to the reclamation agreement was received before the meeting and it is being

sent to our attorney to review. And the board should have a new letter of credit within a week. The board will make its final decision on this matter at a special meeting.

Motion by Weidmayer supported by Bristle to have a special meeting on Tuesday June 25th, 2013 at 8:00 pm at the townhall and not hold our July 9th meeting. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

10. New Business:

Fire Contract- see above

11. Warrants: Motion by Layher supported by Bristle: To approve the online payment for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 9781-9805

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

12. Public Comment: None

Adjourned at 9:57 pm

Valisa Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township