FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVED with corrections Minutes of the Regular Meeting November 14th, 2017 8:00 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 7:59pm Members present: Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Schaible, Huehl

10 were present in the audience.

- 2. Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Change to Agenda:
- **4. Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Huehl supported by Schaible to:

Approve the October 10, 2017 Township Board minutes.

Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

- **5. Treasurer's Report:** Moved by Schaible supported by Huehl to: Approve October 10, 2017 Treasurers report. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Schaible, Huehl, Bristle, Layher, Weidmayer Nay: none CARRIED
- **6. Communications:** CRC annual banquet was held this month and another great event. Oct Sheriff's report had 34 calls. Saline Waterworks Rd and Bemis Rd are now opened after new culverts have been put in. Nov. 28th DTE will have a hearing in Lansing. MTA annual meeting will be in April 2018. MTA has an upcoming training being held in Jackson.
- **7. Public Comment**: Catherine Roberts noticed cars on Pleasant Lake and Schneider Rd going above the speed limit and passing on double yellow lines. Bob Miller thanked the board, especially Dale, for the work done on Bemis Rd. And he shared an article that was in the Riparian Magazine about Freedom Twp and the pipelines running through it. Manchester Historical Society met and talked about the tornado that hit the area 100 years ago in 1917. He also added it was nice to see Denny and Carol Huehl nominated for an award and Ray Berg received one for his work with the Manchester Historical Society and Manchester's 150th anniversary.

8. Reports:

<u>Planning Commission report</u>: The meeting was held last Thursday. A letter from ET Rover's attorney was received regarding the above ground valves and basically said that they are regulated by FERC not the township. A letter will be sent to FERC regarding this. Richard Nixon Dixon was denied a zoning compliance for a pole barn because there is only a 33ft easement (which several other land owners use). To get around that issue a private road may need to be created. Happy Hearts Feline Rescue was approved for a Conditional Use permit. Bonds were set for the gravel pits-Pleasant Hill (Old Barrett pit) \$431,000, Levy \$489,600 and StoneCo \$492,500. Mike Bossory would like to move old barns to the west and his site plan was missing certain information. He was advised to speak with the township's planner to get the correct information needed to present to the planning commission. There was discussion on detached accessory dwellings and the township planner will have something for the p.c. to review at their Jan meeting. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: No calls this month. A berm on Tony Schaffler's property seems to be watching dirt onto his neighbor, Doc Wellman's property. Alvin has told Tony in the past to go see the planning commission for permits regarding the berm, but to date has not followed through on that. Alvin will be in contact with him.

Zoning Inspector: Jim submitted his report with 4 zonings issued. A pole barn at 9419 Pleasant Lake Rd., a pole barn at 10885 Pleasant Lake Rd., a new address at 3148 Haab Rd., and a solar array at 3835 Rentz Rd.

<u>Library-</u> Jan Davis shared that the library was happy with the write up in the Manchester mirror with the activities that the library offers. Freedom Township is looking for a second library delegate to represent the township at the library's monthly meeting which is held on the last Monday of the month at 7pm.

<u>Clerk report:</u> Special election held on Nov. 7th was a success with new voting equipment used. 235 voted in person and 42 used absentee ballots with 277 votes casted for a 22.8% voter turnout. Verizon has reached out to the township with new updated equipment and services for the township officials to use. Bristle will get a formal quote for the next meeting. Audit review was received with no problems reported and minor suggestions offered.

9. Unfinished Business:

<u>Pleasant Lake Inn/Paul Parkinson</u>- Paul Parkinson has received a health permit from the county and he is continuing to slowly work on the site. Alvin needs to look into the abandoned car that is on the property. A suggestion of another letter from the township encouraging his clean up of the site may motivate him.

PDR Meeting – There is a meeting being held at Scio Twp. hall on Friday Nov. 17th at 10am.

<u>Website-</u> The new website www.freedomtownshipmi.org is continuously being updated with township information. Clerk will look into getting the old website turned off or put up a link directing people to the new site.

10. New Business:

<u>Manchester District Library Delegate-</u> Freedom Township is looking for a second library delegate to represent the township at the library's monthly meeting, which is held on the last Monday of the month at 7pm.

Appointments- Next month appointments will be made.

Motion by Bristle supported by Layher: To increase the budget line item for election wages from \$1000.00 to \$1326.25 and election supplies from \$5000.00 to \$5810.65.

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

11. **Warrants:** Motion by Huehl supported by Layher: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 3823-3853.

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

12. Public Comment: none

Adjourned at 9:30 pm Valisa L. Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township