

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 8:00 pm

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

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 7:58 pm  
Members present: Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Schaible

**2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**3. Change to Agenda:** Motion by Schaible supported by Layher to add Manchester Area Senior Citizens Council and Dale Behnke to new business. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

**4. Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Schaible supported by Layher to:  
Approve the September 13, 2016 Township Board minutes. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

**5. Treasurer's Report:** Moved by Huehl supported by Bristle to: Approve September 13, 2016 Treasurers report.  
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Schaible, Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Huehl Nay: none CARRIED

**6. Communications:** CRC banquet will be Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> and Dale Weidmayer, Bob Miller and Larry Lindemann will be attending. Sept. Sheriff Report had 16 calls- 7 were handled by the state, Washtenaw Co. responded to 3 and 6 were cleared. Water Resource Commissioner Evan Pratt held a meeting regarding the JJ Knapp drain and the repair to the bridge on Bemis Rd and it was passed to begin clean up and repair work.

**7. Public Comment:** Karen Flahie would like to see the township work on efficiency, improving procedures and more training. And she would like to see the budget vs. actual on the website or in meetings. Beth Heuser asked about Rodney Nanney's job as township planner and suggested the township look into other planners.

**8. Reports:**

Planning Commission report:

The P.C. meet last week and the discussion of a land division brought up issues for a private road ordinance. They set a public hearing for Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 for Lori Preis and a group childcare. More discuss on medical marijuana but they are advised not to do anything until Dec. /Jan. and to work with our planner and attorney. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer:

Zoning Inspector: 3 zonings- ground solar panels at 6265 Schneider Rd, pole barn at 6220 Schneider Rd and home addition at 5274 Happy hollow.

Library-

Clerk report: General election is November 8<sup>th</sup>, 109 absent voter ballots have been mailed and 10 more requested today. A letter was received from Erin Lightfoot to review her first responder invoice. Board discussed and felt it did not warrant a dismissal or change of amount due. At the end of the year the township website will discontinue and a new provider will need to be found. ZBA application from Mary Olmstead was received and a denial letter from Jim Coval for zoning is needed to move forward. FOIA request from ET Rover for Barrett Pit extraction permits.

**9. Unfinished Business:**

Town Hall Improvements- Motion by Schaible supported by Huehl to accept the quote from Lenawee Cleaning Services of \$900 for cleaning of the town hall floors.  
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Layher, Bristle, Schaible, Huehl, Weidmayer Nay: none CARRIED

**10. New Business:**

November Meeting Date- Motion by Huehl supported by Layher to move the November meeting date to Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm due to the election the same day. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

Manchester Area Senior Citizens Council- Bonnie Hertler is the president and wanted to share some things that the

group offers. Meals are offered at the Immanuel Church in Manchester on Tuesday and Thursdays at 12:00pm for eat in or take out. They would like to increase their communication and awareness of meals and bus service so they are asking for \$500 to help their cause. The board will discuss and vote at the November meeting.

Dale Behnke- Discussion on Tony Griffiths property on Elmdale Drive. There will be a meeting at the town hall Friday at 1:00pm to discuss the violations and permits needed to move forward and resolve this situation.

**11. Warrants:** Motion by Huehl supported by Layher: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 3525-3542.

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

**12. Public Comment:**

Adjourned at 11:07 pm

Valisa Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township