

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
November 10th, 2016 8:00 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 8:01 pm

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Change to Agenda:

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

Approve the October 11, 2016 Township Board minutes.

Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Huehl supported by Schaible to: Approve October 11, 2016 Treasurers report.

Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Huehl, Schaible, Layher

Nay: none CARRIED

6. Communications: Oct. Sheriff Report had 32 calls- 13 were handled by the state, Washtenaw Co. responded to 14 and 5 were cleared. Michigan Township Focus magazine was received. MTA annual conference will be held in Lansing in April of 2017. Washtenaw Co. is doing research on the history of the Adler farm (corner of Bethel Church and Steinbach RD) the owner is trying to get the farm approved as a historic district. Dan Schaible asked if there was any township liability once it was approved. At the last SWWCOG meeting it was decided to hold a meeting on the 3rd Wednesday every other month. Dale has spoke with several township residents regarding being on a PDR committee and there will be a possible meeting held in November. Appointments for boards will be filled by the end of the year.

7. Public Comment: Beth Heuser asked about the trailer on June Fowlers property. Ron Nitchie asked for the amount spent on the fence ordinance and where we stand on the budget for next year. Would like to see decisions on what battles the township is going to fight in reference to the amount of money spent. Karen Flahie would like to see the budget vs. actual on the website or in meetings. The board said it could be offered quarterly.

8. Reports:

Planning Commission report:

The P.C. held a public hearing for Lori Preis and her group childcare. There were no comments from the public. She will need to get a fence installed around her yard by May 31st, 2017. She may have up to 12 kids with 2 employees. Reclamation Bonds are set for 2017- American Aggregate (Levy) \$489,600, StoneCo \$604,500, Barrett \$431,000. They are looking at the private road ordinance since the one on the website is different from what they are working with. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin spoke with Mr. White and encouraged him to clean up his property. He has tried to contact June Fowler with no luck yet.

Zoning Inspector: 3 new zonings- 11854 Waters Rd residential home with an accessory building, 11361 Pleasant Shore Dr addition, 11493 Hieber Rd home addition was denied so it is going before the ZBA for a variance.

Library- holiday schedule

Clerk report: General election was November 8th 947 voted so we had a 76.6% voter turnout. At the end of the year the township website will discontinue and a new provider will need to be found.

9. Unfinished Business:

Manchester Area Senior Citizens Council- Rudy will get a list of seniors in Freedom Township and include information about this program in with their taxes. Denny asked if this was proper use of tax dollars. Rudy asked Dale to find out from other supervisors if they were approached as well.

Emergency Services Ordinance- Motion by Schaible supported by Huehl to adopt ordinance 46 to establish charges for emergency services.

Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Schaible, Layher, Weidmayer, Huehl

Nay: none CARRIED

10. New Business:

Dec. 10th-HRWC Workshop- "What Townships are doing to safeguard fresh water resources" Consumers Energy will be present to discuss pipeline safety and the Manchester Fire Department will talk about the dry well on Reno Rd. Other Townships will be present.

J.J. Knapp Drain- \$45,000 additional cost for the culvert across Saline Waterworks Rd.

11. Warrants: Motion by Huehl supported by Schaible: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 3543-3575.

Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Huehl, Layher, Schaible, Weidmayer

Nay: none CARRIED

12. Public Comment: Larry talked about StoneCo and a letter of credit vs. a surety bond.

Motion by Huehl supported by Weidmayer to allow StoneCo to change from a letter of credit to a surety bond.

Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Schaible, Huehl, Weidmayer, Layher

Nay: none CARRIED

Adjourned at 9:45 pm

Rudy Layher, Treasurer, Freedom Township