

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
May 13th, 2014 8:00 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm

Members present: Weidmayer, Bristle, Huehl, Schaible absent- Layher

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Change to Agenda:

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

Approve the April 8, 2014 Township Board minutes. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

4. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Bristle supported by Schaible to: Approve April 8, 2014 Treasurers report.

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

5. Communications: Broadband meeting May 16th at 11:00 at the Sylvan Town hall. Sheriff's report for April had 25 calls. May 17th is a county clean up day and you can take things to the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority in Chelsea. There will be another one Sept 20th in Saline. Freedom Township will help with a donation and volunteers. River Raisin Watershed held a meeting at the town hall April 30th with a small turnout. SEMCOG sent a magazine with progress on the Detroit River. Sept 6th is Breakfast on the Farm at Lyn Uphaus' farm.

6. Public Comment:

7. Reports:

Planning Commission report: At last week's meeting they approved a boundary adjustment for Bethel Church. They discussed maps for setting up a lake district around Pleasant Lake. Bill and Rodney will work on maps. We will need to update master plan in 2014. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Request to check out chickens at 11490 Pleasant Lake Rd but they are gone with the previous renters. Neighbors of 6251 Lima Center Rd asked to help clean up the property. Alvin, Dale, Rodney and Troy meet and decided a variance is needed for the property and it will go before the zoning board of appeals.

Zoning Officer: New address at 2360 Loeffler Rd. 5 zonings at new house at 5160 Happy Hollow Dr, pole barn at 8941 Waters Rd, detached two car garage at 9651 Scio Church Rd, pole barn at 11742 Ellsworth Rd and a new house at 8997 Pleasant Lake Rd.

Library- The Manchester Library Board of Trustees would like to hold one or two meetings this summer at the town hall on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7. Clerk will check with town hall manager on availability of the hall and respond to the library.

Clerk report: "Do you want Freedom Township to withdraw from the Manchester District Library" will be on the August 5th ballot. Modern Waste has added acceptable recycling items to the bins at the town hall – office paper, phone books, magazines, junk mail, newsprint, water bottles, steel & aluminum cans, plastics #1 thru #7 and clear glass jars & bottles. Clerk will look into using grant money from Enbridge to purchase a sign with these details to put out by the bins.

9. Unfinished Business:

Gravel Pit Restoration- Dale talked with Gwen from the bank and work on restoring the pit has begun on Monday May 12th, 2014. Work should be completed in 2-3 weeks and time will be needed to see if the grass planted will grow. The existing letter of credit will expire June 25th, 2014.

Motion by Huehl supported by Schaible to extend the letter of credit 6 months to Dec. 25th, 2014.

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

Town hall Improvements-Motion by Bristle supported by Huehl to have Chuck Benedict paint the town hall ceiling in the main room, Mark Luckhardt replace the light fixtures and David Kennedy power wash the outside of the building.

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

10. New Business:

Newsletter included with tax bill- The following items will be in a newsletter that will go out with the summer tax bills. Enbridge grant for recycling, increased recycling available, breakfast on the farm, Saline clean up day, special assessment for the lake road improvements this summer, town hall improvements and the Aug primary election with a proposal to withdraw from the Manchester District Library.

Road Contract- Motion by Huehl supported by Bristle to approve the Washtenaw County Road Commission contract for two brines for dust control and to use matching funds.

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

11. Warrants: Motion by Huehl supported by Bristle: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 10020-10037.

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

12. Public Comment: Township audit on Thursday May 16th at the town hall.

Adjourned at 9:55 pm

Valisa Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township