

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

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

Held November 22, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Freedom Township met on the above date. Trustees, Kent Schuerman, David Bruning and Richard Rahe were present. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Julie Getz, Road Superintendent, Robert Rentz, and Fire Chief, Duane Martin.

Kent Schuerman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Rahe moved to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2023 meeting, seconded by Mr. Schuerman, Rick YES, Kent YES, motion carried.

Bills and Payroll were presented. A motion to accept the bills and payroll was made by Mr. Rahe, seconded by Mr. Bruning, Rick YES, Kent YES, Dave YES, motion carried.

Receipts were presented. A motion to accept the receipts was made by Mr. Rahe, seconded by Mr. Bruning, Rick YES, Kent YES, Dave YES, motion carried.

FUND REPORTS – Fund reports were presented and reviewed.

FIRE – The Board reviewed and signed three requests for use of the fire station. Julie also presented Chief Martin’s credit card along with the Credit Card Policy and acknowledgement. Duane had to leave so he will review it with Julie at a later date and she will give him the card.

Chief reported that the repairs have been completed on the 771 and 777. MES and Cummins performed the work. Also, P & R added communications with Lucas County.

Duane asked for approval for the purchase of new tires for the red ambulance. After discussion, Trustee Rahe moved to purchase the Michelin Tires from Speck Sales in Bowling Green according to their quote of \$1,559.40. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, Schuerman YES; Rahe YES; Bruning YES, motion carried.

Chief Martin reported that Wood County Sherriff Wasylyshyn is urging departments to install (CAD) computers for county wide communication in their vehicles. He is assuring them that the service would be provided free to all departments for 5 years. This, however, would not include the purchase and maintenance of said computers. Pemberville Freedom Fire Department already uses the MARCS Radio system which is working well.

ROADS – Ms. Getz proposed that the township provide a clothing allowance for Mr. Rentz. The Board discussed options for an allowance or providing certain items per year with the township logo. They also discussed getting shirts for the elected officials with the logo for attending events and meetings and maybe the summer help as well. Bob was instructed to get some quotes from local companies for clothing.

Mr. Rents reported that Troy Township has not gotten the Durapatch tool yet but that the amount would be \$1,500.00 per township to purchase together. He said they may need to get a new tailgate with a pigeon hole for it to work properly.

The Trustees directed Bob to put stone on the sides of the retention pond.

Bob reported that he finished sealing the garage floor. He also plans to put a filler/sealer in the seams of the concrete to minimize the damage from the salt off the plow trucks.

Mr. Rentz also reported that there was a price increase to replace the large loader on the new tractor with the new, smaller loader, so the price difference should come out to no cost. The Board will wait for the final proposal from John Deere. He also stated that it would cost around \$5,000.00 to get a broom for the tractor to clean up roadside messes from cutting trees, etc. No decision was made.



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**OLD BUSINESS** – Julie reported that the delay in paying Rudolph Libbe, Inc. the remaining balance due increased the revenue for that fund and she needed the Board to approve the Amended Appropriations again for a \$1.73 increase. *Trustee Rahe moved to approve the Amended Appropriations to include interest on the Permanent Improvement Fund. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, Rahe YES; Schuerman YES; Bruning YES, motion carried.*

The Board continued discussion on the Water Street property. (Township Hall and Garage) Julie found some information in the minutes that were somewhat vague. Kent called Attorney, Joyce Nowak to discuss. She, again, indicated that the township would need to know the Village’s intention as far as the garage parcel. (Parcel No. D16-512-100223002000).

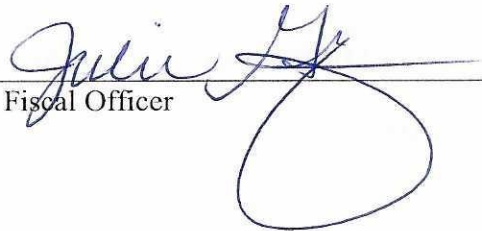
Julie informed she put the notice in the paper for the 2 public hearings relating to the newly passed Electricity Aggregation for the township to take place on November 29, 2023. The first will be at 4:00 PM and the second to take place at 6:00 PM in the meeting room at 525 E. Front St. Trustee Rahe will be at the 4:00 PM hearing and Trustee Bruning was asked to attend the 6:00 PM hearing.

Julie presented a letter from the Wood County Prosecutor regarding the newly passed Issue 2 legalizing the sale and distribution of marijuana in the State of Ohio and how it may affect the townships. Trustee Schuerman suggested that the Board take a look at the number of yes votes by the residents of Freedom Township before addressing any possible zoning issues.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Mrs. Getz presented a CNA Surety Questionnaire regarding the new building. Trustee Schuerman filled it out and signed it. Julie will forward it accordingly. She also presented information about the trainings offered by The Ohio Plan, included with the insurance plan.

There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Schuerman adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 7:00 A.M.

  
 Chairman

  
 Fiscal Officer