

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting

May 10, 2011, 8:00pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

Members present, Weidmayer: Haeussler, Alexa, Huehl, Schaible

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Approve the April 12, 2011 Township Board minutes. Motion carried by all Ayes. CARRIED

4. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Alexa supported by Huehl to: Approve the April, 2011 Treasurers report. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Aye: Schaible, Huehl, Weidmayer, Alexa, Haeussler Nay: none CARRIED

5. Communications: Clerk Alexa, reported from a meeting with Representative Mark Ouimet that the state is thinking about going back to a one time tax collection, also talk about elections only being in August or November. There is a bike race May 14th starting in Saline, going through Freedom Township on Pleasant lake road. MCJPC next meeting is May 17th. Michigan consolidated gas company is having a notice of hearing on uncollectible expense True-up mechanism computation on May 12th. Discussion about Bemis road bridge. The board is asking Fire chief Scully to attend a future meeting.

6. Public Comment: Dustin Krasny representative for Tim Walberg came and gave us an update . A resident from the Freedom Township farm bureau group has asked the board to withdraw from the MCJPC. Discussion about the road budget and new road mileage money. Discussion about The Ride.

7. Reports:

Planning Commission report: Land division was approved per Washtenaw county environmentally health approving a covent. The pc gave the board a recommendation to approve the ordinance for establishing a Freedom Township Planning Commission. Gravel pit tour went well.

A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance enforcement: Gave one year cleanup order for fallen barn at 10255 W. Ellsworth road. Watching a resident for possible lack of shelters for animals outside.

Zoning Inspector report: one zoning at 10905 pleasant lake for a pole barn.

Library report: budget hearing and annual meeting May 19th, possible hours/days cut. Plans for summer reading program almost done. Teen advisory board and book discussion groups will both take summer breaks returning after Labor Day. May 22nd Amazon.com will allow Kindle owners to check out library ebooks, there will be a presentation planned on how to do this.

Clerks report: May 3rd election 226 voters. Fire run court case, judge ordered \$100 per month to be paid to the Township.

8. Unfinished Business:

C & T Materials Inc hearing for chapter 7 bankruptcy is May 18th.

9. New Business:

Moved by Huehl supported by Alexa to accept Water Land's withdraw from a variance and to refund the variance fee from the general fund to Water lands gravel escrow account. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Alexa, Schaible, Haeussler, Huehl, Weidmayer Nay: none CARRIED

The following resolution was offered by Huehl, and seconded by Haeussler to adopt an ordinance to establish a Freedom Township Planning Commission. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Haeussler, Huehl, Weidmayer, Schaible, Alexa Nay: none CARRIED

The following resolution was offered by Weidmayer, and seconded by Huehl. To retain authority over master plans, asserting its right to approve or reject a master plan. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Schaible, Huehl, Alexa, Weidmayer, Haeussler Nay: none CARRIED

10. Warrants: Moved by Huehl supported by Haeussler: To approve warrants 9169-9192 and the 941 tax withholdings online payment. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Weidmayer, Haeussler, Schaible, Alexa, Huehl Nay: none CARRIED

11. Public Comment: none.

Adjourned at 9:48 pm. Jennifer Alexa, Clerk, Freedom Township