

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

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

Held September 27, 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. Bruning moved to approve the minutes of the August 23, 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. Rahe, seconded by Mr. Bruning, 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. The Board reviewed the investments, appropriations and the bond repayment spreadsheet prepared by Mr. Rahe.

FIRE – Julie presented options for distribution of the \$20,000.00 Ambulance Transportation Grant. *Trustee Rahe moved to distribute \$18,750.00 of the grant leaving \$184.37 left for employer share Social Security and Medicare tax. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

Chief Martin reported that training for the new SCBAs purchased by the FEMA Grant will take place at Troy Township Fire Department. And, Warren Fire will be performing the hydro testing on the air bottles. Also, there will be personnel at the open house on Sunday along with a squad and ladder truck.

Duane discussed information from EMA about the upcoming solar eclipse anticipated on April 8, 2024. He believes the MARCS Radios will work but cell phone towers may be overwhelmed by the increased usage. May need to increase staffing around April 8.

ROADS –Mr. Rentz said he will be road mowing this week. The Board discussed the issue with the bucket on the new tractor and how large/heavy it is, causing some tipping.

CEMETERIES - He also reported that Jacob Hostottle will weed eating at the cemeteries one last time this year. He also anticipates that Noah Lang will come in to do some mowing until the end of the season.

OLD BUSINESS – The Board discussed preparations for the open house on October 1st. Julie reported that she received the final invoice from Rudolph Libbe, Inc. The Board instructed her to hold payment until the final punch list is complete.

The Board continued discussions of the property on the corner of Bridge and Water Streets. The ownership of parcel no. D16-512-100223002000, Lot 27, is in question. The Wood County Auditor has it listed as being owned by the Village of Pemberville. The issue will need to be worked out before selling the property.

NEW BUSINESS – Julie presented the Wood County Auditor's Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission. *Trustee Rahe moved to approve and sign the Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

COMMUNICATIONS – Julie reported that The Hartford is offering the same pricing as last year and asked if the Trustees would like to continue with the current insurance policy. They approved.

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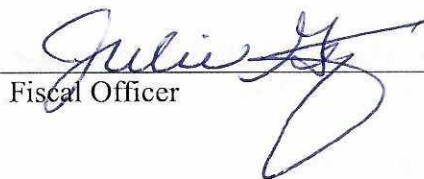
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There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Schuerman adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 7:00 A.M.


Chairman


Fiscal Officer