

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APPROVED Minutes of the Regular Meeting
December 12, 2023, 8:00 pm
In Person at the Freedom Township Hall

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Members present: Lindemann, Bristle, Layher, Huehl absent Schaible 5 were present in the audience.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Change to Agenda: none

4. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Lindemann supported by Huehl: to Approve the November 14, 2023, Township Board minutes with no corrections. Motion carried with all Ayes **CARRIED**

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Huehl supported by Bristle: to Approve the November 14, 2023, Treasurer's report. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Layher, Lindemann, Huehl, Bristle Nay: none **CARRIED**

6. Communications: Supervisor Lindemann reported the new blinds have been installed at the town hall. MTA will hold Board of Review training that is a requirement for members to take every 2 years. On Thursday night Summer Roberts, will give a presentation at the Manchester Twp Hall on solar installation to the area supervisors. The Water Resource department has opened its second round of ARPA grant funds with the deadline for applications Jan. 19, 2024. At the last SWWCOG meeting Barb Fuller shared that the road commission will be covering 3 brines for dust control again for 2024. The county will put a .5 millage renewal for local roads on the August Primary ballot. The WWCA will be posting a job description looking for more help with Doug Parr planning to retire within 2 years.

Need to look into the permit pulled for the old pleasant lake school building. The permit was pulled for just the roof and if they are working on the structure it will need to be red tagged.

7. Public Comment: offered at 8:21pm with one comment. Kathryn Falhstrom shared that they had a house fire in February 2023 and would like to request the fire withholding check that the township has been holding to be released since the debris has been cleaned up. She also asked about the property tax assessed value due to the fire. Supervisor Lindemann will visit the site and approve if the property has been cleaned up enough to release the funds. Public comment closed at 8:32pm.

8. Reports:

State Police/Washtenaw County Sheriff Report: No November Wash. Co. Sheriff Report.

Manchester Fire Department Report: No November report.

Planning Commission report: Matt Little reported on the last PC meeting. There is an individual interested in a home business that will need a conditional use permit. Stoneco and Bethel Church are working on an agreement. The Stoneco Conditional Use Application for mining expansion at the Burmeister site will be discussed at the next meeting. The Barn Sanctuary has submitted a PUD application. The masterplan will be reviewed at the next meeting. 2024 meeting are set for the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. A full copy of the PC minutes is available from the clerk or on twp. Website.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer- No report for the month of November.

Zoning Inspector – No report for the month of November.

Manchester District Library- No report.

Clerk report- The 2022-2023 audit is completed. There was a clerk meeting last week. The next election will be February 27, 2024, for the presidential primary.

9. Unfinished Business:

Eisman Road Culvert- Lindemann will fill out the grant for the Water Res. Dept. second round of ARPA funds.

Burn Ordinance-Draft ordinance discussed and Bristle will send it to the township attorney to be reviewed. Tabel till next meeting.

10. New Business:

Appointments- Motion by Lindemann seconded by Huehl to appoint Mike Bossory for a 3 yr. term to the planning commission. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Layher, Huehl, Bristle, Lindemann Nay: none **CARRIED**

Motion by Bristle seconded by Layher to appoint Dan Schaible for a 1 yr. term and Carol Huehl for a 1 yr. term (recording secretary) to the planning commission.

Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Bristle, Huehl, Lindemann, Layher Nay: none **CARRIED**

Motion by Lindemann seconded by Huehl to appoint Scott Diuble to Zoning Board of appeals for 1 yr. term.

Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Bristle, Lindemann, Layher, Huehl Nay: none **CARRIED**

Motion by Bristle seconded by Layher to appoint Frank Lobbestael and Jeff Weidmayer to Zoning Board of appeals for 2 yr. terms and Dale Ganzhorn as alternate.

Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Lindemann, Layher, Bristle, Huehl Nay: none **CARRIED**

Town Hall Manager- Motion by Lindemann seconded by Bristle to hire Jodie Anderson as the new town hall manager.

Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Huehl, Bristle, Lindemann, Layher Nay: none **CARRIED**

2024 Meeting Dates- Motion by Huehl seconded by Layher to set the Freedom Twp. board meetings for the second Tuesday of the month at 8:00 p.m. at the Freedom Township Hall.

Motion carried with all Ayes. **CARRIED**

11. Warrants: Moved by Lindemann supported by Bristle: To approve the online payments for the 941-tax withholding and warrants 5387-5419, voided check 5395 and journal entries.

Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Lindemann, Bristle, Layher, Huehl Nay: none **CARRIED**

12. Public Comment: offered at 10:05pm with one comment asking when the whole township will be getting broadband internet service. Several companies are working in our area. Closed at 10:07pm

Adjourned at 10:07pm

Valisa L. Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township