

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-924-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held June 12, 2024

The Board of Trustees of Freedom Township met on the above date. Trustees, David Bruning, Richard Rahe and Kent Schuerman were present. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Julie Getz, Fire Chief, Duane Martin and Road Superintendent, Robert Rentz. Also present were: Wood County Engineer, Jason Sisco, and representatives from The Shelly Company, Bowers Asphalt and, Henry Bergman.

Acting Chairman, Kent Schuerman called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

The May 22nd meeting was canceled. *Mr. Rahe moved to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2024 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. 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, reviewed and approved. The April Bank Reconciliation was approved.

BID OPENNING – Trustee Schuerman opened the Road Bids as follows:

Gerken Paving, Inc. – Bid delivered on 6/11/2024 at 5:30 P.M.; Bond Present;
Bid amount: \$274,987.50

The Shelly Company – Bid delivered on 6/12/2024 at 7:47 A.M.; Bond Present;
Bid amount: \$302,372.00

Bowers Asphalt & Paving, Inc. – Bid delivered on 6/12/2024 at 7:46 A.M.; Bond Present;
Bid amount: \$283,791.00

Henry W. Bergman, Inc. – Bid delivered on 6/12/2024 at 7:48 A.M.; Bond Present
Bid amount: \$289,785.00

Jason Sisco reviewed bids and said that all were accurate and included all required items. *Trustee Rahe moved to contract with Gerken Paving, Inc. as lowest and best bid for the Freedom Township Resurfacing Project 2024 – Swan/Zeppernick Roads. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion;*

*Roll Call: Kent Schuerman Yes; Richard Rahe Yes; David Bruning Yes
Motion Carried.*

ROADS – Old Business – TRACTOR LOADER – Mr. Rentz reported that, after a group effort to remove the loader, he couldn't get the loader mechanism to re-attach. It took several men, including a representative from Ag-Pro, and several hours to get the loader back on the tractor. He stated that he would have to leave the loader on the tractor while he mows the roadsides. The board discussed whether to order a new loader or a whole new tractor. The decision was tabled.

MAINTENANCE AREA FLOOR REPAIR – Mr. Rentz reported that the maintenance area floor repair is underway. RLI will cut the floor and move the floor drain closer to the bay doors so the trucks can park over the drain. The floor will be cut 8 feet in every direction and be re-poured at a slight slant toward the drain. They plan to have the work done by Friday.

RIGHT-OF-WAY EXCAVATION PERMIT (ROAD BORE PERMIT) – The permit is ready for use. An email will be sent to Mark Radabaugh at Amplex, including the new permit. The board has agreed to allow a single bond of \$5,000.00 for the entire Fish Road Project regardless of the number of bores. He will be required, however, to get a separate permit for each bore.

New Business: – No reports.

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FIRE – Old Business – Trustee Rahe and Bob Rentz reported that Technique Roofing came out to the station and measured the roof. They will plan to go up and over the parapet wall for no extra charge.

STOVE FOR KITCHEN – No update.

CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) – Chief Martin reported that he attended another meeting with the Fire/EMS Chiefs in Wood County and the Wood County Sherriff, Mark Wasylshyn, about the new CAD System that will be used for Emergency dispatch moving forward. If Pemberville-Freedom Fire Department will participate in the new system, the contract needs to be signed by June 15, 2024. The 1-time fee for the service is \$927.00. After the initial fee, the system will be free for 5 years. After the 5-year period there will be a TBD annual fee with a 5% per year increase. PLUS, each unit (1 in each vehicle) will be charged at \$11.00 per month which would amount to \$44.00 per month total. *Trustee Rahe moved to sign the agreement to join the CAD System and pay the initial fee of \$927.00 and, get 1 vehicle unit to start. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion.*

*Roll Call: Kent Schuerman Yes; Richard Rahe Yes; David Bruning Yes
Motion Carried.*

New Business – RETIREMENT – Chief Martin reported that Matt Phillips is retiring after 31 years of service. He requested that the board grant permission to give Mr. Phillips his helmet. Permission was granted.

GRANT – Chief Martin reported that he applied for another Ambulance Transportation Grant.

CEMETERIES – Mr. Rentz reported that the monument foundations will be poured on June 13th beginning at 7:00 A.M. It will take 9.75 yards of concrete for 14 foundations.

GENERAL OLD BUSINESS – WATER/BRIDGE STREET PROPERTY – Kent reported that the surveyor is finishing up the survey of the property.

RESOLUTIONS – The board reviewed the levy certificated from the Auditor. *Trustee Schuerman moved to proceed with renewal of the Current Expenses (1000) levy and the Fire and Ambulance (2194) levy and submit each Resolution to Proceed to the Wood County Board of Elections for the November 5, 2024 election. Trustee Rahe seconded the motion.*
*Roll Call: Kent Schuerman Yes; Richard Rahe Yes; David Bruning Yes
Motion Carried.*

STORM SEWER INVOICE – Trustee Rahe spoke to Steve Darmathal from the Village of Pemberville. Rick told him that the township would not pay the invoice for the upgrade in the storm sewer. No other residents are being charged.

SALT BUILDING – The board discussed the funds available for the planned salt building. The board decided to wait for the sale of the Township Hall and Garage before deciding on the size and scope of the building.

GENERAL NEW BUSINESS – Mrs. Getz presented the VFIS for renewal. It is carried by UIS. *Trustee Schuerman moved to renew the policy with UIS for VFIS coverage for the fire department employees for accident and sickness coverage. Trustee Rahe seconded the motion.*
*Roll Call: Kent Schuerman Yes; Richard Rahe Yes; David Bruning Yes
Motion Carried.*

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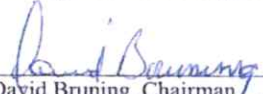
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GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-524-3338 FORM NO. 101-68

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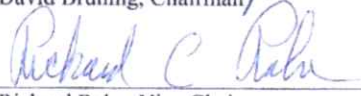
There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Bruning adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 7:30 P.M.



David Bruning, Chairman



Fiscal Officer



Richard Rahe, Vice Chairman



Kent Schuerman, Trustee