

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

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

Held July 26, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Freedom Township met on the above date. Trustees, David Bruning and Richard Rahe were present. Also present were Road Superintendent, Robert Rentz, and Fire Chief, Duane Martin. Guests included, Dalton Landers and Nick Walby. Chris Bachmayer of Rudolph Libbe, Inc. David Bruning called the meeting to order.

Dalton Landers began with a review of the construction schedule. Rick Rahe asked about the gaps around the overhead doors. RLI has a plan for filling the gap that will be discussed further. Mr. Rahe indicated that he would install the data drops before the drop ceiling is ready for installation. The Board discussed Pemberville's new water line and how they want to finish the beginning of the driveway. Rick will talk to the Village to see if they are planning to bore or cut the drive for the water line. For any additional discussions see the approved minutes of Rudolph Libbe.

There being no further discussion of the Office/Maintenance Building, the Board began the regular business meeting.

*Mr. Rahe moved to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2023 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. Rahe, seconded by Mr. Bruning, all yes, motion carried.*

**FUND REPORTS** – Fund reports were presented and reviewed. The Bank Reconciliation was approved and signed by the Board.

**FIRE** – Bob Rentz reported that the summer help caulked the windows in the fire station.

Julie reported that she is looking into a printer/copier for the fire station. The contract with Perry ProTech is up at the end of this year and the Township needs to decide if they will renew the lease with Perry ProTech or get something else. The company needs to know 90 days in advance of the expiration of the current contract.

Chief Martin requested the Board sign an F Permit on behalf of the Pemberville-Freedom Fire Department Association to have alcohol sales in the parking area of the fire station for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Brew Hop in the Village of Pemberville on September 16, 2023. The Board approved the permit.

**ROADS** – Mr. Rentz reported that Ag-Pro sent a letter about ordering any equipment for next year. They would like the Township to order what they want as soon as possible in order to get the 2020 pricing. *Trustee Rahe moved to purchase a new rear discharge (if available) lawn mower for the cemeteries from Ag-Pro before November, 2023. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.* Bob also reported that he needed to replace the belts on the Road mower.

**OLD BUSINESS – Zoning** – Julie reported that Brooke Hahn has not been in contact with Duane Abke regarding the manual update. She will begin as soon as possible. The Township received some complaints from resident Darla Baker. There was a tree in front of her house that was hanging in the right-of-way and needed to be trimmed. She complained about the way it was trimmed. She would like to have it fixed to be more presentable. Bob will go out and make it look better. Darla also asked about the semi-trailers parked on the Bruning property across from Eisenhour Cemetery. She asked if our zoning manual constrained the property owner from parking and leaving them there indefinitely. The Board discussed. No decisions were made.

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Julie reported that Attorney, Joyce Nowak, reviewed the resolution to put the Electric Aggregation on the November Ballot and it looks ok. Julie filed the resolution with the Board of Elections.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Julie reported that the Township received a resolution for the annexation of property located on Wegman Road to the Village of Pemberville.

Julie would like to hire Shelly Vajen as an assistant to work on some projects for the Township including, but not limited to, adding information to the website, gathering old records to review with Julie for the purpose of purging what can be eliminated, and other tasks. *Trustee Rahe moved to hire Shelly Vajen to assist Julie with miscellaneous tasks for the Township. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

Julie presented the estimated resources for 2024. After review by the Board, *Trustee Rahe moved to accept the Estimated Resources for 2024 to provide to the Wood County Auditor as presented. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

COMMUNICATIONS – Frank LaRose sent a letter to the township regarding Issue One that will be on the ballot on Tuesday, August 08, 2023. Julie will put it on the website. Julie presented the recent Legislative Alert sent by the Auditor of State's office for review.

There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Bruning adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 7:00 A.M.

  
Chairman

  
Fiscal Officer