

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 644-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held September 14, 2022

The Board of Trustees of Freedom Township met on the above date. Mr. Schuerman called the meeting to order. Trustees, Rick Rahe, Kent Schuerman and David Bruning were present. Also present were, Fiscal Officer, Julie Getz, Road Superintendent, Robert Rentz and Fire Chief, Duane Martin. Guests included Rebecca Lucas, candidate for the Northwest Water & Sewer District Board township representative and Roger Mullholland, ECIC, and Don Rose, Don Rose Auction & Realty.

*Mr. Schuerman moved to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2022 meeting, seconded by Mr. Bruning, 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. Schuerman, 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** – Mrs. Lucas explained that she is running for election for the township representative seat on the Northwest Water & Sewer District Board and gave information about herself.

**GUEST** – Roger Mullholland has several issues/concerns to discuss with the board. (1) He asked for an update on the status of the maintenance building. Mr. Mullholland spoke to Commissioner, Ted Bowlus, about the cost of the building project. Trustee Rahe gave an update on the progress. Roger requested a meeting with the Freedom Township Board of Trustees and the Wood County Commissioners to talk about the requirements involved in construction regulations for townships. Rick will attend the proposed meeting. Kent reported that he spoke to Rex Huffman of the Toledo-Lucas County about a financing option. Mr. Mullholland requested that the Board set up an informational meeting to talk about the maintenance building and the levies on the ballot in November. (2) Mr. Mullholland asked about the recent government funds received by the township (Cares Act Funds, ARPA Funds, and recently received FEMA Grant Funds), and if any of those funds can be used in place of the proposed levies. Discussion followed. (3) Mr. Mullholland asked whether the Board looked into police patrol of the township. Kent reported that he spoke with Skip Recker, Trustee of Troy Township, about their police patrol. Fiscal Officer of Troy Township, Linda Biniker, emailed information about their costs.

**GUEST** – Mr. Schuerman asked Don Rose to auction some vehicles and miscellaneous equipment that is now considered expired according to government regulations. *Trustee Schuerman moved to enter into a contract with Don Rose Auction & Realty to sell/auction a mini pumper, Smeal Ladder Truck, and additional misc. expired fire equipment determined by Chief, Duane Martin. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

**FIRE** – Chief Martin reported that the new ladder truck is officially in service and was used last week in response to a fire call.

Duane also reported that Freedom Township along with Troy Township received the FEMA Grant applied for last year. The total of the grant is \$458,513.00 to be divided equally between the two townships. The contribution from Freedom Township is \$11,462.83. The total cost of the project is \$481,438.90.

Chief Martin reported that Mykel Juana would like to take the Fire II class and requested that, per township policy, the Trustees approve payment of the cost of the class. The Board agreed.

Trustee Schuerman asked if the Pemberville Freedom Fire Department Association has obtained a liability insurance policy to cover the Brew Hop on Saturday. He indicated they had the

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insurance. Chief also reported that the American Legion Post 183 holds a liquor license and food permit, and the Association holds an F permit to have the liquor served on the property.

**ROADS** – Mr. Rentz reported that he is fixing the problem with a culvert under Alexander Road.

**MAINTENANCE BUILDING** – Refer to Guest, Roger Mullholland section above.

**CEMETERIES** – Pemberville Public Library asked to change the date of the Ghost Hunting Class from October 22, 2022 to October 1, 2022. *Trustee Schuerman moved to allow the Pemberville Public Library to enter the Pemberville Union Cemetery for a Ghost Hunting Class on October 1, 2022 instead of October 22, 2022. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

**ZONING** – Trustee Bruning reported that the State of Ohio is working on language for laws involving solar panels and wind turbines in the state.

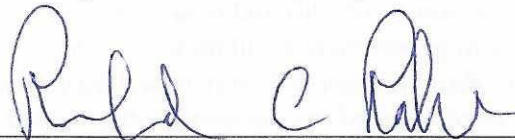
**OLD BUSINESS** – The Wood County Auditor requested that the trustees accept and authorize the tax levies. Trustee Schuerman noticed a mistake and Julie will return it to the Auditor for correction. The Board will review resolution at the next meeting.

Julie reported that the township received more money in the ARPA fund than originally estimated for the 2022 appropriations. She requested that the Trustees increase the appropriations for the 2901 ARPA Fund. Trustee Bruning moved to increase the appropriations for the ARPA fund from \$146,766.66 to \$147,374.25. Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.

The Board approved the renewal of the liquor license for Ports Petroleum Co, Inc. DBA Fuel Mart 767.

The Board discussed the nominees to fill the vacant township representative seat on the Northwest Water & Sewer District board. *Trustee Rahe moved to rank Brooke Hahn as the number 1 choice to fill the township seat vacancy, and Rebecca Lucas as the number 2 choice. Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Schuerman adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.

  
Chairman

  
Fiscal Officer