

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 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 Mike Meranck mowing lawn at Fletcher Rd cemetery and Green Infrastructure to new business. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

**3. Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Schaible supported by Huehl to:  
Approve the September 8, 2015 Township Board minutes. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

**4. Treasurer's Report:** Moved by Huehl supported by Bristle to: Approve September 8, 2015 Treasurers report.  
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Bristle, Huehl, Schaible, Layher, Weidmayer Nay: none CARRIED

**5. Communications:** SWCOG next meeting will be Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at Freedom Townhall. Permit meeting was good and the next one will be January 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am. There is interest from people who would like to pay with a credit card. It would cost \$500 to set up that option and there could be a 2.6% fee per transaction. The county clean-up day in Saline had over 500 vehicles go through at 1:30 pm. There were 5 volunteers from Freedom Township. The sheriff report for September had 25 calls, the state police responded to 11, the sheriff's office responded to 3 and 11 were cleared. Bob Miller turned in an application for a CRC award for their banquet in November. Colleen the representative from the Pleasant Lake Inn called to say the building is down and clean up is going very well. Felicia Kuebler would like to get a gravel pit extraction application for the Kuebler Pit.

**6. Public Comment:** Beth Heuser asked if the township planner should bring his laptop to planning commission meetings. He was asked a question about the land usage of the property the county bought and told the resident he would have to look up the answer and get back to him. Jack Westbrook with RuralReach hooked up internet service at the town hall. Currently the service is for township officials only. Mr. Westbrook needs to go before the planning commission and explain what his plan is and follow the rules set in place. Lon Nordeen would like to set up an invite to the Huron River Watershed Council to attend a meeting with the board and see if they could add something to our master plan. This would be a planning session not a suggestion to join the group. It would be about a 2 ½ hour meeting and make for good conversation and long term planning. Any costs associated to them coming for the meeting would be covered by CROW or PLPOA.

**7. Reports:**

Planning Commission report: Meeting last week had the bonds set for the gravel pits. Carol will have the dollar figures in the minutes. They did receive a new site plan from Troy Busha for his conditional use application but more information is needed to make a decision. Troy was present to know what information he needs to gather. A decision was tabled one more month. There was a boundary adjustment approved for the Washtenaw County Parks on Ellsworth Rd. Before the property can be used as a park they need to fill out a conditional use permit application. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office. Lon Nordeen presented about the Huron River water shed.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin received no calls. He did stop by and speak with Scott Burke who has a personal shooting range. He moved a lot of dirt to create a safe area for shooting. He does not have any high power rifles. He is always present when shooting is happening. Alvin will follow up with him to have him look at the zoning ordinance about shooting ranges.

Zoning Officer: Jim had 1 zoning for re-installing a fence at 11260 Hieber Road. He received a few calls.

Library- none

Clerk report: Saline school district voters will vote November 3<sup>rd</sup> in the City of Saline. Clerk received a zoning board of appeals application and turned it over to the ZBA chair to set up the public hearing.

**9. Unfinished Business:**

Township Lawyer- The Township has 4 law firms they are considering working with. The township is currently working with Reading, Etter & Lillich specifically Mark Reading but he just moved prompting the review of different attorneys. We can continue to work with John Etter or Victor Lillich out of that office or another. Others who have shown interest are Mark Fosdick out of Fowlerville, Fink & Valvo out of Ann Arbor and Mariah Fink out of Dexter. The board would like to ask other townships who they are using and contact some of the attorneys references.

Medical Marijuana- The township planner advised the township to extend the moratorium on dispensing marijuana under the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act. Clerk could not locate at this time, tabled till next month.

**10. New Business:**

Freedom Township Library Rep.- Motion by Weidmayer supported by Schaible to appoint Lily Miller for one year as the Freedom Township Library Representative starting in November. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

Office Rug.- The idea of changing the flooring in the office. We need to review the budget and see if this project should be pushed back till next year. Tabled till next month.

Septic Tank.- Motion by Schaible supported by Layher to have Bollinger Sanitation pump the septic tank at the town hall and not put in a riser at this time.

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

Fletcher Road Cemetery.- Motion to have Mike Meranck mow the Fletcher Road cemetery once this year for \$90.00.

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

Green Infrastructure.- was covered under public comment

**11. Warrants:** Motion by Huehl supported by Layher: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 3243-3261.

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

**12. Public Comment:** Barb Fuller dropped off some publications from the Washtenaw County Road Commission, Roads in Review and Parks & Recreation.

Adjourned at 9:47pm

Valisa Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township