

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

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

Held August 14, 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/EMS Chief, Duane Martin, Road Superintendent, Robert Rentz, and guest, Katherine Clark.

Chairman, David Bruning called the meeting to order at 8:25 A.M. following the Public Meeting beginning at 8:00 A.M.

Mr. Rahe moved to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2024 meeting, seconded by Mr. Schuerman, 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. Schuerman, all yes, motion carried.

Receipts were presented. A motion to accept the receipts was made by Mr. Schuerman, seconded by Mr. Rahe, all yes, motion carried.

FUND REPORTS – Fund reports were presented, reviewed and approved.

GUEST – Katherine Clark presented a non-binding resolution to the board. She explained that Article 5 of the U.S. Constitution allows states the right to propose amendments to the constitution through a meeting (convention) of the states. She would like to see Ohio as one of the 38 states required to ratify such amendments, for the purpose of limiting the power of the Federal Government. She explained to the board the requirements for Ohio to participate in the convention of states. She also explained that any amendment proposed by the convention has to be a unified in the issues presented. The board discussed the issue and reviewed the proposed resolution. *Trustee Schuerman moved the adoption of the non-binding resolution as presented by Ms. Clark to call upon the Senate and Assembly of the Ohio State Legislature to advance and adopt the concurrent legislative resolutions to trigger an Article V Convention of States. Trustee Rahe seconded the motion.*

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

FIRE – Old Business – OHIO AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION IMPACTED

INDUSTRY PROGRAM - Julie requested that the grant money from the Ohio Ambulance Impacted Industry Program be approved for appropriation. Chief Martin reviewed allowable expenditures based on the rules and regulations attached to the grant. He explained that one of the purposes of the grant money is to reimburse responding employees for fuel and wear and tear of their vehicles to respond to emergency calls after January 27, 2020. *Trustee Rahe moved to appropriate \$5,483.00 (\$2.00 extra to account for interest on the funds) to be spent for any eligible use of funds as described in the Ohio Office of Budget and Management's Ohio Ambulance Transportation Impacted Industry Program guide. Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion.*

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

RADIOS & PAGERS – Chief Martin reported that the Pemberville-Freedom Fire Department Association applied for and received grant funds through which the Association purchased 11 new pagers at a cost of \$680.00 per pager. A huge thank you to the association for their donation! Also, Duane reported that the MARCS Radios will need to be upgraded to continue using them. The MARCS System was hacked so the radios could be used at no cost. Therefore, the radios are required to get the prescribed update. P&R will make the required upgrade at a cost of \$2,921 plus \$975 programing fee by December 31, 2024.

MISCELLANEOUS – Chief reported that the TANKER needs new lights at a cost of approximately \$500.00. Also, JASON YOUNG PASSED HIS FF1 COURSE. Also, Duane reported that the station has run out of space for the old EMS RECORDS and requested that he be allowed to bring them over to the township building for storage. The board discussed options

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for destroying the records in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State of Ohio. It was agreed that the records would be moved to the township building. The generator did not start automatically when the Village electric went out so the TORNADO SIREN did not sound. LEXI KRUSE was involved in an accident and will not be working for a while. COVERAGE at the station has been slim. Chief would like to purchase 2 more sets of TURN-OUT GEAR for the Tyler Vajen and Evan Denniston. The cost is approximately \$2,600.00 per set.

ROADS – Old Business – TRACTOR LOADER – Attorney, Joyce Nowak, has been contacted regarding the issue. Mr. Rentz got a chart from a John Deere dealer showing the loaders/buckets that are compatible with the tractor. The loader/bucket sold to the township for the tractor is not listed as compatible with that tractor. The chart, along with notes from Mr. Rentz regarding the issues with the tractor and time spent working on the issue, were sent to Ms. Nowak.

New Business – DUMPBODY VIBRATOR - Bob requested a new dumpbody vibrator be purchased for the truck at a cost of approximately \$950.00. Labor would be around \$1,600.00 but he will do the installation.

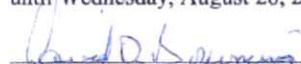
CEMETERY – Old Business - Ms. Getz spoke to Cherie Runnels at the Pemberville Public Library regarding this year's cemetery walk to be held at Eisenhower Cemetery on October 12, 2024. They will need permission for some employees and assistants to park at the cemetery during and after the cemetery walk. *Trustee Rahe moved to rescind Resolution No. 2024-07-24-C due to non-permission to park at the cemetery during the cemetery walk on October 12th and to approve the cemetery walk with all the stipulations of Resolution No. 2024-07-24-C accept allowing Pemberville Public Library employees and representatives to park on the premises during and immediately following the Eisenhower Cemetery Walk. Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion;*
Roll Call: David Bruning Yes; Richard Rahe Yes; Kent Schuerman Yes
Motion Carried.

GENERAL OLD BUSINESS – WATER/BRIDGE STREET PROPERTY – Kent reported that the county approved the survey and it was forwarded to Ms. Nowak.

GENERAL NEW BUSINESS – AMOUNTS & RATES – Ms. Getz requested that the board review and approve the Amounts and Rates for 2025 as determined by the Wood County Budget Commission. *Trustee Rahe moved to approve the Amounts & Rates determined by the Budget Commission for Freedom Township for fiscal year 2025. Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion;*
Roll Call: David Bruning Yes; Richard Rahe Yes; Kent Schuerman Yes
Motion Carried.

BALLOT LANGUAGE – Julie presented, for approval, the General Fund Current Expense and Fire and EMS ballot language for the levies as determined by the State of Ohio. The language of both were approved and signed by Trustees Rahe and Schuerman.

There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Rahe adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 7:30 P.M.


David Bruning, Chairman


Richard Rahe, Vice Chairman


Kent Schuerman, Trustee


Fiscal Officer