

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

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

Held July 24, \_\_\_\_\_ 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, Brooke Hahn, Zoning Consultant, and Dean Schuerman.

Chairman, David Bruning called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

*Mr. Rahe moved to approve the minutes of the July 10, 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. Rahe, seconded by Mr. Schuerman, all yes, motion carried.*

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

**GUEST** – Dean Schuerman stated that he would like to get the use of his barn back by the end of 2025 as it has been used by the township for approximately 20 years. The trustees agreed to get the stone/salt out of the barn as soon as possible.

**ROADS – Old Business** – TRACTOR LOADER – No new developments reported. Trustee Rahe said that the township needs to talk to Attorney, Joyce Nowak, about getting involved in the issue. Kent will contact her.

**DURA-PATCH** – Julie reported that, although Freedom Township and Troy Township agreed to share in the cost of purchasing the Dura-Patch machine, Troy Township’s insurance provider did not want to share the machine since it would cause insurability issues. Therefore, Troy Township Administrator, Greg Keiser, contacted her and sent a Lease Agreement for the trustees to sign to use the machine instead of sharing in the cost. After reviewing the document, *Trustee Rahe moved to sign the lease agreement with Troy Township to lease the Dura-Patch machine. Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion, Roll Call: David Bruning Yes; Richard Rahe Yes; Kent Schuerman Yes Motion Carried.*

**OPWC-ISSUE ONE** – Kent reported that since he talked about resurfacing S. River Road with Wood County Engineer, Jason Sisco, Jason said he could put together the information for an application to submit to the Ohio Public Works Commission’s Issue One program. (OPWC) *Trustee Rahe moved to apply to the OPWC for ISSUE ONE funding for the resurfacing of South River Road from Pemberville Road to Wayne Road. Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion, Roll Call: David Bruning Yes; Richard Rahe Yes; Kent Schuerman Yes Motion Carried.*

**FIRE – Old Business** – Julie reported that the grant money from the Ohio Ambulance Impacted Industry Program was received in the amount of \$5,481.00.

**CEMETERY – New 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 not be parking at the cemetery but will be bused from another location to the cemetery. Cherie requested that they be allowed to put flags in place around the cemetery when they do their practice walk through on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and leave them in place for the week until the 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Rentz agreed. *Trustee Schuerman moved to allow the Pemberville Public Library to hold their annual cemetery walk at Eisenhower Cemetery on Saturday, October 12, 2024 beginning at 4:55 P.M. and ending after dark when the last visitors leave, not to go beyond midnight. Trustee Rahe seconded the motion, Roll Call: Kent Schuerman Yes; Richard Rahe Yes; David Bruning Yes Motion Carried.*

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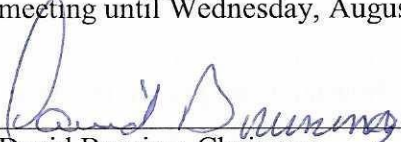
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**GENERAL OLD BUSINESS – WATER/BRIDGE STREET PROPERTY** – Kent reported that the county rejected the survey and wanted some changes. The surveyor will make those changes and re-submit it to the county.

**OFFICIALS’ BONDS** – Julie reported that Ohio Plan has gotten back to her about canceling the bonds and adding to the crime coverage on the liability insurance policy. The premium would be \$571.00 but a portion of the premium paid for Julie’s bond would be refunded. *Trustee Rahe moved that the township proceed with the change. Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion,*  
*Roll Call: David Bruning Yes; Richard Rahe Yes; Kent Schuerman Yes*  
*Motion Carried.*

**GENERAL NEW BUSINESS – ASSESSMENTS** – Ms. Getz shared an email from the Wood County Auditor regarding any assessments to be placed on properties. No GRANT – Julie reported that there is an RCE program rail grant available. Trustee Rahe will look into it.

There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Bruning adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 8:00 A.M.

  
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David Bruning, Chairman

  
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Fiscal Officer

  
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Richard Rahe, Vice Chairman

  
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Kent Schuerman, Trustee