

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 8-4-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held October 25, _____ 2023

EASEMENT

Julie reported that Attorney, Robert Kuhlman, contacted her to ask about Freedom Township granting County Line Co-Op along the east side of the property located at 525 East Front Street. She referred him to Trustee, Rick Rahe who said he spoke to Mr. Kuhlman. The Board and Ms. Nowak discussed the current easements along the west side of the property running north and south along the railroad. Mr. Rahe said that there is an electric easement that was there before the township purchased said property. Mr. Schuerman said that the Northwest Water & Sewer District has an easement along the same path. Ms. Nowak informed the board that the law may not allow a private easement in a public right-of-way. She suggested that the Village of Pemberville or County Line Co-Op present a proposal for consideration before further discussion or research on the matter takes place.

ROADS – The Board discussed the condition of Kesson Road. The road is shared by Freedom Township and the Village of Pemberville. Mr. Schuerman indicated that there has been talk from some about the Village of Pemberville possibly considering annexing some property from Kesson Road, south to Alexander Road. Attorney Nowak suggested that the Board find out the intention of the Village before any roadwork is done unless an urgent necessity for safety.

Robert Rentz reported that the new tractor tips forward. He asked if he should look into getting a smaller loader. The board agreed. He also mentioned that he ordered a tool box for the tractor since it didn't come with one. He will also ask Ag-Pro if it should have had one already.

The board asked Bob to use some of the remaining stone to put along the west edge of the retention pond.

OLD BUSINESS -

ZONING – Ms. Nowak reported that there are several zoning issues that have been forwarded to her that have been unresolved by Zoning Inspector, Dan Kemner. She has had no response from Mr. Kemner on at least 2 of the issues. The Board will have Mr. Kemner at the next meeting to discuss the outstanding violations.

FIRE – Ms. Nowak suggested that, since the Board allows the Pemberville Freedom Fire Department Association to use the fire station facility and equipment to conduct its business, the township should have an agreement in place giving the Association permission to use the township property.

APPROPRIATIONS – Julie presented a Revised Amended Appropriations Resolution. The Resolution for Amended Permanent Appropriations signed at the last meeting contained the wrong Fund Code on the Ambulance Transportation Program Grant through ARPA funding. *Trustee Rahe moved to approve the Revised Amended Permanent Appropriation as presented. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Schuerman adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 7:00 A.M.

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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. Guests included Nick Walby of Rudolph Libbe and County Assistant Prosecutor, Joyce Nowak.

Kent Schuerman called the meeting to order. The Trustees and Nick Walby went out to the parking lot to discuss a plan to fix the issue with the west edge of the asphalt involving the handicap parking space. After discussion, the Board agreed to pour a concrete sidewalk along the west edge measuring 3 ft. wide x 25 ft. long. The township will grade, form and stone the area and Rudolph Libbe will pour the concrete at no additional cost to the township. The electrician will come out before the next meeting and change the box from temporary to permanent and install a new exit sign above the west meeting room door. Julie was instructed to pay Rudolph Libbe's remaining invoice excepting \$25,000.00 until the work is completed. Mr. Walby left and the meeting continued.

Mr. Bruning moved to approve the minutes of the October 11, 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. Bruning, seconded by Mr. Rahe, all yes, motion carried.*

FUND REPORTS – Fund reports were presented and reviewed.

FIRE – Chief Martin reported that the Fire Marshall's Grant application was submitted for 7 MARCS radios, just short of the 10 radios needed. He also reported that the fire reports system is due to change in the near future. We currently use ESO for that service. Hopes it will be cheaper moving forward. We will need to stay on the ESO system until it is changed.

GUEST – Attorney, Joyce Nowak, came to the meeting to discuss several issues.

PROPERTY AT WATER and BRIDGE STREETS.

Ms. Nowak reviewed information provided by the Village of Pemberville regarding the purchase and sale of the parcel of property on which the township hall and garage are situated. She indicated that the legal description on the 1902 deed from the Village to the Township is not correct since it doesn't come together.

Ms. Nowak continued by reviewing some of the minutes of the Village of Pemberville. Among other statements, she pointed to the Village and Board of Public Affairs minutes where Eric Campbell and Titkemeier said that some of the easements were never recorded with the Wood County Recorder. For example, on May 1, 2023, Eric informed the Board that he had come across areas where easements were thought to be but were not recorded. Mayor Bailey will check with Mr. Kuhlman on recorded documents from years ago. On May 2, 2023 Titkemeier raised the issue as well.