

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
November 13, 2012 8:00 pm

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

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

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Approve the October 9, 2012 Township Board minutes. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

**4. Treasurer's Report:** Moved by Schaible supported by Bristle to: Approve October, 2012 Treasurers report.

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

**5. Communications:** Supervisor Weidmayer announced Sharon, Bridgewater and Manchester all elected new supervisors. There will be a DTE hearing on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> with an increase of .00474 kw for Jan-Dec 2013. He attended the CRC banquet last Friday in Chelsea. There were 19 calls made to the sheriff's department and they handled 14 of them. C & T Update-Chris McNeely dropped off papers for Dale to sign (they were already signed by Pigott and the bank). Pigott has 10 days to file an application. Dale will ask the lawyer if we need it recorded and Larry wants a copy to send to OHM.

**6. Public Comment:** Pleasant Lake Property Owners went on a guided tour of the gas plant. They discovered the plant is still using water from Pleasant Lake to cool the facility for 2 months out of the year but they have a plan in place to stop doing that in 3-4 years. Also found out the siren that went off a couple of months ago was from a older valve that needed a cover. It was asked about a public open house and Dale will ask about setting that up for the Spring.

**7. Reports:**

State Police: Trooper Mark Miller attended and left cards with his number. He touched on the local church burglaries and said there have been 5 in Washtenaw (1 in our township), 8 in Lenawee Co. and some in Ohio. Asked people to stay alert and report suspicious behavior.

Planning Commission report: Meet last Wednesday Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. They reviewed ordinances and got through 3 sections. They talked about having a Saturday work session to get through the rest of the ordinances. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin reported it was a quiet month with no complaints.

Zoning Officer: 3 zonings- pole barn at 1266 Waters Rd, lean to on a pole barn at 12668 Pleasant Lake Rd and a new address application for Enbridge at 4300 Schneider Rd.

Clerk report: Recap of the general election on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. There were 746 people thru the poles and 168 absentee ballots received for a 75% turnout rate. The day went fairly smoothly and the polls were closed and wrapped up by 11:30 that night with results being turned in at midnight (5<sup>th</sup> in that night). Dale added it was sad to lose Mark Ouimet as a representative, he did a lot for Western Washtenaw County. And talked about the idea of protecting farmland.

**9. Unfinished Business:**

The Ride- sent a letter from their lawyers saying they extended the day to opt out to Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> giving people who already did the option to get back in without penalty. There were a lot of townships that opted out. The board's decision did not change.

**10. New Business:**

Zoning Ordinance- Addition to section 1.05- Conflict with other laws.

Motion by Huehl supported by Haeussler to adopt the foregoing resolution to amend section 1.05 and add item B. - Any use of land for any commercial or non-commercial enterprise or purpose that is contrary to federal, state, or local laws or ordinances is prohibited in all zoning districts within the Township. And reassign letter C. which was B.

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

Suggested to call Don Pennington for write-up and publication.

Motion by Schaible supported by Huehl to spent \$298.00 to send Valisa Bristle and Rudy Layher to MTA training for new board members in Ann Arbor on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

Supervisor Weidmayer announced that board of reviews and board of appeals will be evaluated in December.

Motion by Haeussler and supported by Bristle to accept resignation of Jennifer Alexa (since she had left the clerk position after the date to take her name off of the November ballot). Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

Motion by Haeussler and supported by Huehl to reappoint Valisa Bristle as clerk. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

**11. Warrants:** Motion by Huehl supported by Haeussler: To approve the online payment for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 9601-9636 and 1056 and 1057 from the escrow account.

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

**12. Public Comment:** Supervisor Weidmayer presented Treasurer Shirley Haeussler with a certification for her service as Township Treasurer. Ice cream to follow the meeting.

Adjourned at 9:22 pm

Valisa Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township