

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

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

Held August 11, 2022

The Board of Trustees of Freedom Township met on the above date. Mr. Rahe called the meeting to order. Trustees Rick Rahe, Kent Schuerman and David Bruning were present. Also present were, Fiscal Officer, Julie Getz, Fire Chief, Duane Martin and Assistant Chief, Andy Sergent. Guests include Village of Pemberville Council Member, Dan Angel, and Village Merchant, Holly Chappuies.

Mr. Bruning moved to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2022 meeting, seconded by Mr. Schuerman, all yes, motion carried.

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

Receipts were presented and reviewed. *A motion was made by Mr. Bruning to accept the Receipts as presented and Mr. Schuerman seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

FUND REPORTS – Fund reports were presented and reviewed.

GUEST – Dan Angel explained that the Village of Pemberville would like to move a speed limit sign, currently located on Rees Road near the intersection of Hickory Street, further west, closer to the township line. He requested that the Township place a “Reduced Speed Ahead” sign west of the village limit in the township right-of-way on Rees Road. The Board approved Mr. Angel’s request.

GUEST – Holly Chappuies, along with the Pemberville Independent Merchants Association (PIMA), is putting together an event called Brew Hop on Saturday, September 17, 2022. She is requesting that the township allow the American Legion Post 183 to put a beer tent in the parking area of the fire station. The Pemberville Freedom Fire Department Association would like to partner with the Legion to provide food as well.

Trustee Schuerman moved to allow the American Legion Post 183, which holds a liquor license in the Village of Pemberville, and the Pemberville Freedom Fire Department Association to set up a tent on the township property in the parking lot of the Fire Station between the station and the garage, and to serve beer inside the parameters of the tent as long as the township insurance provider will cover the township’s liability, and also to serve food outside the tent during the PIMA sponsored Brew Hop on Saturday, September 17, 2022. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.

Chief indicated that the Association would apply for an “F” permit to join the Legion in serving the beer/alcohol.

FIRE – Chief Martin reported that the 2005 Pierce 75” Quint is almost ready for delivery. Brindlee Mountain completed the work on the truck listed in the Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus Agreement Exhibit A. The lettering is completed and the invoice is for \$2,360.00.

Assistant Chief, Andy Sergent reported on the status of the improvements to the new Grass Rig. He stated that the 6 new tires are on the truck and 4 rear tires are being stored for future needs. He also reported that 2 of the toilets at the station are still running and need to be repaired.

Chief Martin reported that Medic 8 has been towed by Pat & Son to Selking for repair.

Tyler Vajen would like to go to paramedic school. *Trustee Schuerman moved to cover 50% of the cost of paramedic school in accordance with Township policy. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

ROADS – The project to replace the 18” tile under Alexander Road near Wayne Road with a 24” tile is completed. Gerken Paving will begin work soon.

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The Board discussed the use of the ARPA funds to pay for the 2022 Alexander Road Paving Project and how much to contribute to the roadwork vs. water drainage cost for the maintenance building.

CEMETERY – Pemberville Public Library is having their annual Cemetery Walk at the Pemberville Union Cemetery on Saturday, October 9, 2022. Trustee Schuerman re-affirmed the previous approval by the Board of Trustees on September 22, 2021 to allow the Pemberville Public Library to hold their annual Cemetery Walk at the Pemberville Union Cemetery on October 8, 2022.

Pemberville Public Library also requested that they be allowed to enter the Pemberville Union Cemetery after posted hours in order to host a Ghost Hunting Class. *Trustee Schuerman moved to authorize the Pemberville Public Library to escort Ghost Hunting Class participants onto the cemetery property for the class between the hours of sunset and 12:00 midnight on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

ZONING – Attorney, Joyce Nowak, sent an email regarding the procedure for implementing solar utility rules and regulations into the zoning manual. The Board discussed the procedure and David Bruning will head up the effort to incorporate new solar zoning regulations into the current Freedom Township Zoning Manual.

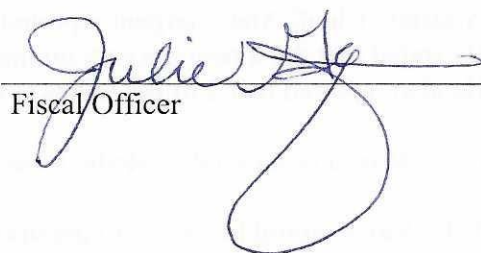
MAINTENANCE BUILDING – Trustee Rahe reported that only 2 contractors were interested in the project, Rudolf Libbe and The Spieker Company. The Building Committee ranked the 5 contractors who responded to the request for RFQ and only 2 of the companies scheduled an interview as required by law. Both contractor's proposals for the project were over budget. Trustee Rahe reported that the Building Committee ranked Rudolf Libbe first and The Spieker Company second. Mr. Rahe will begin negotiations with Rudolf Libbe by discussing ways to bring down the total cost of the project.

COMMUNICATIONS – Ms. Getz shared a letter from Wendy Fisher regarding support for the Pemberville Free Fair Pony/Horse Pull. It was mailed to Freedom Township for sponsorship. The Trustees and Fiscal Officer personally donated \$10.00 each as is their custom. No township funds were used for the donation to the Pony/Horse Pull.

OLD BUSINESS – Attorney, Joyce Nowak, requested that each Trustee review the State of Ohio Ex Rel. Donna L. Friesner, Trustee of the Donna L. Friesner Trust et al. v. Board of Commissioners of Wood County, Ohio and Freedom Township Board of Trustees Petition for Writ of Mandamus and Complaint for Other Relief for misrepresentations, inaccurate statements, etc.

There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Rahe adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.


Chairman


Fiscal Officer