

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APPROVED Minutes of the Regular Meeting
July 9th, 2019 8:00 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 8:00pm

Members present: Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Schaible absent: none 5 were present in the audience.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Change to Agenda:

4. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Huehl supported by Layher to:

Approve the June 11, 2019 Township Board minutes.

Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Schaible supported by Bristle to: Approve June 11, 2019 Treasurers report.

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

6. Communications: The back-up generator will be installed July 17th at the town hall. Bollinger Sanitation will pump the septic tank at the town hall on July 19th. MTA monthly magazine was received. Wash. Co. Sheriff's Report has not been received for a couple months so the Supervisor will inquire about a copy. The next Washtenaw County Recycle Clean-Up day will be in Saline date/location TBT.

7. Public Comment: Beth Heuser asked about when the first brine will be applied to Hieber Road. Supervisor Weidmayer will speak with the foreman at the Manchester road commission facility, a lot depends on equipment availability and weather. Lon Nordeen asked if there was any word on a buyer for the Pleasant Lake Inn property.

8. Reports:

Planning Commission report: Larry reported that the Stoneco extraction renewal permit for the Burmeister pit and Pleasant Hills Pit #9 is tabled waiting on more information. Wolverine Pipeline pre and final site plans were reviewed for an expansion to their office. Construction hours allowed are M-F 7am-7pm, Sat. 7-4 and no work on Sundays or holidays. The project is estimated to take 4-6 months. ZBA meeting last night approved a variance. Due to the election in August and nothing on the agenda the Planning Commission will cancel their August meeting. Some discussion on solar energy was had. And discussion on updating the township's zoning maps. A full copy of the PC minutes is available from clerk.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: no report - Austin Helber is the new official

Zoning Inspector: no report

Library: the board did not have a quorum. A member called in to vote so the monthly bills could be paid.

Clerk report: The next election will be August 6th, 2019 with a township wide Washtenaw Intermediate School District Bond proposal. Absent voter ballot applications are starting to be received and testing of the voting equipment will happen soon. There was a meeting between Consumers Energy, a few township officials and a few township residents regarding broadband in the township. Another meeting is being planned. The township has received a donation from Stoneco to put towards the new back-up generator and \$5,000 from Enbridge pipeline to put towards the project. Clerk is also working with Austin Helber to get him settled into his new position.

9. Unfinished Business:

Fire Contract: Bill Scully was present with a new 3 year contract for Fire Rescue Protection with the Manchester Fire Department. When a person calls 911 it goes to the Sheriff's office and fire or EMS calls are transferred to HVA and they dispatch the Manchester Fire department if key words are used and requiring a first responder in that situation. The Man. Fire Dept. is utilizing grants and other resources to keep their training and equipment the best it can be. Motion by Huehl supported by Schaible to sign the 3 year contract and continue to use Manchester Fire Department as our fire protection providers and first responders.

Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Weidmayer, Bristle, Schaible, Layher, Huehl

Nay: none CARRIED

Cemetery Ordinance: Discussion on Lodi Township's cemetery ordinance and using it as a template. Tabled to review it further.

American Red Cross Facility Use Agreement- Motion by Bristle supported by Layher: To accept the American Red Cross' Facility Use agreement to use and occupy the Freedom Town Hall on a temporary basis to conduct emergency, disaster-related activities.

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

10. New Business:

11. Warrants: Motion by Huehl supported by Schaible: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 4265-4281.

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

12. Public Comment:

Patricia Redies expressed concern about her neighbor's house at 11174 Hieber Rd. The health department had come out and did not red tag the house but said it was unlivable. The board will speak with the health department and keep an eye on the property if we need to enforce our dangerous building ordinance.

Adjourned at 9:47 pm

Valisa L. Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township