

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held August 9, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Freedom Township met on the above date. Trustees, David Bruning and Richard Rahe were present. Also present were Road Superintendent, Robert Rentz, and Fire Chief, Duane Martin. Guests included, Dalton Landers and Nick Walby. Chris Bachmayer of Rudolph Libbe, Inc. Kent Schuerman called the meeting to order.

Dalton Landers began with a review of the construction schedule. The Board discussed some minor issues. Rick Rahe pointed out that there are some areas that are not completely sealed around the fire wall that needs to be addressed. M & M will be coming to fix the unsightly exterior duct work. Rudolph Libbe expects to proceed with preparation of the drive and parking area for asphalt next week. Also, RLI will fill one of the gaps around the overhead doors and check with the trustees to see if it is satisfactory before they continue filling in all of the gaps.

There being no further discussion of the Office/Maintenance Building, the Board began the regular business meeting.

Mr. Bruning moved to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2023 meeting, seconded by Mr. Rahe, all yes, motion carried.

Bills and Payroll were presented. A motion to accept the bills and payroll was made by Mr. Bruning, seconded by Mr. Rahe, all yes, motion carried.

Receipts were presented. A motion to accept the receipts was made by Mr. Rahe, seconded by Mr. Bruning, all yes, motion carried.

FUND REPORTS – Fund reports were presented and reviewed.

FIRE – Mrs. Getz reported that she is still looking into options for a new copier/printer for the fire station. She will report her progress at the next meeting.

Chief Martin reported that the SCBA equipment purchased with the FEMA grant money has been delivered to Troy Township. They plan to bring the Freedom Township portion to the fire station after the fair.

Duane informed the Board that Jamie Morlock would like to become active again since has moved back to Pemberville. He will give Julie the appropriate paperwork to bring him active.

Chief also reported that the issue with Ladder 5 has been discovered and is in the process of getting fixed. Atlantic Emergency Solutions provided the parts and Sutphen will do the repair. In addition, the annual ladder testing will be done by National Hose Testing Specialties, Inc. on August 28th.

Mr. Martin reported on the status of the Point System and how it is working. He said they came in under budget for the month of July.

ROADS – Jason Sisco asked that townships wanting to file an application for OPWC funding contact him to provide the appropriate Authorizing documentation. The Board confirmed their desire to apply for a 50% Grant/50% Loan funding from OPWC. Trustee Rahe moved to apply for Ohio Public Works Commission funding to make road repairs to South River Road, with the Wood County Engineer’s office providing estimates for the project, at a 50% Grant/50% Loan option. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.

CEMETERIES – Mr. Rentz reported that the summer help goes back to school on August 16th. Noah Lang said he can mow after school from 3:30 P.M. to 6:00 or 6:30 P.M. some days. The Trustees approved Noah to work outside of normal hours.

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OLD BUSINESS – Zoning – Julie shared the Zoning Commissions proposed language to add to the zoning manual regarding Solar, Wind and Marijuana Distribution. The Board reviewed the proposal. Brooke Hahn will contact Duane Abke to meet and lead the commission through the proper process to add the regulations to the manual.

NEW BUSINESS – Bob Rentz reported that Mary Kay, Jim Smith’s daughter, offered to give the Township an old school house bell she said came from Ladd’s Ridge School over near Eisenhour Cemetery to put out in front of the new township building. Julie contacted the Wood County Historical Society to find out more about the school. She received information from them indicating that the Ladd’s Ridge School was thought to be located in Freedom Township but appears to have been located in Madison Township, Sandusky County, Ohio.

Julie requested that the Board approve a credit card for the Fire Chief, Duane Martin. *Trustee Rahe moved to issue a credit card to Chief Duane Martin to be used for the purchase of supplies and/or services for the Pemberville Freedom Fire Department with a limit of \$1,000.00.* The Board approved a credit card to be issued to Chief Duane Martin, Pemberville Freedom Fire Department, with a limit of \$1,000.00. Julie will order the card.

The Board discussed options for selling the old township building and garage on Water St. Kent will contact Don Rose for information about an auction. Julie will contact Attorney, Joyce Nowak, regarding any regulations on the process for selling the building. No decisions were made.

The Board also discussed an open house following the completion of the new building. No decisions were made.

There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Schuerman adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 7:00 A.M.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer