

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
March 9, 2010, 8:00pm

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

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 8:00PM.

Members present: Alexa, Huehl, Schaible, Weidmayer, Haeussler

**2. Pledge of Allegiance.** Moment of Silence.

**BUDDGET HEARING**

The 2010-2011 budget was presented. There was discussion on the budget. Questions from the public.

Adjourned 8:12 pm

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

Approve the January 12th and February 9th, 2010 Township Board minutes as presented. Motion carried by all Ayes.  
CARRIED

**4. Treasurer's Report:** Moved by Huehl supported by Alexa to:

Approve the January and February, 2010 Treasurers report.

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

**5. Communications:** Freedom Township history books are available for sale at \$15.00 each. Freedom Township only gets billed for fire runs from Manchester township fire department, regardless of how many other communities assist at the fires. A few break-ins in the area have been reported.

**6. Public Comment:** discussion on break-ins and fire runs.

**7. Reports:**

Planning Commission Report: Rob Martin from C & T gave a report. The PC will have a work session on March 30, for zoning updates. The Gravel tour is set for May 1st. All gravel pits have a renewal coming up in 2011. Stonco gravel pit is looking into reopening. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance enforcement officer report: Three calls on various issues. Talk about the wild boars, if the boars are seen they may be shot.

Zoning Inspector report: one pole barn at 5602 Hickory Sticks drive, Jim gave the board a year end report for all townships.

Library report: March 27, library planning day, they will be requesting funds through a Federal broadband grant to buy four new computers and a printer, Sunday hours are successful.

Clerks report: May 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a school election.

**8. Old Business:**

Ray Berg presented objectives for the township board to consider regarding the township cemeteries. The board is looking into an ordinance for township cemeteries.

Motion by Alexa seconded by Huehl: to approve Hickory Sticks Drive. Motion carried by all Ayes. CARRIED

**9. New Business:**

The following resolution was offered by Weidmayer, and seconded by Schaible

Resolution to establish township officer's salaries.

Now therefore it be resolved that as of 4-1-10 the salaries of the township board members are as follows:

Treasurer, \$16,000, Clerk \$16,000 and Supervisor, \$15,000.

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

Motion by Huehl seconded by Haeussler to adjust the fire billing clerk pay to \$45 per billing.

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

Moved by Alexa seconded by Huehl to appoint Larry Lindemann as the member and Peter Deloof as the alternate for the planning commission for the MCJPC and Dale Weidmayer as the township board member and Jean Little as the township board alternate for the MCJPC. Motion carried by all Ayes. Nay: none CARRIED

Moved by Schaible supported by Huehl to amend the current budget as follows:

Workers Comp from \$1000 to \$1020, town hall repairs from \$500 to \$5800 and legal from \$15,000 to \$9680.

Roll call vote was unanimous.

Aye: Alexa, Huehl, Weidmayer, Schaible, Haeussler.                      Nay: none                      CARRIED

Motion by Weidmayer supported by Haeussler to adopt the income poverty guidelines.

Roll call vote was unanimous.

Aye: Huehl, Weidmayer, Schaible, Haeussler, Alexa                      Nay: none                      CARRIED

Motion by Weidmayer supported by Haeussler to approve AT&T franchise for video service in the township.

Roll call vote was unanimous.

Aye: Huehl, Weidmayer, Schaible, Haeussler, Alexa                      Nay: none                      CARRIED

The township is considering a road millage in August either a .25 of a mill or a .50 of a mill. A .25 of a mill would cost a township resident with a SEV of \$100,000, \$25 a year or a .50 would cost a resident \$50 a year.

Motion by Huehl supported by Alexa to accept the bid by Blue Spruce lawn mowing service for lawn care at the township hall for \$42 per service.

Roll call vote was unanimous.

Aye: Schaible, Weidmayer, Huehl, Haeussler, Alexa,                      Nay: none                      CARRIED

Moved by Huehl supported by Alexa to add rental rate for the Local Community Organizations to \$75.00 per day for Friday-Sunday and to remain at \$25 per day for Local Community Organizations Monday-Thursday.

Roll call vote was unanimous.

Aye: Alexa, Haeussler, Schaible, Weidmayer, Huehl                      Nay: none                      CARRIED

A motion was made by Huehl and supported by Haeussler to adopt the following resolution:

NOW that it be resolved that we adopted resolution No. 10-01

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Freedom Township Board of Trustees adopts the 2010-2011 budget by cost center, as follows:

Total Expenditure by Department:                      \$247,490

Be it further resolved that the revenues, transfers-in and appropriations of prior year fund balance are estimated as follows:

General Fund

Revenues                      \$224,600

Transfer-in                      -

Appropriation of prior year fund balance                      139,891

Total                      \$364,491

Be it further resolved, that the Township Supervisor is authorized to approve transfers of budgetary funds within a cost center, but any increases to the cost center budgets must be authorized by the Township board. Be it further resolved, the following property tax revenues and tax rates be authorized and that the Township Treasurer is ordered to levy such funds and rates and collect and deposit to the various specific uses and funds as required by ordinance or resolution:

Operating	Rate	Revenue
General	0.9970	\$85,000

Be it further resolved, the Township will levy the 1% Tax Administration fee on property taxes collected by the Township Treasurer on behalf of other governmental units, as permitted by State Law.

Roll call vote was unanimous.

Aye: Schaible, Weidmayer, Alexa, Haeussler, Huehl                      Nay: none                      CARRIED

**10. Warrants:** Moved by Haeussler, supported by Huehl: To approve warrants 8798-8826 with voided checks 8798 & 8826.

Roll call vote was unanimous.

Aye: Alexa, Huehl, Schaible, Haeussler, Weidmayer                      Nay: none                      CARRIED

**11. Public Comment:** none.

Adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Jennifer Alexa, Clerk, Freedom Township