

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
September 13th, 2016 8:00 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Change to Agenda: Motion by Huehl supported by Bristle to add White Property next to Greene's on Ellsworth Rd to new business. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Huehl supported by Schaible to: Approve the August 9, 2016 Township Board minutes. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Bristle supported by Schaible to: Approve August 9, 2016 Treasurers report. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Schaible, Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Weidmayer Nay: none CARRIED

6. Communications: August Sheriff Report had 18 calls- 6 were handled by the state, Washtenaw Co. responded to 5 and 7 were cleared. Wash Co. Road Millage .5 mil on the Nov. 8th ballot. The County clean-up day in Saline is Oct. 1st 9-2. Manchester CRC will hold a banquet on Nov. 6th and we can appoint a person from the township to be honored. Water Resource Commissioner Evan Pratt will be holding a meeting on Sept. 29th at the town hall regarding the JJ Knapp drain and the repair to the bridge on Bemis Rd.

7. Public Comment: Beth Heuser said the township needs to have a code of ethics. On Aug. 4th at a planning commission there needed to be clarification on wording to a diagram in the zoning amendment. At the Aug. 9th meeting before the township board the wording was not done. At the Sept. 2nd P.C. meeting there was no mention of the amendment. At the meeting tonight she hoped it will be finished. She feels things need to be done in a timelier manner. How much money is lost on procedures not being done in a timely manner? Things need to be more efficient. Consumers Energy Phase II site plans were delivered short of the timeline would like to see more copies of agendas at meetings and extra copies of public paperwork. Who is Rodney Nanney's (township planner) boss? Dale Weidmayer responded that he works for Don Pennington but reports to the township board. Karen would like to see the township put the agenda on the website before the meeting. Tony Griffiths believes that he has followed the State of Michigan code book and does not feel he should be given a violation from the Western Washtenaw Construction Authority (WWCA) for needing a permit. He asked who is on the board that oversees the WWCA. Dale Weidmayer responded that he or Jim Coval as zoning inspector go to the quarterly meetings with a representative from the participating municipalities-Freedom, Bridgewater, Manchester twp and the Village of Manchester. He is trying to resolve his problem without incurring more costs. He wants to work through this so that it is fair. Ron Nitchie asked what the amount was that was spent on attorney fees regarding this issue. We should be able to work together to save money. Tony did apply for a permit yesterday Monday Sept. 12th. Carol Westfall added we should be able to handle this much more efficiently.

8. Reports:

Planning Commission report:

The P.C. meet last week and review Consumers Energy's site plan for phase II. They reviewed the reports they received from OHM and Rodney Nanney's report and approved the preliminary plan with a final one coming in December. They are moving the plant up towards the front of the property along Pleasant Lake Road. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin sent a letter to Mr. Wilson at 8730 Saline Waterworks Rd regarding the townships ordinance against importation of material and stock piling. He went to the planning commission meeting to find out what he needs to do. P.C. told him about the ordinance for land balancing. A fee will need to be added to the fee schedule for an application. He also sent a letter to June Fowler regarding her property. He has heard nothing

