

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
May 14th, 2013 8:00 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 8:00
Members present: Bristle, Layher, Schaible, Weidmayer Huehl arrived at 8:07

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Change to Agenda: None

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

Approve the April 9, 2013 Township Board minutes with corrections. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

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

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

5. Communications: Ann Arbor recycling would like to come to a fall meeting. Roads meeting at Dexter library informed all that there is not much money for roads. Sherriff report for March had 26 calls they handled 23 and April had 28 calls and they handles 24. Received a letter from Water Resource Commissioner that Don Swawell has a petition to clean up the JJ Knapp drain. Bob Miller is in need of some help mowing the Fletcher Rd. cemetery.

6. Public Comment: Don Swawell questioned the berm ordinance because of a situation with his neighbor creating one and in the process it is flooding his property. Larry Lindemann said at the planning commission meeting it was discussed and we need to review zoning ordinance 2.16. Alvin is going to evaluate the situation and contact the township attorney.

7. Reports:

Planning Commission report: At the May 7th meeting Don Swawell was there regarding the berm his neighbor is building. Waterland Trucking was purchased by Stoneco and the p.c. wrote a letter regarding the asset transfer to a new owner. Copy on file. Gravel pit walk through has been scheduled for Saturday September 7th at 8:00. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Motion by Huehl supported by Layher to get new maps for Larry Lindemann and Jim Coval for \$140.00 total. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye:, Huehl, Schaible, Layher , Bristle, Weidmayer Nay: none CARRIED

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Nothing to report

Zoning Officer: 1 new address on Hickery Sticks

Clerk report: Motion by Huehl and supported by Layher to have the fire billing clerk sign off and get notarized the release form from DTE Energy to receive payment for their fire run bills. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED
May 7th Chelsea and Dexter school election had a voter turnout of 9 and 1 absent voter. All expenses related to that election will be submitted for full reimbursement. Audit for 2013-2013 is scheduled for Thursday May 16 at 9 at the townhall. Townhall phone needs to stay to be able to transmit election results. Clerk will look into a cheaper plan.

9. Unfinished Business:

Lawn Mowing-Motion by Huehl supported by Bristle to have Simply Green mow the township hall grass and increase the price from \$36.50 to \$38.00 per mow

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

Gravel Pit Restoration- Good meeting on May 1st between all parties involved. Washtenaw Engineering is working on an aerial shot and getting the violations corrected. If they can't reclaim the pit with what materials they have a meeting will be set up for May 29th. At the June 11th board meeting we will call the letter of credit or approve an extension.

Road Contract- Motion by Bristle supported by Huehl to approve the Washtenaw road commission contract for two brines, drainage work and gravel not to exceed \$16,000 with all matching funds for local roads and drainage match for both 2012 and 2013.

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

CARRIED

10. New Business:

Fire Billing- Discussed that it is law that Manchester Fire Department act as our areas first responders and that is what people are being billed for. The Manchester Fire Department is contracted through the township and we cover 1/3 of the cost and bill out the 2/3 balance to the party involved. If Freedom Township did not contract with them the individuals involved would be responsible for the full amount.

11. Warrants: Motion by Schaible supported by Bristle: To approve the online payment for the 941 tax withholding, QuickBooks payments and warrants 9753-9780

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

CARRIED

12. Public Comment: None

Adjourned at 10:07 pm

Valisa Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township